Former Hinckley Interns Make Waves in the World of Politics

By Ted Wilson Director

It has been exciting to see the students of the Hinckley Institute of Politics realize the dream of Robert H. Hinckley that he described as “every student, a politician.” Since 1965, when the first interns of the Hinckley Institute were placed, many of our students have gone on to careers in the world of politics.

On the national level, Jeff Bingham helped elect Senator Jake Garn to office and then became chief of staff to Senator Garn in Washington, D.C. Jeff is now an executive in the space industry. Saul Greene became the student who obtained the highest elective office of Hinckley interns when she was elected to the United States Congress from Utah’s second district.

Many former Hinckley interns have been elected to serve in the Utah State Legislature. They include Rob Bishop who became the Speaker of the Utah House. Fred Robinson was elected to the state senate, chaired several prestigious committees, and was a recognized expert on the hill in energy and environmental matters. Christine Fox took over her husband’s seat in the House after his death in a farming accident, earned her law degree at Brigham Young University and is now the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives. Frank Pignanelli was a star Hinckley intern so his way to become the Minority Leader of the State House. Delpha Baird came to the Hinckley Institute as a non-traditional mom who had raised her children and was looking for new challenges. She became an influential state senator.

JoAnn Miller, recipient of the Abrela Clarissa Hinckley Scholarship, was a state representative and now serves on the Salt Lake City Council. Shirley Jensen served an internship at the state legislature with the expressed desire to serve in the legislature and was successful both as an intern and as a state representative. Patrice Arent went on to earn a law degree and then successfully ran for the legislature. Bob Sykes represented the Avenues in the State Legislature. David Irvine became a legislator, served on the State Public Services Commission and was chief of staff to Representative Merrill Cook.

Kent Briggs became chief of staff to Governors Rampton and Matheson and now directs the Western Policy Center in Denver, Colorado. Tim Chambless served as an intern to Congressman Wayne Owens and is now Chair of the Salt Lake City Board of Adjustments. Jim Davis learned to be mayor while at the Institute when he was elected to serve as mayor of University Village. He used those skills to serve several successful

Representative Dave Jones, Representative Christine Fox, and Ted Wilson

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The opportunity to work in a Congressional office offers interns a chance to see first hand, the working of the American system. Sometimes the work can be less than glamorous while performing general office duties but the excitement of working for Congress and the electric atmosphere more than compensates.

Jennifer Jensen

The following students were recognized as outstanding interns from their respective offices:

Richard Madsen worked for Senator Orrin Hatch's office in what was loosely termed his "tax office." Madsen was responsible for assisting the Senator with various tax and other financial issues. He worked directly with the Senate Finance Committee which allowed him to learn from some of the "most brilliant people in our country."

Madsen had occasions to rub shoulders with the world's political elite. Weekly lectures featured the likes of: Senator Trent Lott, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and many others. "Countless opportunities for encounters with our
The Huntsman Seminar in Congressional Government for Teachers had its second successful session during June 1997. The purpose of the seminar is to offer school teachers an intensive two-week seminar in Congressional government and to renew their love for politics so that their enthusiasm may be passed on to their students. The Huntsman family generously donated not just the necessary funds to run the program, but their time and support as well. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., businessman, philanthropist, and former Ambassador to Singapore addressed the teachers in regards to the “Role of America in the World of the 2000s.”

Twenty-five high school teachers were selected to participate in this seminar which offered a first hand glimpse of the inner workings and circles of politics. Ted Wilson and Dan Jones coordinated the seminar offering their expertise and political insight to that of the nearly fifty speakers who addressed the seminar participants. Guest speakers included: Governor Mike Leavitt, Mayor Deedee Corradini, Utah Supreme Court Justice, Republican and Democratic party chairs and legislators. County Commissioners, news and media personalities, prominent professors, distinguished businessmen and others.

In a letter to the editor, participant Shalyn Nelson remarked that “In this time of intense criticism and emotional tirades in politics, [the Huntsman Seminar in Constitutional Government for Teachers] was remarkably refresh- ing.” Gary Minor, the class valedictorian said “a few folks have told me that although I feel a little tilted to the left after this, others see me as standing a little straighter. It’s been a great experience.” Others expressed their renewed motivation to return to teaching after the seminar. “What a unique and wonderful experience! Thanks for the vision — I will share, share, share.”

