Manitou Springs High School and Middle School students selected to shadow state legislators

On Thursday, Feb. 21, six students in Manitou’s Exceptional Scholars-Gifted and Talented program (led by Amy Rockenbach and Jennifer Weimer) attended Legislative Day at the capitol. Hosted by the Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented (CAGT), Legislative Day gives GT students an opportunity to shadow Colorado lawmakers for a day. The selection process required students to submit an essay detailing their interest in the legislative process and issues that especially concern them. They were then matched with legislators who work with those issues or who serve the students’ districts.

MSHS senior Molly Arndt shadowed Rep. Alex Valdez (Denver); senior Aliah Char and eighth-grader Jackson Neal shadowed Rep. Mark Baisley (Teller County); senior Molly Quesnell shadowed Rep. Terri Carver (El Paso County); and eighth-grader Lairden Rogge shadowed Rep. James Coleman (Denver).

In addition to learning about and advocating for critical issues affecting gifted education (funding, supportive legislation, accountability, academic growth, at-risk populations), these students sat with their representatives in the House chambers as members read and voted on bills.

Students also toured legislators’ offices, ate lunch with representatives or their aides, participated in a Q&A session with legislators and lobbyists, and observed committee hearings.

Eighth-grader Avery Tews, while not given a shadowing assignment, observed proceedings from the House gallery and joined the others throughout the day.

Help the Manitou Springs Mustangs Baseball Team Get to Arizona for Spring Break!

All proceeds from the evening benefit Mustang baseball players in reducing/off-setting individual out-of-pocket expenses for the 2019 season.

Purchase tickets online at: https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain.action

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