



Nicholai Joekey spent two weeks as part of my office team, through the RSVP Program. Pictured here with Katie Rael, Pat Jackson and myself.

# News From *MARY*

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## Student visitors observe and learn how State government works first hand



Close-Up Students have the opportunity to watch legislative sessions in progress



And to talk with legislators about the session, legislative issues. Students also work on projects important to their home communities.



Alaska Youth for the Environment also sent representatives to Juneau to advocate for environmental issues and learn about the legislative process.



Individual home projects are as varied as their home communities. Students often check on the status of water, sewer and road projects.



Each group of Close-Up students follows a specific bill and learn to advocate for or against the legislation in a mock legislative session.



This year several groups chose my Alaska History Bill, HB 171, for this learning opportunity. I testified before the committee and urged their support of the legislation.