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Cal Poly Student Anna Consani Named Panetta Institute Congressional Intern

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Anna Consani, a junior studying political science at Cal Poly, has been chosen as the university's 2012 representative in the Panetta Institute for Public Policy's Congressional Internship Program.

Through the internship, Consani will spend two weeks in August training at the Panetta Institute at CSU Monterey Bay and then 11 weeks in Washington, D.C., working full time in the office of a congressional representative.

Consani is one of about two dozen students from around California taking part in the program. The Panetta Institute awards the scholarship to one student from each of the 23 California State University campuses along with one each from Dominican University of California and Santa Clara University.

Participating students are nominated by their respective campus presidents.

"We are excited to send such a bright, dedicated student to participate in this prestigious program," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "I know that Anna will benefit greatly from the Panetta Institute's training and her time in Washington. And I'm confident that the congressional representative Anna is assigned will also benefit from her creative and resourceful mind."

Consani, of San Rafael, boasts a strong resume that already includes work with Congresswoman Lois Capps' reelection campaign.

Consani also has worked as a recruiter for the Cal Poly chapter of AIESEC youth leadership development organization; helped organize Cal Poly's annual Open House; volunteered as a Week of Welcome orientation leader; participated in Cal Poly's Model United Nations; taken part in the university's Political Science Club; and served as cultural chair of the Cal Poly chapter of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

"I am extremely grateful for the unique opportunity to work in the nation's capital as a Panetta Congressional Intern," Consani said. "It is the ultimate Learn by Doing experience, and I look forward to observing and working with various public service professionals and to gaining knowledge that I can share with my peers and that will help shape my future."

Now in its 14th year, the Panetta program has been recognized as one of the best of its kind in the country because of the rigorous training it provides and because the scholarship covers all costs for students – offering an equal opportunity for all qualified candidates. For more details, visit <http://www.panettainstitute.org/programs/study-with-us/congressional-intern-training/>.

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