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## ***LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS INTERNS AT NATIONAL LABORATORY***

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Lauren Graeser of Pittsburgh, Pa., was selected as an intern under the U.S. Department of Energy's Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship program. Lauren is completing the 10-week summer fellowship at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in Pittsburgh, Pa. The fellowship program is sponsored by DOE's Office of Fossil Energy.

Lauren will be a junior at Westminster College, where she is studying mathematics and secondary education. Lauren is working with Vyacheslav Romanov, a post-doctoral fellow at NETL, on a carbon sequestration project in which she is analyzing data and calibrating the apparatus for measuring the amount of carbon dioxide adsorption in different samples of clay.

The Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship Program offers summer internships to minority students to enhance their knowledge and gain hands-on experience. To participate in the program, students must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in mathematics, science, engineering or technology and must hold a minimum grade-point average of 3.0.

Mentored by scientists and researchers, the interns are assigned specific projects related to their skills and qualifications, and they write, present and publish a technical paper at program's end. The fellowship provides interns the opportunity to develop their professional, technical, leadership and communication skills, while promoting careers in the Fossil Energy Program, particularly in fossil fuel research and development.

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