



Lincoln High School Educators Rising Student Finishes 3rd at National Competition

Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School student, Alison Hepp, joined more than 1,500 Educator Rising student leaders, teacher leaders and PDK members at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, FL from June 21 – June 24 to participate in the annual 2018 Educators Rising National Conference.

The conference provided Educator Rising students opportunities to come together for energizing learning while listening to inspiring speakers, connecting with other aspiring teachers, expanding leadership skills, sharpening talents, and exploring the teaching career pathway. The theme of this year's conference was "We Stand Up," which inspired attendees to stand up and make a change. Educators Rising students had the opportunity to compete in 19 performance-based competitions. These competitions provided the opportunity for the aspiring teacher to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and leadership in education.

Alison Hepp participated in one of 19 competitive events called "Educators Rising Leadership Award." This event sought to exemplify sound leadership and a strong commitment to improving education in local communities. The project required a minimum of 40 hours of work (completed outside course curriculum), and a completed project portfolio and presentation to a panel of judges detailing the strategy for sustainability when the competition is over. Alison was recognized as the 3rd place National finalist for her project, "Raider Buddies."

About Educators Rising

Educators Rising cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession. As an international student organization, Educators Rising is integrated into co-curricular programs of study in which students engage in college-level coursework and gain authentic, clinical opportunities to try out teaching. In addition to these school-based programs, Educators Rising helps students and teachers connect and deepen their learning through the EdRising Virtual Campus, a cutting-edge online community that offers rigorous resources to support the development of great teachers.

Powered by PDK International and founded in 1937 as Future Teachers of America, Educators Rising has helped thousands of students develop key skills, knowledge, and experiences on the road to great teaching. Educators Rising is helping communities grow their own next generation of great educators, and you can be a part of it - *for more information on Educators Rising or if you would like to make a donation to this local organization, please contact Valerie DeVries-Polman at 715-424-6750 or Valerie.DeVries@wrps.net.*

