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Alaska Student Completes U.S. Senate Page Program

JUNEAU -- William Deaton, a student at Cordova Jr/Sr High School in the Cordova City School District, has recently completed the [United States Senate Page program](#). He was selected to participate by Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski. He was the distinct Alaskan student serving in this role during the spring 2019 school semester.

"I was pleased to see Alaska represented in the U.S. Senate Page program, and by such a remarkable student," said Alaska Education Commissioner Dr. Michael Johnson. "I hope Mr. Deaton's time in our nation's capital has been rewarding, and that he returns home to Alaska inspired to continue his service to others."

"The Senate Page program is an excellent opportunity for young, future leaders to experience the daily operations of the United States Senate as they assist Members and staff on the Senate floor and throughout the Congressional Complex. In addition, living away from home and attending school with a diverse group of students from across the U.S. allows pages to experience a fast-paced environment filled with new ideas and unique perspectives—an invaluable learning opportunity," said Senator Murkowski. "Like many others, I was truly impressed by the work of William Deaton who joined 29 other high-school juniors to serve as a Senate Page. William stood out among his peers and was an incredible asset to the program. I thank him for his work in Washington D.C. and hope that his time as a page will serve him well in the future."

William Deaton is a member of the Aurora Chapter of the National Honor Society. He served as the 2018 Student Council President at Cordova Jr/Sr High School (CHS) and the student representative to the Cordova School Board. He is a member of the CHS band and choir and the Wolverines cross-country team. Mr. Deaton has been inspired by his page experience and plans to study law, with an emphasis on political science, after high school. He has aspirations of becoming a U.S. Congressman.

To learn more about the Senate Page program visit https://www.senate.gov/reference/reference_index_subjects/Pages_vrd.htm.

Photo attached: William Deaton receiving his certificate of completion from U.S. Senate Secretary for the Majority Laura Dove

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