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GUILLEN WELCOMES SPRING INTERNS

Over a Dozen College Students, Recent Grads
Enroll in Spring 2016 Class of the Legislative Internship Program

Austin – State Representative Ryan Guillen (D – District 31) welcomed thirteen bright men and women last week as they began the Spring 2016 Class of the Legislative Internship Program.

“Our Legislative Internship Program provides undergrad and graduate students, as well as recent graduates, the opportunity to learn the inner-workings of a legislative office,” said Guillen as he described the program. “Regardless of whether these young men and women are seeking a career in public office, we offer a unique perspective of the link between an individual and state government and, for many, their first experience working in a professional environment.”

As part of the Legislative Internship Program, full and part-time interns work directly with senior staff on a variety of projects. Daily tasks include: conducting policy research and analysis; monitoring current legislative and political news; developing new ideas for bills and resolutions; preparing informational handouts, press releases, and other materials on important events and legislative updates; attending legislative briefings and stakeholder meetings; tracking and securing grants and other state resources for individuals, businesses, and local governmental entities; and interfacing with state agencies to help constituents navigate red-tape.

Legislative interns work in teams with the senior staff to manage the long-term projects as well as the day-to-day activities of the office. Every spring, summer, and fall, Guillen hosts roughly a dozen interns in his Capitol Office through the program. Previous participants have gone on to some of the top-ranked law and graduate schools and have landed jobs with some of the most prominent companies in the nation.

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