



Newt's wheels?: Annemarie Scanio had a photo taken in front of a vintage avocado Ford Mustang. A spokesman at U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich's office confirms the Congressman owns an avocado 1967 Ford Mustang.

She gets glimpse of D.C.-style dealings

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Annemarie Scanio found the D.C. in Washington might as well stand for dilemma and conundrum. The Farmington High senior received a crash course in both attending the National Young Leaders Conference in the nation's capital Dec. 3-8.



Annemarie Scanio

Those selected see the sights and the Senators, but also delve into politics with their own model congress. Two parties — Nationalists and Federalists — debated immigration policy. Scanio, 17, lined up on the Federalist side, which split into four caucuses on the issue. "When I look back, I feel sorry

for politicians," said Scanio, who is a letter winner in soccer and swimming at Farmington High. "Working with 25 people, it was so hard to get one thing done. I can't imagine trying to get a bill passed with that many people in (the U.S. Congress)." More so, Scanio found herself in the minority. The stance she advocated was not one she personally endorsed. Others split down extreme lines, proposing that both illegal and legal immigrants receive government aid and education to a full ban on immigration all together. Scanio tried to work on a compromise between the two positions. "Although I didn't believe in it, I did my best to sway others to believe in it," Scanio said. The purpose of the leadership development conference is to give students a sample of the polemics involved in decision making. "The conference provides the opportunity for students, like

Annemarie, to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said John Hines, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, which sponsors the program. "Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future." Scanio plans to attend either the University of Michigan or the University of Nevada Las Vegas. She's not sure what she'll major in but is considering political science after attending the conference. A teacher and Farmington High alumni member recommended Scanio attend. She paid her own way to Washington D.C. Visits to the Washington Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Korean and Vietnam war memorials were highlights of the trip, she said. The real eye-opening experience came from meeting other students from across the country. "There was a girl from Califor-

nia who had never seen snow before," Annemarie said. She met her representative, U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-West Bloomfield, but didn't get a chance to rendezvous with U.S. Sens. Carl Levin or Spencer Abraham. Another student from Massachusetts ran into a similar situation. "This girl ... was hoping to meet Ted Kennedy, but he wasn't there," Scanio said. "I said, 'He's probably in West Palm Beach or something.'" Scanio didn't run into Newt Gingrich either, but was told the Georgia U.S. Representative's avocado-colored early model Ford Mustang was parked outside. She posed for a picture in front of it. A Gingrich spokesman confirmed the Congressman, in fact, owns a 1967 avocado Ford Mustang. "Cool," Annemarie said. The trip itself will remain a vintage one in her mind. "It was wonderful," she said. "It was probably the best experience I've ever had."

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CLARIFICATION

A photograph on the front page of the Thursday, Dec. 12, issue incorrectly identified Julie Tashjian as the 6-year-old talk-

ing to Santa Claus after he landed by helicopter in downtown Farmington.

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