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Summary: Anna Pratt '15 will lead community climate discussions and more.

(September 5, 2014)-Anna Pratt '15, Shoreview, received a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) fellowship for her engagement work with climate dialogues in the Morris community. The only fellow selected from Minnesota, Pratt will focus on local environmental challenges to help residents of west central Minnesota think critically about the effects of climate change and its relevance to communities.

“Climate change is such a big idea, so it can be important to make connections between more extreme weather and things that are closer to home, such as how crops, insurance, and roofing are being affected by these changes,” says Pratt. “Once you make these connections, community members have a clearer perspective of how extreme weather is impacting their lives.”

Pratt began her work on community climate discussions in January 2013, presenting at the Morris Area High School, speaking to the National Guard, and seeking input on climate change from the community. She also participated in the Rural Climate Dialogues at the Jefferson Center and Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.

Pratt will spend one year working with NWF's Emerging Leader Fellowship to improve her leadership skills and network with emerging environmental leaders from across the United States. These skills will allow her to represent NWF at conferences and better conduct her public engagement work.

“I'm really excited that I found support for this,” she says. “It has been fun being able to talk to high-school students and the community about climate change. This is something I want to continue doing after college.”

The National Wildlife Federation is a voice for wildlife, dedicated to protecting wildlife and habitat and inspiring the future generation of conservationists. More information is available at nwf.org.

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