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Taking time to teach

Two Linfield College graduates will spend next year teaching in France after earning French government teaching assistantships.

Annis, who earned a degree in American English conversation and French and English, will teach American culture, with students in French classrooms share American culture, along with the English language, with students in French classrooms next year after earning French government teaching assistantships. Since 1999, five Linfield students have applied for and received French government scholarships. It is a very great pleasure for the Linfield faculty to win these prestigious awards.”

Annis, a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta honorary and a past recipient of the Linfield Faculty Scholarship, said Linfield professors encouraged her to stretch intellectually and answer questions she’s posed for herself. “Annis’s interest in France dates from her early childhood, and her enthusiasm for all things French is contagious,” said Deborah Olsen, Linfield director of academic advising. “I’m especially pleased that she’ll be able to return to Brittany to further explore her interest in the culture of that region.”

Prax, who earned a degree in mass communication, will teach English in a secondary school on Corsica, an island off the south coast of France. She’s looking forward to bolstering her language skills while exploring the island’s ancient culture.

“The city I come from in Alaska is only about 100 years old,” Prax said. “It will be interesting to be in a place where thousands of years of history are right there in front of me.”

With only two years of French study to her credit, Prax’s award is significant, according to Olsen. “Leanne is a very capable student with broad interests,” Olsen said. “It’s remarkable that she has gained sufficient fluency in French in two years to be selected for this award.”

While at Linfield, Prax compressed her academic schedule to graduate a year early and still managed to fit in a January Term trip to London. “Linfield has taught me to find the resources I need to live abroad and give me an appreciation for other groups of people,” said Prax, a member of Pi Gamma Mu and Alpha Lambda Delta honoraries.

Following her teaching stint in France, Prax hopes to attend graduate school in media studies. She said the experience offers the added benefit of observing mass media in another culture. The achievements of Annis and Prax come as no surprise to Margaret Krause, associate professor of French. “Erin and Leanna are serious students of the French language,” Krause said. “They competed nationwide with other undergraduates and won the teaching assistantships. It is a very great pleasure for me to see Linfield French students win these prestigious awards.”

— Laura Davis

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Great changes have taken place at Linfield College in recent years. Along with those changes, one publication is being retired and a new one is being introduced. The Linfield Magazine replaces the Linfield College Bulletin, a tabloid publication that has served the college well for many years. But as the college has grown and evolved, so has the need for a publication that reflects those trends. Our intention is to improve the overall quality of the publication, add color and make it more dynamic for the reader. What remains the same is our mission, our desire to engage and inform you, the readers: the alumni, parents and friends of Linfield College. We hope you enjoy Linfield Magazine.

— The Editors

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