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Eastern Students Headed to Nation's Capital

Willimantic, Conn. – Two Eastern Connecticut State University political science students, Andrew Powaleny '09 of Lyme, and Tori Saulnier '09 of Bolton, will spend June 7 - Aug. 2 in the nation's capital representing Eastern at the Institute of Political Journalism at Georgetown University. They have been selected from of a pool of nearly 1,000 applicants from all over the country to participate in the program. The institute is regarded as one of the country's premier internship programs and was established in 1985 to facilitate ethical practices and skills in an evolving journalism market.

While in Washington, D.C. Powaleny and Saulnier will be enrolled at Georgetown University, where they will participate in three skills courses covering ethics, economics and leadership in the world of media. In addition, they will work in competitive news agencies ranging from *The Washington Post*, to CNN, to *The Politico* and National Public Radio.

Powaleny serves as news editor and photographer for *The Campus Lantern*, as well as serving as a resident assistant. In the past, he has worked as a field representative for former U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons, as well as a researcher and strategist for the Connecticut Republican Party.

“The Institute of Political Journalism, by all accounts, is one of the best ways for college students who are interested in government and or the media to gain valuable experience that will help in our future careers,” Powaleny said. “We are hoping to learn all the journalistic rope in a fast-paced news market, and meet deadlines while working in multiple environments at once. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which will pay dividends for years. Some of America’s top journalists have gone through the program including staff at ABC News. I am more than excited about this opportunity and can’t wait to represent Eastern in our nation’s capital!”

Tori Saulnier is the editor and chief of *The Campus Lantern*. Saulnier also works as a resident assistant and with Eastern’s Institute for Sustainable Energy on campus.

“I expect to expand my career, not just through networking and meeting people on Capitol Hill, but to really learn the nuts and bolts of journalism,” Saulnier said. “I also want to be able to take what I learn and apply it to *The Campus Lantern* and really make the paper the best it’s ever been. The application process for this program was very intense, and to be chosen with one of my good friends and fellow *Lantern* staff members is amazing. This internship program in Washington, D.C. is my opportunity to build a career for myself in media. Without the help of my advisors in the departments of Political Science and Communication, I would not be where I am today.”

Powaleny and Saulnier were nominated by Eastern political science professor Nicole Krassas, and had to create in depth applications to be considered for the opportunity.

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