MESABI RANGE COLLEGE STUDENTS RYAN JANDREY AND ZIA KOEPKE NAMED TO MINNESOTA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Virginia, MN - Mesabi Range College students Ryan Jandrey and Zia Koepke have been named to the Minnesota All-Academic Team. Ryan and Zia were nominated by Mesabi Range College Interim Provost Shelly McCauley-Jugovich as they are both members of the Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and are high achieving students.

Phi Theta Kappa and two-year college presidents and state associations sponsor All-State Academic Team ceremonies in 38 participating states. Students from the 38 participating states nominated to the All-USA Academic Team are named to the All-State Academic Teams.

Chris Vito, advisor of Phi Theta Kappa states, “I could not be prouder of Ryan and Zia. They exemplify what Phi Theta Kappa is all about - scholarship and service. This is a tremendous honor for the Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and Mesabi Range College as a whole.” They will attend a celebration on Friday, April 6 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn.

Ryan Jandrey of Gilbert, MN is a 2016 graduate of Eveleth-Gilbert High School. He is working toward an Associate of Arts Degree with an emphasis in biology. Ryan plans to transfer to the Minnesota State University, Mankato and major in biology or chemistry. He plans to become a pharmacist. Ryan is the president of Mesabi Range College’s Student Senate and an active member of the Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa providing an interface between the two campus organizations. He has received multiple scholarships while at Mesabi Range College.

Zia Koepke, of Eveleth, MN is a high school student taking college classes through the PSEO program. She is the secretary of Mesabi Range College’s Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Zia is earning her Associate of Science Degree directed towards enrolling in Iron Range Engineering’s four-year program upon high school graduation. She intends to obtain a PhD in aerodynamic or biomedical engineering. Zia is currently working with college faculty members and the community to organize events for Mesabi Range College’s students.

Both students were admitted into Phi Theta Kappa after being named to Mesabi Range College’s Dean’s List and are very grateful for this recognition.