Kaye Christensen
Washington lobbyist and attorney
Cynthia Hansen served as a key staffer to Congressman James Hansen of Utah and was on Governor Michael Leavitt’s staff and Michael Deamer served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Utah. Many other Hinckley students and interns have hit the political big time. They include Robin Riggs, Emily Charles, LaVern Snow, Dottie Mortensen, Guy Hicks, Ruth Ann Story, Kristy Draper, Paul Piper, Greg Engeman, Mary Jane Collepriest, Meredith Moss, Lincoln Oliphant, Heidi Gurgel Nestell, Leigh von der Elch, and Doug Springmeyer.

A few of our students have gone on to distinguished careers on the judicial bench including Roger Livingston, David Magleby went the academic route to become a key political pollster and head of the Political Science Department at Brigham Young University. Surely, I have missed some, even many. If you were missed and are serv- ing a career in the world of politics we want to hear from you so we can refresh our list.

If you are a former Hinckley intern and are serving outside of politics we would like to hear from you too. We know you are a better citizen and contributor to your country because of the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

Robert L. Hinckley, our founder, would be very proud of each of you for grappling and engaging in a “necessary, honorable and dignified profession — politics!”
Robert H. Hinckley Graduate Scholarship for Men Awarded to Alpheus Mogokolo

The Robert H. Hinckley Graduate Scholarship was awarded to Alpheus Mogokolo. Mogokolo came to the United States as an exchange student from Capetown, South Africa and graduated from Springville High School. He graduated from the University of Utah in Mass Communications and Commercial Recreation and Tourism, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Administration and Health Administration. A recipient of the United Nations, University of Utah Scholarship for South Africans academic scholarship, he is now honored to receive the Hinckley Institute of Politics graduate scholarship for men.

Mogokolo grew up in South Africa where black people were oppressed and segregated by the “Apartheid Regime.” He has been greatly influenced by the life of Nelson Mandela who taught that education is the greatest weapon for the struggle of liberation.

“My future goal is to become actively involved in South African Politics and help to provide the leadership skills I have learned in the United States. I hope to serve my country some day as a candidate in public office and politics.

“I would like to thank the Hinckley Institute of Politics for its tradition and for honoring me with this scholarship.”

The scholarship was established in 1983 by Dr. Ben D. Wood, a longtime friend of Robert Hinckley, and is awarded to graduate students who share Mr. Hinckley’s ideals and who seek careers or professional involvement in government or politics.

Abrelia Clarissa Hinckley Graduate Scholarship for Women Awarded to Adrienne Goldsmith

The Abrelia Clarissa Hinckley Graduate Scholarship has been awarded to Adrienne Goldsmith, a Hinckley Institute of Politics alumna and third year law student at the University of Utah.

“This award is particularly meaningful to me, because the Hinckley Institute has shaped my educational and personal goals through my academic career, and I believe it will continue to influence me as a practicing attorney, and perhaps, one day, as a political reporter.”

Goldsmith says that her experiences as an intern with the Hinckley Institute of Politics proved to be an enlightening and effective teaching tool. She first served as an intern to KUTV political reporter Fred Decker during the 1991 session of the Utah Legislature. “Not only did I learn the basics of political reporting, but I received a crash course on the idiosyncrasies of the legislative process as a whole, and Utah politics in particular.”

In 1992, Goldsmith served as the William H. Lawrence intern for the ABC News Bureau in Washington, D.C. “Very few people have had the good fortune to walk the steps of the United States Capitol with political correspondent Cokie Roberts, to be on set of ‘Nightline’ with Ted Koppel, and to meet, up close and personal, then-candidate Bill Clinton or his road to the White House. I feel privileged to have had these experiences, and realize that I have the Hinckley Institute of Politics to thank,” she says.

“The Hinckley Scholarship is the culmination of my experiences with the Hinckley Institute of Politics. This award represents not only the legacy of the Hinckley Institute and its commitment to political awareness, it also strengthens my desire to stay involved in the political process.”

