

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BRYCE WENTLANDT, DISTRICT STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT

Starting at a young age, Bryce Wentlandt, of Jackson, has been active in the community that he loves. For 11 years, he's been a member of Washington County 4-H Club's Jackson chapter and is now their co-general leader and a member of the Washington County 4-H Leaders Association Board.

Wentlandt's interest in community involvement and leadership carried into his college career when he began taking classes at Moraine Park.

In fall of 2014, Wentlandt was sitting in his College 101 class when Melanie Schroeder, student involvement specialist at the West Bend campus, spoke to his class about Student Senate.



"I was interested in it right away," said Wentlandt. "I liked the leadership aspect and thought it was a good way to know what's happening on campus."

Since he is enrolled Business Management – Small Business Entrepreneurship program, it was a logical choice for him to get involved in Student Senate, said Wentlandt. He also attended District Student Government (DSG) meetings in his first year where he enjoyed seeing all three campuses come together. He developed the desire to become president of the organization.

"I ran [for president of DSG] because we have such good leaders here at Moraine Park, and being the leader of these great minds would be an honor," said Wentlandt.

He accomplished that goal and became the president of DSG for the 2015-16 academic year. Wentlandt and the other Senate members plan to solidify agenda items from last year and address new topics that may affect the college during this school year. "We're looking to get a lot done this year."

Other members of DSG include Michael Huckaby, of Hartford, vice president; Traci Lawrenz, of Kewaskum, secretary; and Brad Leonhard, of Fond du Lac, parliamentarian.

In addition to his involvement in student government, Wentlandt is also president of Moraine Park's Business Professionals of America Club. He believes these leadership experiences will greatly benefit his future.

After he graduates, Wentlandt plans to eventually combine his business and leadership skills with his interest in archery to establish his own archery shop in the area. Wentlandt has also said his future plans may include holding a local government position.

"I can't imagine living anywhere else," said Wentlandt.

Wentlandt currently works full-time at Blair True Value in Menomonee Falls while attending Moraine Park full-time. He is set to graduate in December of 2016.