SU Honors Student Selected for The Harrisburg Internship Semester

Melina Godshall, a student in the Shippensburg University Honors Program, has been selected as the university’s representative to The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) during the spring 2014 semester.

THIS is a 15-credit, full-semester internship program for outstanding juniors and seniors. One student from each university in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is selected to participate in the program. The student is placed with high-level government offices based on his/her major and area of interest. Interns receive a stipend to cover the cost of tuition, room, and board.

Godshall, a Criminal Justice major with a minor in Psychology, is an intern in the Executive Policy Office at the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), the largest department in state government. During her internship, Godshall has worked on several bill analyses from the General Assembly that relate to her department, and she has had the opportunity to attend the department’s budget appropriations hearings at the state capitol with DPW Secretary Beverly D. Mackereth.

“The most fulfilling part of my internship has been meeting an amazing group of hard-working people who are dedicated to helping all Pennsylvanians with services or programs,” Godshall stated. “I am very lucky to see a side of state government that most people do not see or get to be a part of.”

Godshall believes that her involvement with the Honors Program was instrumental in her selection for THIS. “I think the higher level of performance that Honors students hold themselves to is very valuable in the work world. The leadership abilities that I learned and put to practice in various Honors Program events was invaluable when I stepped into the world outside the classroom.”

She also credits her selection to the mentoring she received from two SU professors, Dr. Matthew Fetzer of the Criminal Justice Department and Dr. Sara Grove of the Political Science Department. “I would not be in this elite internship without their help,” Godshall declared.

For more information about The Harrisburg Internship Semester, visit http://www.passhe.edu/inside/asa/opportunities/this/pages/default.aspx.
The Honors Program at Shippensburg University provides an outstanding undergraduate experience that emphasizes scholarship, leadership, and service. The Honors Program involves approximately 150 students who are selected based on their academic achievements, intellectual curiosity, and evidence of leadership and civic engagement. SU Honors students benefit from small classes; outstanding instruction; Honors research and study abroad opportunities; and special cultural and recreational activities. For more information, please visit http://www.ship.edu/honors.