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“Abrelia Clarissa, who strongly encouraged Mr. Hinckley to found the Hinckley Institute of Politics. The scholarship is awarded to a woman graduate student whose interests, formal training, and life goals include a commitment to politics and community service ideals, both of which guided Mrs. Hinckley’s life. Goldsmith is honored to follow in the footsteps of Mrs. Hinckley, a woman who was an accomplished and respected political activist and devoted.”
W. Brett Graham receives Robert H. Hinckley Study Award

W. Brett Graham received the Robert H. Hinckley study award for men. He graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. in Accounting in June of 1966 and is completing his first year of a Public Administration Master’s program. His MPA emphasis is in Organizational Change and he would like to continue his education after his Master’s studies. While completing his undergraduate, Graham was involved in student organizations serving as President of the ASUU and Chair of the Utah Council of Student body Presidents. After serving on the University of Utah Board of Trustees, as a student member, he was selected to be the student representative on the Utah Board of Regents.

“I am honored to be selected as one of the recipients of the Robert H. Hinckley Scholarship. The Hinckley family has done much to provide a forum for the discussion and debate of issues and ideas which is so vital for good government. I am grateful for their generous support.

“I hope to be able to combine the training and education that I have received in a way that I can contribute to the community. I believe that there will always be a need in public service for individuals like Robert Hinckley and I hope to develop the necessary attributes and skills to be such a person.”

The Anne H. and John S. Hinckley Scholarship is Established

Institute with funds to provide an annual scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate students who exemplify excellent scholarship and an intent to serve the public through political involvement. The scholarship is presented in the name of John Hinckley and is the second significant gift of Anne Hinckley to the Institute. Previously, funds and the classic painting “Cowboy by Moonlight” by Frank Tenney Johnson were contributed to the Institute to found the John S. Hinckley Study, a room where students might relax, discuss politics or study.

Anne Hinckley said, “John just loved politics and he loved students. This is a way to help young people get through college in an area John felt was very important.” John Hinckley was a leader in Utah politics. He served on the city council of Ogden, Utah and was deeply involved in civic and political affairs in the state of Utah.

Justin Hepworth Named Margaret Rampton Munk Intern

As a freshman majoring in Political Science he found this experience to be an insightful look into his academic major.

“The political process has always fascinated me, and this internship gave me the opportunity to actively take part in it. From trailing legislative bills to filing financial disclosure reports, my daily tasks allowed me to gain invaluable experience and a greater understanding and appreciation of our political system.”

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“Working in the Governor’s office proved to be a truly enriching experience. I hope the opportunity for another internship presents itself in the future.”

The Margaret Rampton Munk Public Policy Internship for interns serving in the Governor’s office was established in 1995 through a generous donation by former Utah Governor Calvin Rampton and former First Lady Lucybeth Rampton. The bequest is in honor of their late daughter “Meg.”

Justin Hepworth

Justin S. Hepworth was named recipient of the Margaret Rampton Munk Public Policy Internship. He served his internship at the Utah Governor’s office during Winter Quarter 1997.
Scott M. Matheson Leadership Forum Scholarships Awarded

The Scott M. Matheson Leadership Forum Scholarships were awarded to Martha Poelman and Andrew Spencer. Martha Poelman is a Senior double-majoring in Political Science and Psychology. She has been involved on campus with the Bronco Center as a Service Learning Scholar and as a Project Director this year for Legal Services for the Homeless. Poelman has served internships with the U.S. Senate and the Utah Legislature through the Hinckley Institute of Politics and currently works at the Hinckley Institute. As a Matheson scholarship recipient, Poelman feels "an increased responsibility to contribute to the Matheson family's strong legacy of public service and leadership." Poelman intends to study International Politics abroad next year and pursue a career in public service.

Andrew Spencer is a Senior majoring in Political Science. Throughout his college experience, Spencer has contributed extensively to community service and leadership through the Bronco Center where he has been a project director the past two years and is a coordinator this year. He plans to use the money to enrich his involvement in programs such as the South Salt Lake Boys and Girls Club's Power Hour, a mentoring and tutoring program. "This scholarship will enable me to devote more time to community service which has been so much a part of my life... I am very grateful to the Matheson family and the Hinckley Institute of Politics for honoring me with the Scott Matheson Leadership Forum Scholarship."

The Matheson Leadership Forum was established in honor of the late Governor, with the goal of enabling former elected officials to reflect, write and speak about their experiences once they have left office. It has since broadened to offer scholarships to encourage students toward public service and extraordinary leadership in the tradition of Scott M. Matheson.

