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## **ELAC Student Hunter King to Intern with Congresswoman Grace Napolitano for Hilda Solis Internship Program**

MONTEREY PARK -- East Los Angeles College has proudly announced its decision to send Hunter King to Washington D.C. for the Hilda Solis Internship program this summer. This internship has awarded five students the opportunity to work in the nation's capital directly with members of the House of Representatives. "Students will be housed at the George Washington University dormitories and room and board, round-trip airfare to Washington D.C., and a stipend will be provided by our foundation", stated Paul De La Cerda, Dean and ELAC Foundation Executive Director.

Along with sociology, Hunter is interested in social and political issues ranging from drug reform to environmental preservation. "I'm excited to gain a better understanding of how to make political changes through the experiences I gain and the people I meet working in Washington D.C. this summer", King remarked.

Hunter will be working with Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, the representative of California's 32nd District. Napolitano is a strong advocate for environmental protection, transportation, mental health, veterans, immigration reform, small businesses and women's rights. First elected to Congress in 1998, she is currently serving her tenth term. Napolitano is the Ranking Democratic Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee and also serves on the House Natural Resources Committee. "Direct experience in public service is one of the best ways our bright young students can better understand how government works and the role they can play in shaping the future of this country," stated Napolitano. "We very much look forward to having Hunter join our DC office this summer, assisting with finding legislative solutions to address the needs of all San Gabriel Valley residents."

The Hilda Solis Internship Program is a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in government service and gives them a rare look inside the workings of our legislative, political and administrative systems. "We're excited for our students to participate in the Hilda Solis Internship program this summer and to bring back wisdom about the political system to better our campus", said Marvin Martinez, President of East Los Angeles College.

Hunter is a student at East Los Angeles College majoring in Sociology. Upon returning from Washington DC, he plans to transfer to California State University, Los Angeles.

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