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Economic Development welcomes Gonzaga Intern

Williston Economic Development is pleased to welcome its 2018 summer intern. Gonzaga University student Anika Michaelsen started working for the City of Williston on Tuesday, May 22. The 18-year-old Seattle native is ready to learn all she can about city government.

"I just thought it would be a cool way to push myself out of my comfort zone and do something completely new," said Michaelsen. "I would love to gain some practical work experience while working for a smaller, locally run government."

Michaelsen interned with the Port of Seattle while in high school, so she is interested in comparing WED to the larger entity. She is studying business administration with a minor in communications at Gonzaga and plans to study in Glasgow next spring. That's Glasgow, Scotland (not Montana)!

"I'm so excited to attend the University of Glasgow this coming spring," said Michaelsen. "I feel that Glasgow will be a great jumping off point allowing me to explore the UK and beyond."

Michaelsen, an avid athlete, plans to fill her free time by staying fit. She runs 30-35 miles per week and looks forward to exploring new trails and the offerings at the Williston Area Recreation Center. In her short time in Williston she has already tried a group fitness class and the competition swimming pool.

"The facility is so nice and there are so many people using it all of the time," said Michaelsen.

The Gonzaga-Williston summer internship program is celebrating its 6th anniversary this year. The program was started in 2013 as a way to attract employees to Williston while giving students valuable training.

"This is the third year economic development has hired a Gonzaga summer intern," said Shawn Wenko, Williston Economic Development executive director. "We look forward to working with Anika as she helps us explore ways to attract millennials to Williston while giving her a good educational experience."

About 13 Gonzaga University students will be working in Williston this summer. The students will be living in the dormitory on the Williston State College campus. In past years, the interns

have traveled to some of the surrounding tourist attractions such as Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park.

To learn more about the internship program contact Vicki Hucke at hucke@gonzaga.edu.