Back to Work for the Hinckley SAC

Written by Kenneth Ashton, Chair HIPSAC

Greetings from the 1996-97 Hinckley Institute of Politics Student Advisory Committee! We are excited for the upcoming academic year after a great year with Phillip Simon as Chair of the 1995-96 HIPSAC.

We hope to build on the accomplishments of last year's committee while achieving new goals that will emphasize student involvement in politics. The HIPSAC will continue to work closely with Fred Jayne and Pat to ensure that students at the U are aware of the opportunities that exist at the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

The Executive Committee for this year's HIPSAC includes Kenneth Ashton, Chair; Adam Caldwell, Vice Chair; Andrew Nelson, Vice Chair; and Mike Boyden, Secretary/Treasurer. Each member of the executive committee is very involved in various school activities and organizations, and each will bring a unique perspective to this year's committee.

The HIPSAC looks forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Any student interested in becoming involved with the HIPSAC may contact a member of the executive committee, or call the Hinckley Institute at 265-6501.

1996 1997 Hinckley Student Advisory Committee: Front L-R: Carol Farmer, Helen Serci, Lindsay Buenz, Beck, C.R. Andrew Nelson, Ken Ashton, Adam Caldwell, Trecor Kobe, Phillip Simon, Brigham Daniels
ABC Intern Experiences Unique Opportunity In Observing Network News Operation

Sabra Gertch, a senior majoring in communication was chosen to intern at the ABC Washington News Bureau for winter quarter 1997. This invaluable experience allowed her to work with the magazine/tvision program Prize Time. Live, where there was exposure to the different aspects and sophistication of network news. The opportunities at ABC afforded her the chance to participate in the production of news magazine stories, and in the coverage of the Presidential Inauguration, State of the Union Speech, and events at the White House, U.S. Capitol, Stacie and Justice Department.

“My internship at the ABC News was the highlight of my university experience… it couldn’t have been more fulfilling.”

The internship was established in honor of William Lawrence, a political reporter for ABC. Lawrence was a close friend of Robert H. Hinckley, founder of the Hinckley Institute and one of the founders and first vice presidents of ABC.

Rocco C. Siciliano Fellowship Provides “Hinckley Week in Washington, D.C.”

This year’s 1997 Spring Week in Washington, D.C. was memorable. Nine University of Utah students experienced numerous opportunities to increase their knowledge of American government and history plus communication and law. They had the chance to do what Mr. Hinckley had asked of all who become involved in the Hinckley Institute — “to participate.”

Hinckley participants toured the U.S. Capitol Building, the Treasury Building, the National Holocaust Museum, the Central Intelligence Agency and much more. They met with Associate Justice Clarence Thomas for two hours, experienced tours of National Public Radio and the C-SPAN studios where they observed a National Public Radio “All Things Considered” live broadcast, and engaged in Q/A sessions with prominent journalists Jack Anderson and Hal Bruno.

The group met with Utah’s two U.S. Senators, Bob Bennett and Orrin Hatch, and with Utah’s members of the House of Representatives. Congressman Jim Hansen emphasized the difficulties with the current budget process, and the difficulty in passing wilderness legislation. Congressman Chris Cannon provided insights into how it feels to be a new freshman member of Congress, and Janet Jenson, chief legislative affairs aide to Congressman Merrill Cook, shared 45 enthusiastic minutes on behalf of her boss who had to attend an impromptu committee meeting.

U of Utah students were able to visit the White House twice — attending a standard tour and a special VIP nighttime tour of the Oval Office, Cabinet Room, Roosevelt Room, Rose Garden, and the adjacent Old Executive Office Building. Dr. Michael Burton, assistant to Vice President Al Gore, was most helpful and informative.

This exploration of the nation’s capital was an intensive week. Hopefully, these Hinckley participants in this year’s “Hinckley Week in Washington” were inspired to become involved in future public policy making.
Harry S. Truman Scholarship Given to Brigham Daniels

Earl Brigham Daniels, senior in economics, was awarded the 597 Harry S. Truman Foundation Scholarship.

