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New Student Regent Appointed by Governor Ducey

PHOENIX, Ariz. – The Arizona Board of Regents welcomes Lauren L'Ecuyer as the new student regent on the board pending approval by the Arizona State Senate. L'Ecuyer was appointed to the board by Gov. Doug Ducey and is an undergraduate student at Northern Arizona University. L'Ecuyer will begin serving her two-year term on July 1, 2018, when Student Regent Vianney Careaga concludes his term.

"I look forward to welcoming Student Regent L'Ecuyer to the board and continuing the legacy of student regents who represent their peers at our universities," said ABOR Chair Bill Ridenour. "Student regents are valuable members of the Arizona Board of Regents who inform decision making by sharing student perspectives."

L'Ecuyer is earning a dual major at NAU in where she is studying political science and hotel and restaurant management at the university. She is in the honors program and has served the Associated Students of NAU as the governing organization's president, vice president of academic affairs and as a senator. In addition, L'Ecuyer served as an intern for the McCain Institute for International Leadership and she worked for the senator's campaign.

"This marks a historic occasion for the board and our students with the student regent position entering its 40th year," ABOR President Eileen Klein said. "Lauren is an outstanding student leader with a strong commitment to public service and higher education in Arizona, including her own university."

L'Ecuyer's first year on the board will be as a non-voting member. The governor appoints eight people in staggered eight-year terms to the board as well as two student regents who serve staggered two-year terms with the first year as a non-voting member. L'Ecuyer will serve her first year with Regent Aundrea DeGravina as the voting student regent.

"Serving as a student regent offers one of the best training experiences for students at our universities who are interested in public policy, higher education and leadership. Lauren is an exceptionally qualified student who will continue a long tradition of service for the benefit of students and our universities. I'm proud to have had this opportunity and will always treasure my time on the board as one of the great learning experiences of my college years," Student Regent Vianney Careaga said.

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