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Two Idaho Students Selected for Prestigious United States Senate Youth Program

(BOISE) – Two exceptional high school seniors have been selected to represent Idaho at the prestigious 62nd annual United State Senate Program, to be held March 2 – 9 in Washington D.C.

Students are selected for the program based on their service in high-level elected or appointed leadership positions. This year, senior Alyson Reed from North Gem High School in Bancroft and junior AnnMarie Wolfley from Snake River High School in Blackfoot will join other high-performing high school seniors and juniors from around the country for an intensive, weeklong experience in the nation’s capital.

Delegates will have the opportunity to hear major policy addresses by senators and cabinet members and will participate in meetings with the president and a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. They will also be awarded \$10,000 scholarships for undergraduate studies at the higher education institution of their choice.

“Seeing Idaho’s youth pursue their passions and learn more about governance, civics and democracy is exciting to see, and I’m so pleased that Alyson and AnnMarie will get the chance to experience this learning on the national level,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield. “I’m sure that they’ll come away from this opportunity with a new understanding of governing in America.”

Idaho has also selected two alternate delegates: Caldwell High School’s Nick Mendez and Emmett High School’s Jeni Hammon were awarded \$250 scholarships from the Idaho Department of Education and will be ready to attend if a delegate is unable to make the trip.

Idaho’s other top finalists are:

Mason Gibbons, Owyhee High School in Meridian
Zoe McEwen, Highland High School in Pocatello
Kaybree Ozburn, Century High School in Pocatello

Andrew Rojas, Borah High School in Boise
Jisong Ryu, Timberline High School in Boise
MacKenzie Wells, Owyhee High School in Meridian

The program, established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, offers high-performing high school students interested in pursuing a career in public service the chance to interface with high-level officials from each branch of government during an intensive, week-long educational program.

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Attached: Photos of Alyson Reed and AnnMarie Wolfley