The Truman Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 to honor college students who have outstanding leadership potential, plan to pursue careers in public service, and wish to attend graduate school. The scholarship will provide up to $30,000 for Daniels' senior year of study at the University of Utah and graduate school studies at the institution of his choice, covering tuition, books, and living expenses. In addition, the Foundation held a week-long seminar on leadership and public service in Independence, Missouri this past spring where all of the 80 Truman Scholars elected this year met with leading public servants, policy makers, and graduate school representatives to discuss policy issues and life plans.

Daniels participates in many activities on and off campus. He is often seen at the Hinckley Institute of Politics and has served on the organization's student advisory board. He also is involved in the Honor’s Program and anticipates graduating with the Honor’s Program distinction this spring. He has worked closely on projects with the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center and participates in the Center’s Service Learning Scholars Program. Daniels has served as vice-chair of the University of Utah’s College Democrat chapter and as vice-president in the statewide Young Democrats organization.

Off campus Daniels is active in the community. He serves on the steering committee of School Watch, has worked for County Commissioner Randy Birchich’s office and as a crew supervisor for the County’s successful Youth Force Program and has worked diligently on many political campaigns. Currently he is employed for the Supreme Court Law Library.

Daniels plans to attend law and public administration schools. He says, “This degree combination will help me make a difference. Although I was surprised to receive the Truman Scholarship, I hope that my career will meet President Truman’s high ideals.” He plans to work for the Utah State Board of Education with the idea of working for a not-for-profit public interest law group, like Utah Legal Aid. Daniels is the twentieth Truman Scholar from the University of Utah. He attributes much of the University’s success in the scholarship competition to the dedication of the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

Bamberger State Policy Internship Awarded to Craig Merry

Craig Merry Graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in June of 1997. While completing his undergraduate work, Merry had the opportunity to work with the Governor of the State of Utah.

Merry received his political education at the Hinckley Institute of Politics. His internship at the Utah State Legislature and the spring session in Washington, D.C. made him realize the political role played by Utah’s legislators.

The governor of the Bamberger Internship in State Policy was awarded to Merry giving him the opportunity to serve as the University of Utah Intern Coordinator. Working in this capacity, he helped arrange guest speakers for the 1996 Utah State Legislative Preparation class and assisted in grading and assigning interns to their respective legislators. Throughout the session, Craig advised the interns and helped them with occasional problems. Merry was excited to share his experiences with a group of students that were about to embark on the next educational experience offered to students. The internship at the Utah State Legislature is an awesome experience that gets every intern’s political blood pumping at full capacity.

Craig plans to attend law school in the near future, but has chosen to take a year off to enjoy much of the outdoor life he missed while completing his undergraduate work. These outdoor activities won’t keep Craig from staying politically involved. Craig says that he admires Ted Wilson’s balanced life of family, politics, and the outdoors and he is striving for a similar balance in his life. The Bamberger Internship is funded through a grant from the Herbert I. and Elia H. Michael Foundation, a longtime benefactor of the University. Elia Bamberger Michael was a direct descendant of Simon Bamberger, Utah’s fourth governor from 1916-1920.
Five U Students Selected as Siciliano Public Policy Interns

Kristin Rose
Allyson Watkins
Toby Roberts
Melissa Watkins
Marianne Caine

Kristin Rose served her internship at the U.S. Supreme Court in the Office of the Curator. One of her main duties was to give thirty minute lectures on the architectural features of the building as well as the history and procedures of the Supreme Court. Rose enjoyed addressing large groups as well as giving private tours of the building to guests of the justices, Congressional constituents, and to many school groups. She had the opportunity to hear several of the justices address various groups. On one occasion, Justice Clarence Thomas promised an elementary aged boy that Justice Thomas himself would give up smoking cigars if the boy would commit to watching only one hour of TV a day.

My internship was a fascinating and worthwhile experience. I was able to have an active role working in the Curator’s Office. The staff rely on the interns and expect them to act professionally and work hard. I also enjoyed living in Washington, D.C. It is a lovely, beautiful town that is full of opportunity. I loved being able to spend my spare time going to the many museums and historical sites in the area.

Allyson Watkins enjoyed her Washington, D.C. experience interning for the U.S. Conference of Mayors during autumn quarter, 1996. She worked in their Department of Health and spent time assisting in coordination of MDR Prevention Programs. Watkins is currently studying Family and Consumer Studies. She feels that her internship was most rewarding in that she “encountered and learned from so many diverse individuals.”

