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Quick Facts

- Junior Evan Russo of Columbia, S.C., will serve on the State Farm Youth Advisory Board.
- Russo was chosen from more than 600 applicants.



Evan Russo

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Evan Russo**, a Winthrop junior from Columbia, S.C., was recently selected to serve on the **State Farm Youth Advisory Board** for the next year.

He is one of 30 youth chosen from more than 600 applicants to design and implement a \$5 million-a-year signature service-learning initiative to address issues important to State Farm and communities across the United States and Canada. The board members are selected for their service-learning experiences, volunteering and philanthropy, in their communities. They are charged with administering the program, from determining issues of interest, to the evaluation and selection of grantees. In return for their service, State Farm awards scholarships to board members.

Russo gained service-learning experience at Spring Valley High School where he became involved with the Richland Two Youth Action Council, a district wide organization that promotes youth-directed civic engagement within a service-learning framework. With the Council, he traveled to a number of national conferences to present his service-learning experiences, wrote a number of funded grants to further educational projects, and authored articles for national teaching publications about the importance of service-learning in schools. At Winthrop, he has been heavily involved in campus life as a member of the Resident Students' Association and the Council of Student Leaders. He will begin work this fall for a second year as a resident assistant for a floor of about 50 predominantly freshmen males in an academic success community focused on leadership development.

"I am now at a point where I can help other people get involved and make a measurable impact in their communities," said **Russo**, a business administration major.

The **State Farm Youth Advisory Board** funds youth-led service-learning initiatives involving primary and secondary school students engaging in projects addressing disaster preparedness, driver safety, financial education and access to higher education. Visit the [SFYAB Web site](#) for more information.

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