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PALCO - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that two Rooks County students, Travis Couture-Lovelady and Ashley Dopita, are serving as congressional interns in his Hays office. Both are graduates of Palco High School.

"Also being raised in Rooks County, I am glad to offer students like Travis and Ashley the same opportunity I once had as a congressional intern," Moran said. "We need young people to be involved in the political process and working in a congressional office is a good way to learn about the federal government and serve our state."

Couture-Lovelady graduated from Fort Hays State University (FHSU) in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in political science and is currently pursuing a master's of liberal studies from FHSU. Between completing his undergraduate studies and enrolling in the master's program, Couture-Lovelady took classes at Texas Tech University School of Law. After completing his master's degree he plans to work in politics and finish his law degree.

Dopita is currently a senior at FHSU, where she is finishing a bachelor's degree in political science. At FHSU, Dopita is a member of the track and field team, where she has received All-Conference Honors three times and was given the MIAA All-Academic Award in 2007. Last fall, Dopita worked as an intern for the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York. After graduating from FHSU this spring, she plans to attend law school.

"It is an honor to work in a congressional office and serve Kansans," said Couture-Lovelady. "The experience I am gaining through this internship will benefit me throughout my life."

"I have enjoyed serving the residents of Kansas," Dopita said. "Learning about the issues that affect people here at home is very important to me."

In the office, Couture-Lovelady and Dopita assist Moran with legislative and administrative duties on behalf of the people of Kansas.

Travis is the son of Greg and Kathy Lovelady of Palco. Ashley is the daughter of Don and Patti Dopita of Zurich.

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