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Greater Mankato Collegiate Leadership Academy to visit State Capitol

MANKATO, Minn. (February 18, 2009) - Students enrolled in the Greater Mankato Colligate Leadership Academy will have the opportunity to meet with state leaders today, February 18.

The Collegiate Leadership Academy began this fall, with more than 20 students from five area colleges and universities. The Academy was developed by Greater Mankato Growth, Minnesota State University, Mankato and Bethany Lutheran, Gustavus Adolphus, Rasmussen and South Central colleges.

The Academy will be taking a bus up to capitol to meet with leaders on the role of Civic Engagement and Leadership. The group will meet with Senator Terry Morrow, former State Representative Ruth Johnson, and Commissioner of Labor & Industry Steve Sviggum. The trip will focus on the way the leaders can become civically engaged and the way that these state leaders balance that role with their private lives.

According to Bryan Stempka, talent initiatives director for Greater Mankato Growth, "We are excited that this session will give students an opportunity to dialogue with a group of very successful, experienced leaders, and learn firsthand how they are able to balance their roles as leaders. The session will also allow the students to give their perspective to the state leaders on issues that matter to them."

The Academy gives students at the five schools the opportunity to develop hands-on leadership skills taught by area leaders. The three-stage program marks the first time that all five schools have collaborated on a leadership and skill development program.

A limited number of students from each institution are admitted to the program. For more information on the Colligate Leadership Academy contact Bryan Stempka at 507.385.6656 or bstempka@greatermankato.com. Online registration and other information is available at www.greatermankato.com/cla.

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