Elizabeth Rasmussen Receives the James Madison Graduate Fellowship

Ms. Elizabeth Rasmussen of the University of South Florida has received a James Madison Fellowship. The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation funds up to $24,000 of each Fellow’s course of study towards a master’s degree and includes a month long seminar on the constitution held at Georgetown University.

Elizabeth is currently pursuing her master’s degree at USF in Curriculum and Instruction -Secondary Education, concentration in Social Studies with a 4.0 GPA. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education-Social Science Education from the University of North Florida. Elizabeth has been teaching since 2008 and currently teaches Social Studies to 9th and 12th grade students at Fort Meade Middle Senior High School. She plans, prepares and executes lesson plans for 9th grade AP Human Geography, 9th grade World Geography and 12th grade AP Macroeconomics and AP U.S. Government and Politics. She is an Item Question and Specification Writer for the Central Florida Assessment Collaborative for the high school Civics and World Cultural Geography End of Course Exams (EOCs), serves as a College Board Reader for the AP Human Geography Exam, is a member of the Freshman Academy Team and the faculty advisor for the National Honor Society at Fort Meade Middle Senior High School. While at the University of North Florida, she was a recipient of the Student Government Hall of Fame Award and also received the Student Government Outstanding Senator Award.

Her long term goal is to continue teaching high school social studies and inspire her students, no matter what subject she teaches them, to use their knowledge of the Constitution and Founding Documents to better support and facilitate their future learning in life.

The Office of National Scholarships identifies, recruits and mentors high achieving students to apply for national merit scholarships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, motivated and academically strong students who are leaders in and out of the classroom.

James Madison Fellowships support the graduate study of American history by aspiring and experienced secondary school teachers of American History, American Government and Social Studies. The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation funds up to $24,000 of each Fellow’s course of study towards a master’s degree. The program must include a concentration of courses on history and principles of the United States Constitution. Generally, one Fellowship per state is awarded each year.