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Shrewsbury Student Leaders Intern for Representative Kane at the State House

BOSTON- State Representative Hannah Kane, (R-Shrewsbury), was pleased to host two Shrewsbury residents, Lagnajeet Panigrahi and Vasudevan Lakhmanan, as interns in her office at the State House this summer.

Lagnajeet Panigrahi is a rising senior at Shrewsbury High School. His interests lie in policy regarding housing, healthcare, and the economy, as well as research into technology and its applications to society. Lagnajeet also serves as a volunteer and member of his local robotics program and as a bioinformatics researcher at UMass Chan Medical School. In addition, at Shrewsbury High School, he competes and conducts independent research as the captain of the Varsity Math Team and the President of the Science Fair Club.

At the end of his time at the State House Lagnajeet expressed, “It has been amazing to experience the legislative process firsthand and to have the opportunity to work with and meet Representative Kane, as well as many other inspiring individuals at the State House”.

Vasudevan Lakhmanan, Vasu for short, is a rising senior at the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at WPI. Vasu is motivated to investigate economic, climate, and social policy that elevates the quality of life for constituents in the Commonwealth. Outside of school, Vasu is a captain of Shrewsbury High School’s Speech and Debate Team and a photocatalysis researcher at WPI. Alongside these activities, he coaches Speech and Debate to middle schoolers and co-hosts The Neural Network, an Artificial Intelligence podcast.

Towards the end of his time as an in-person intern at the State House, Vasu remarked, “It’s been a remarkable opportunity and privilege to research legislation, meet State Representatives and State Senators, and learn about Massachusetts unique legislative process!”

“Hosting Lagnajeet and Vasu over the summer has been a great experience,” stated **Representative Kane (R-Shrewsbury)**. “They have been an asset to our office, and I am proud of all the work they have done over the summer. I look forward to seeing their future successes, and wish them the best in all their future endeavors.”

Each summer, Representative Kane invites passionate and engaged young leaders of the Eleventh Worcester District to intern on Beacon Hill. Each intern attends the House of Representatives Intern Speaker Series, which provides interns with unique exposure to state government's processes and a diverse array of stakeholders. Representative Kane's interns conduct policy research and analysis of legislation, as well as attend numerous briefings on policy issues and current events on behalf of the office. In addition, interns monitor news developments and summarize updates on local and regional areas of interest.

Summer interns for Representative Kane serve until the conclusion of Session July 31st, when summer recess begins. Representative Kane welcomes a limited number of high school and college-aged interns each summer. Those interested in learning more about an internship with Representative Kane should contact Representative Kane's office at (617) 722-2810.

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