Toby Roberts served autumn quarter, 1996 as an intern for Global Village Communications (GVC), a professional video production company located near Washington, D.C. As a Film Studies and Telecommunications major, Roberts “knew this internship would help develop necessary skills and give me the experience I needed to pursue a career in the television business.”

Working as a production assistant and audio technician on television interviews and press conferences, Roberts was able to acquire valuable technical skills and exposure to the political climate in Washington, D.C. and such prominent political figures as Rep. Richard Gephardt, Attorney General Janet Reno, Kirkpatrick, and even the Dalai Lama.

“Due to the international nature of Global Village and their clients, production teams are required to travel wherever the issues arise...a top current issue just happens to be the local elections and statehood movement in Puerto Rico.” Roberts traveled to Puerto Rico once during his internship and has returned three more times in his new position as a full-time associate producer. “I will always be thankful to the Hinckley Institute for the opportunity they provided me.”

Marianne Caine’s internship was extended from spring quarter through summer quarter at Medical Care Development International. Her lengthened stay allowed her to become even more involved in the development and regulation of the organization’s programs in third world countries. Watkins is currently a senior majoring in Political Science and minoring in French, but is postponing her studies to serve a mission for the LDS Church. Watkins feels the most beneficial aspect of her experience was “the exposure to the various career possibilities in international relations.”

Marianne Caine, a Political Science major, was an intern with Simon and Company, Inc. who represents a number of city governments and public authorities in Washington, D.C. and actively works with Congress and agencies in the Executive Branch. “Interning for Simon and Company was a very rewarding experience. I learned a great deal about politics and grew to have a deep appreciation for this country and the way in which it functions.”

She was responsible for attending hearings and other legislative activities in Congress, after which she would follow-up orally and in writing with the firm’s staff. Caine also worked with the federal Executive Branch in gathering information about grant programs important to local governments. “I have made life-long friends for whom I have much respect. I am so grateful for my co-workers at Simon and Company, Inc. who helped me to grow as a person and a citizen. They made an unforgettable impact on my life.” Caine hopes to return to Washington, D.C. to develop her career in politics following her graduation from the University of Utah.

Internship Opportunities in Washington, D.C.


D.C. Interns receive stipends of approximately $800/month. Rent in the Oakwood Apartments in Alexandria, VA is subsidized by the Institute and interns are charged $175/month.
Wayne Horiiuchi Provides White House Intern Award

Wayne Horiiuchi, former Hinkley Intern who was active in Utah politics and now living in Sacramento, California, has awarded the Institute with funds to establish the Wayne Horiiuchi White House Intern Award. This award will be given to the outstanding Hinkley White House intern of the several who serve each year in the White House.

Horiiuchi has had close relationships with the White House over the years, given his position in conducting political affairs for Union Pacific Railroad. He commented, "I know how hard White House interns have to work. It's not the formal nine to five and I wanted to distinguish the top intern for that extra effort. I also hope to establish a personal and helpful relationship with the Horiiuchi prize-winners."

Brett Worthington, a Political Science major, received the Wayne Horiiuchi White House Intern Award. As a part of the Clinton administration, he served for three months in the office of Presidential gifts. Worthington was responsible for the logging, tracking and the valuation of gifts for the First Family. He even gained access to the oval office of the White House to show the president of the United States gifts ranging from hand made canes for a recovering knee to golf clubs for use on the course.

"I cannot begin to explain the incredible experiences that I had at the White House. The staff members that I associated with were incredible people and friends for life. I would work my tail off, sometimes 14 hours a day to cover a Presidential engagement or foreign trip, but it was well worth it and I loved every minute of it."

Worthington is currently finishing his undergraduate studies and is planning to attend Law School in the fall of 1998.

The Wayne Horiiuchi White House Internship was established in 1997.

Robert H. Hinckley, Jr. Environmental Quality Internship goes to Sean Phillips

Sean L. Phillips served an outstanding internship with the Computing Council in Washington, D.C., as a recipient of the Robert H. Hinckley, Jr. Environmental Internship. Phillips was able to learn about the Council's dedication to improve relationships between the agricultural world and the legislative processes surrounding it.

