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Plano West Junior Appointed to US Senate Page Program

Jennifer Goebel, a junior at Plano West Senior High, was selected by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison as a U.S. Senate Page representing Texas for the spring session, which is underway through June 6, 2008.

Jennifer is involved with many school and community activities including: Syncopation (an elite singing group at PWSH), Plano Metropolitan Ballet, Student Congress, NHS, Girl Scouts, and her church youth group and choir. Recently she became a sole proprietor of her own business, "All-American Dance Company" and signed a nationwide agreement with KinderCare to provide dance lessons to their students.

"I keep getting asked if I'm interested in going into politics," said Jennifer. She says politics are fun to watch, but she was really inspired by Plano Mayor Pat Evans. "Mayor Evans is unlike most politicians you'll ever meet or hear about...she treats everyone with the greatest respect, including kids...and she gets a lot of things done, because they make sense and make our community better, not for political gain," adds Jennifer.

At Webster Hall, a dormitory and school near the U.S. Capitol, Jennifer's junior-year curriculum is geared toward college preparation and emphasis is given to the unique learning opportunities available in Washington, DC. Her school days begin at 6:15 a.m., and she begins her Senate duties at 10:00 a.m.

When the Senate is in session for important business, filibusters, and emergency situations, pages are sometimes required to work into the early hours of the morning. They play an important role in the daily operation of the Senate. Their duties consist primarily of delivery of correspondence and legislative material within the Congressional Complex. Also they prepare the Chamber for Senate sessions, deliver messages for Senators, or call them to the phone. They may also carry bills and amendments to the presiding officer's desk. Pages are salaried employees of the US Senate.

Jennifer will return to Plano West Senior High for her senior year in August 2008.

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