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Alec Grieco, a senior at the University of Pittsburgh, was selected as a research associate at the National Energy Technology Laboratory under the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Institute for Science & Education (ORISE) Program. Grieco is completing the 16-week summer appointment at NETL's Pittsburgh, Pa., research site. NETL also has major research facilities in Albany, Ore., and Morgantown, W.Va.

A native of Bethel Park, Pa., Grieco is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communication with a minor in creative writing. He is working with his mentor, NETL Director of Communications David Anna, on a project to assess the use of social media by NETL. The work has potential for delivering information to online audiences about NETL's activities, accomplishments, and opportunities.

The ORISE program offers summer appointments to undergraduate students, post-graduates, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, and university professors to work part-time or full-time at NETL. The research associates are assigned specific projects intended to teach them how to use their skills and qualifications in a national laboratory.

NETL is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratories. NETL – "the ENERGY lab" – focuses on America's economic prosperity, which requires secure, reliable energy supplies at sustainable prices. Three overarching issues characterize the energy situation in the United States. They are energy affordability, supply security, and environmental quality. The Department of Energy's only government-owned, government-operated national lab, NETL is a research and technology center where these energy challenges converge and energy solutions emerge. NETL implements a broad spectrum of energy and environmental research and development programs through its own research staff and through funded research at other labs, universities, and industry that will return benefits for generations to come.