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High-Impact Teaching

We are proud that 100 percent of La Follette School students in public affairs and international public affairs participate in high-impact learning experiences.

Public Affairs Workshops

- Required public affairs workshops continue to have worldwide impact.
- The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families presented the students' findings on homelessness and foster care youth to the U.S. Administration for Children and Families.
- City of Madison staff use students' greenhouse gas inventories to track progress toward reduction goals and to inform policymakers about impacts of possible policy changes.
- The U.S. Government Accountability Office used a student report as background for review meetings with international donors to discuss public financial management.

Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Students' teamwork produces cost-benefit analyses that help real clients make decisions.
- Students analyzed program in Zambia to address harmful alcohol consumption. Students created policy brief that client, Lutheran Health Alliance, presented to Zambian officials.
- Students published results of their cost-benefit analysis for the Illinois Department of Corrections as a La Follette School working paper.

Public Program Evaluation

- Students developed evaluation plans, modeled after a federal grant format, for clients in the nonprofit, state, and higher education sectors.

Professional Development

- More than 30 students visited Wisconsin's Legislative Audit Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and Department of Health Services.
- 18 students met with alumni at their work sites in Washington, D.C., and 24 students visited with alumni in Chicago.
- This academic year, students interned with the office of Wisconsin Rep. Amy Loudenbeck, Working Capital for Community Needs, Education Analytics, City of Madison Parks Division, and Wisconsin Department of Administration's divisions of Housing and Enterprise Technology.
- 93 percent of 2014 graduates employed in their field within six months of graduation.

Elective Courses

- **Leslie Ann Howard**, President of United Way of Dane County, is having her Nonprofit Leadership students share their impressions about the nonprofit sector in blog entries.
- In a new seminar, former Governor **Jim Doyle** is sharing his perspective on state policy.