"I can truly say that my internship to Washington, D.C. was the most beneficial aspect of my college experience and played a tremendous role in my current employment as a corporate recruiter for the national leader in specialized financial staffing."

The Robert H. Hinckley, Jr. Environmental Internship was set up by James Hinckley to honor his father.
Janice S. Hinckley Internship on the Environment is Established

A generous endowment contribution by Jim and Lynn Hinckley, son and daughter-in-law of Janice Scowcroft Hinckley, in honor of his mother, has been made to the Institute. The internship has been dedicated to assist interns to serve the environment, a public policy area of great concern to Janice Hinckley. Janice loves the Utah environment, particularly its wild animals and birds. Her home in Fruit Heights has been a welcome retreat for peacocks, ducks, geese, horses, deer, elk and many other wild fauna. Janice also loves the redrock wild lands of southern Utah and is a strong supporter of the Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island. Jim Hinckley said, "Mom is a carer. She is a great mother who cares for us and she has a great concern and care for all individuals and animals. She simply wants to improve lives."

The Janice S. Hinckley Public Policy Internship on the Environment will provide funds to place an intern on a regular basis in organizations that support Utah's environment and wildlife. Carey Serassio currently serves as the Janice S Hinckley intern for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

Brad Anderson Designated as Ben D. Wood Intern

Political Science and Economics major Brad Anderson was awarded the Ben D. Wood Internship with the Heritage Foundation for his work winter quarter in the President's office. Anderson's work was to serve as a staff assistant to Dr. Edwin Feulner, Jr., president of the think-tank. While at Heritage, Anderson was responsible for the daily tasks that allowed Dr. Feulner to remain up to date on current events. This required the selecting of news articles that helped in speeches or letters Dr. Feulner wrote. Brad also performed many other office tasks that freed up time for Dr. Feulner and his staff to devote attention to more important issues.

"I got to see and do many great things while I was at Heritage. I was invited to sit in on lectures and meetings given by very prominent people, regarding the important issues in the news. The best experience was the New Members Conference sponsored by Heritage for all the freshmen Congress members. Not only did I get to see them, I even had the chance to speak with a few of them."

"The overall experience in Washington was exciting. I had the opportunity to learn firsthand about a lot of subjects I had studied in class. Through their internship program, the Heritage Foundation did an excellent job of allowing me the chance to see and learn about the workings of our federal government, including Heritage's relationship to it."

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The Ben D. Wood Endowment was established in 1984 to recognize outstanding students serving policy internships in Washington, D.C. Funding was provided through a major grant from Wood, a longtime friend of Robert H. Hinckley, with matching funds from IBM. Wood dedicated much of his career to education, serving for twenty-five years as director of the Bureau of Education Research. He also served with Hinckley as a member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration.
Bae B. Gardner Internship Awarded to Annissa Beecroft

Annissa Beecroft was named the Bae B. Gardner Public Policy intern for 1996-97. She served her internship for the Department of the Treasury in the Office of the Curator. The Office of the Curator is deeply concerned with the restoration, preservation, and presentation of the main Treasury building. As summer is Washington D.C.'s most popular tourist time, Beecroft focused on the presentation of the building. She was responsible for coordinating the Treasury Department's tour program. This gave her a wonderful opportunity to utilize the skills she has been acquiring as a Communications major. Beecroft served as the liaison between the tour docents, the public, and the Secret Service to ensure that the weekly Saturday tours ran smoothly. Occasionally, she filled in as a docent when a special mid-week tour needed to be conducted.

"I loved learning about the beautiful Treasury building, and then being able to teach others about it was even more rewarding. I cannot thank the Curator and her staff enough for allowing me to be more than just an intern."

Annissa will graduate in the Spring of 1998. She then plans to attend law school—perhaps in D.C. The Bae B. Gardner Internship for Public Policy was established in 1996 to honor the former Hinckley Institute's assistant director. Past interns have contributed over $17,000 toward the endowment fund.

