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Quick Facts

- Senior Brooke Ashley Barber was chosen to participate in a year-long scholarship program in Germany.
- A native of Rock Hill, Barber is a mass communication major/German minor.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Brooke Ashley Barber**, a senior at Winthrop University, was recently selected as one of 75 participants in the 2007-08 **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals**.

The **year-long scholarship program** is designed to give participants understanding for everyday life, education and professional training in Germany and the United States. For American participants, the 12-month program begins in late July and consists of two months of intensive German language training in Germany, four months of classroom instruction at a German university or College of Applied Sciences and a five-month internship in their career field. Germany selects 100 students annually to participate.

The American program is funded by the **Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State** under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961.

Winthrop officials are delighted that Barber applied and was accepted into the program. "**Ashley Barber** has a rare depth of intelligence matched by a shining artist's creativity," said German professor Donald Friedman. "She already has excellent, honed German skills and a nascent international perspective. She is ideally suited for this prestigious Bundestag award and the adventurous possibilities it offers."

Barber, a graduate of Rock Hill High School, looks forward to studying abroad. "The biggest benefits of this program are that it is mostly paid for through the government and the internship is very hands-on," she said.

A mass communication major and German minor, **Barber** is the assistant producer for Winthrop Close-up, a member of the dance team and vice president of her sorority, Zeta Phi Beta. She started taking German classes in seventh grade and has taken courses every year through high school and college. Her parents are Albert and Doris Barber of Rock Hill.

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