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Wright Alumna Sent to Democratic National Convention Seminar
By Roosevelt University Scholars Program

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REPORTS that Jennifer Burkhardt, Wright Class of 2003 and now enrolled in the Scholars Program at Roosevelt University, was selected by Roosevelt to attend the Washington Center Democratic National Convention Academic Seminar in Boston after she wrote a prize winning essay on why she'd like to attend the convention. Two hundred students from colleges and universities throughout the country participated.

In addition to attending the Convention, the seminar provided opportunities for the students to visit the Harvard 's John F. Kennedy School of Government to watch the taping of Washington Weekly and to attend functions. Burkhardt said her favorite was a panel discussion on "Revolutionary Women." Panelists included Hilary Clinton, Madeline Albright, Carol Mosely Braun and California Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

Attending the seminar "was a life changing experience," Burkhardt said. And indeed it was. Before she attended the seminar, she was bent on earning bachelor's and master's degrees and a doctorate in education. But now, because of what she learned at the Washington seminar, she's changing her major to political science. "I'm going to apply to the University of Chicago Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies when I finish at Roosevelt," she said. She also vowed to get involved with politics immediately and spent her first weekend after returning from Boston, campaigning for Barack Obama in Edgebrook.

Burkhardt began at Wright as a GED student and "bridged" into the credit program. In a little over a year, she was president of Wright's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for two-year colleges. Before she graduated she was named the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate, the first student in the City Colleges of Chicago District to receive the award.

Respectfully submitted,

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