

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Name: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Date: October 22nd, 2014

Title: Student Spotlight: Saint Paul College

Purpose (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed
New Policy or
Amendment to
Existing Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals
Required by
Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Approvals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring /
Compliance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information | |

Brief Description:

This item will provide a ten minute highlight of two MnSCU student success stories, Anthony Sawyer, the president of the student senate and government, and Leena Jamaledin, the marketing secretary for student government at Saint Paul College. Leena is also member of the El-Futuro Club, and the winner of 2014 President' Scholarship. Each student will have five minutes to give a brief background of their story, and where they currently are in their higher education.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

John O'Brien
Trustee Anderson Kelliher (introduces students)
Anthony Sawyer
Leena Jamaledin
Campus representatives from Saint Paul College, Dr. Kelly Murtaugh

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INFORMATION ITEM
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SAINT PAUL COLLEGE

BACKGROUND

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board Trustee Anderson Kelliher implemented a student and institution highlight for each Board meeting, where students or institutions of the MnSCU system tell their stories of success.

Each student spotlight will present students from the campuses of MnSCU to present to the trustees their stories of how the programs offered at MnSCU institutions make quality higher education accessible to them or others.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Anthony Sawyer

Anthony is a former homeless drug addict with little financial resources, who is now sober and Chair of the Saint Paul College President’s Group. In the past year he has taken the lead on starting Students in Recovery, a student group to provide anonymous, closed session support meetings for students on the campus that are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

Leena Jamaledin

Leena started her college career two months after arriving in the United States from Palestine. She immediately worked to redefine what “student involvement” meant. Not only did she serve as a math and writing tutor, she was treasurer of the student senate and the El Futuro Club, as well as the marketing and events coordinator for the Muslim Student Association. With those groups, she helped organize Islam Awareness Week, and the Cinco de Mayo festival. At graduation, she received the President’s Scholarship.