Erin Gilmartin Named George S. Eccles Intern

Erin Gilmartin received the George S. Eccles Internship in Business Policy for the time she spent at Menzies England and Associates, a public administration group in Washington, D.C. Gilmartin worked this summer on their contract with the Food for Peace office, under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She helped with the collection and distribution of incoming proposals from private voluntary organizations such as CARE and Catholic Relief Services for various programs around the world. A junior double majoring in political science and history, Gilmartin enjoyed her experience in D.C. "One of the most fascinating aspects of being in Washington was talking with other people and hearing about their life experiences. It has opened my eyes to a whole new realm of opportunities that I don't think I'd ever have considered."

The George S. Eccles Internship in Business Policy is funded through a grant from the George S. and Dolores H. Eccles Foundation.

Amy Keyser Named Paul A. Porter Intern

Mass Communication major Amy Keyser has been named the Paul A. Porter 1996-97 outstanding intern for her work Winter Quarter 1997 with the Senate Republicans' Conference Committee. Keyser spent her days in the heart of the nation's capitol working on radio shows, satellite feeds and everything in-between.

Keyser helped with radio programs, press conferences and the calling of roll call votes to nationwide radio stations.

"My D.C. internship was so much more than the job and the assignments, it was the overall experience that was so amazing. Walking among the influential leaders of our country in the heart of where it all takes place was incredible. I would recommend a Hinckley internship highly."

Keyser graduated Spring 1997 with an Honors Degree. The Paul A. Porter Internship was established in 1975 in honor of Porter, a prominent Washington, D.C. attorney and former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. The fund was endowed by friends and business associates of Porter, due to his long-standing friendship with Robert H. Hinckley and his interest in developing political interest among students.
Kelly Harward Awarded Bill Rishel Memorial Internship

Kelly Harward served his internship at Planning and Learning Technologies, Inc. in Washington, D.C., during Winter Quarter 1997. "I was really feeling a need to complement my university studies with some 'real world' job experience. The Hinckley Institute's Washington, D.C. internship program was exactly what I was looking for. I was pleased to find that the Hinckley Institute sponsors internships which provide meaningful professional experiences to students of all backgrounds and interests and not just Political Science majors."

Pal-Tech, Inc. is a small business consulting firm which focuses on government contracting. Areas of professional emphasis at Pal-Tech include training, administrative support services and international development. President and CEO of Pal-Tech, Omar Kader, is a former Hinckley Institute intern. Harward spent the majority of his internship with Pal-Tech working on a contract for the US State Department in their multimedia office at the Foreign Service Institute. He has since returned to Washington to accept a full-time position with this contract's staff.

"I was also impressed by the amount of trust and responsibility given to me as an intern."

The corporate culture at Pal-Tech cultivates a large degree of diversity and tends to be very fast-paced. I was particularly impressed by the people with whom I was able to work closely and the diversity of backgrounds and experiences among all the people at Pal-Tech. I was also impressed by the amount of trust and responsibility given to me as an intern. I was constantly studying and learning to prepare to make the important contributions that were asked of me. My experience as an intern was so positive that when a full-time position opened up at Pal-Tech, I jumped at the chance to return to Washington and continue developing the mentoring relationships that I began with the amazing and talented people at Pal-Tech." The Bill Rishel Memorial Fund was established by Virginia Rishel to honor her father. It is intended to provide loans and internships to students involved in seeking careers in public service.

Tara Zahne Awarded Frank E. Moss Internship

Political Science major, Tara Zahne, was awarded the Frank E. Moss Internship on Caring for winter quarter 1997.

The Caring Institute was founded in 1985 to promote selflessness and to encourage Americans to care about themselves, their communities, and their country. Each year ten adults and ten young adults are selected to receive the National Caring Award.

"I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Among my everyday office duties, I was able to participate in the National Caring Poster and Writing contests. It was amazing to see and hear some of the stories of children across the country — what caring meant to them and how they portrayed it. I looked forward to work everyday to see so many expressions of caring."

Zahne also had the opportunity to read about and review Caring Award nominees. She met and spoke with some past award recipients. It was wonderful to learn how one person could touch the lives of so many. These people are making a difference in their own way, from distributing dinners everyday for the homeless to providing a home for disabled children left behind. I am very grateful to have worked in Washington, D.C. and see and experience its positive impacts and not get wrapped up into the political haze"

The Frank E. Moss Internship on Caring was named after the former Senator of eighteen years. Its intent is to steer students toward working with social institutions that help those with special needs. The original endowment was set up by Kem and Carolyn Gardner to honor Senator Moss.

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