

Career in politics beckons Chippewa Valley student



Jacob Chludzinski

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Jacob Chludzinski. Remember that name. If Jacob's plan works out, you might see it on a ballot one day.

"I've always been interested in current events," said Jacob, a Chippewa Valley senior selected as a Macomb Daily Student of the Week. "When I got into high school, I got interested in politics. Most of the decisions being made (by lawmakers) now are going to influence our generation."

Jacob's goal is to eventually run for political office. He'll begin his quest next fall when he enrolls in college, most likely Michigan State University, to study political science.

After he completes his undergraduate work, Jacob figures his journey will take him to an "elite" law school, where he'll pursue a law degree.

After that, who knows? Maybe one day, he'll enter a room accompanied by "Hail to the Chief."

"If my path takes me there, so be it," he said.

The son of Tom and Laura Chludzinski of Clinton Township, Jacob boasts a grade-point average above 4.0. He's present of Chippewa Valley's Student Government, is a member of the Coalition Teen Council and the school's politics club. He's also a National Honor Society member.

Jacob's interests spread to music, as evidenced by his participation in the Men's A Capella Group and jazz band. He's played and studied percussion instruments for a dozen years and is a member of the Chippewa Valley Marching Band's drumline section.

"Jacob is a well-rounded student, great leader and involved community member," said Lisa Carr, a counselor at Chippewa Valley High School. "He excels academically, always challenging himself inside the classroom by taking higher-level courses."

"... Jacob's traits and actions characterize those of the ideal student."

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