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Addison Senior – Peace Corps Bound – Wins Rosenthal Award; MSU Economics Graduate Named Runner Up

An Addison senior departing for Latin America with the Peace Corps after Michigan State University graduation was honored Wednesday as winner of the 2008 Daniel Rosenthal Legislative Intern Award.

Samantha Mills, an intern in the office of Rep. Robert B. Jones, D-Kalamazoo, was cited for her capable writing and research and for listening carefully to constituent calls for help in winning the award that carries a \$600 prize.

“Helping constituents was the most rewarding part of this internship as it demonstrated the true purpose of government,” she wrote in her application. “Being part of this process made this internship truly worthwhile.”

Paul Tobin Stewart, of West Bloomfield, was winner of the Vernon Ehlers Award as runner up. Stewart was nominated by the Senate Majority Policy Office. His award carries a \$200 prize and was established by U.S. Rep. Vernon Ehlers, R-Michigan.

Mills and Stewart were among 10 legislative interns recognized at a special Capitol luncheon for the awards administered by MSU’s James Madison College and MSU’s Institute for Public Policy and Social Research in the College of Social Science.

The interns were nominated by legislators or their staff.

The Rosenthal Award was established by the family of the late Daniel Rosenthal, a Michigan State University student who died in 1977. He was one of the first to take part in MSU’s Legislative Student Intern Program.

“We are very proud of these two outstanding young people,” said IPPSR Director Douglas B. Roberts, Ph.D. “We wish them well as they begin their public service careers.”

Julie Vogel, of Jones’ office, nominated Mills. “Our loss is Latin America’s gain,” she wrote.

As part of his internship, Stewart completed a feasibility study for an electronics recycling program in Michigan. His findings were ultimately wrapped into the state Senate’s “Green Michigan” legislation.

Stewart’s experiences are “already being put to good use,” wrote Robert Wilson, Senate policy adviser. Stewart was “quickly hired by a global professional services firm in Washington, D.C. that deals with technology solutions in energy, climate change, environment, transportation and social programs.”

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The other nominated interns honored Wednesday included:

*Allison Archocosky, of Crystal Falls in the Upper Peninsula, an MSU communications junior. She was nominated by Rep. Michael Lahti, D-Hancock.

*Donald DeFrayne, of Clarkston, an MSU senior in political theory, nominated by Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire.

*Kathryn Deptula, of Brighton, at MSU studying political theory. A senior, she was nominated by Rep. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights.

*Elizabeth Gorz, an MSU junior in international relations from Clarkston. She was nominated by Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop, R-Rochester.

*Quinn Harr, a Grand Rapids junior at Calvin College, nominated by Rep. Fulton Sheen, R-Plainwell.

*Christopher Kulesza, a Troy junior studying economics. He was nominated by Jeanne Laimon, deputy chief of staff in the office of Sen. Cameron Brown, R-Fawn River Twp.

*Rebecca Powell, a retired Social Studies teacher from Midland, nominated by Rep. John Moolenaar, R-Midland.

*Collan Rosier, a Grand Ledge High School student during his internship and now studying at Georgetown University. He was nominated by Cana Garrison, in the office of Rep. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

For more information about the Rosenthal and Ehlers' awards, see

<http://www.ippsr.msu.edu/PPIE/RosenthalAward.htm>

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