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Two OSU Students Elected as Delegates to the Democratic National Convention

Will represent Ohio's 12th Congressional District in Philadelphia this Summer

Delaware, OH: On January 5th, hundreds of people packed into the Delaware Area Career Center to elect the delegates that would represent them at the 2016 Democratic National Convention. Running as a ticket, Ohio State Freshman Spencer Dirrig and Sophomore Kelly Harrop delivered a stunning upset in winning first male and female delegates.

The students won in a landslide, capturing 61 and 67 votes respectively! Dirrig and Harrop are pledged Hillary Clinton delegates, and will be voting to nominate her for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

The election was for the 4 delegates that will represent Ohio's 12th Congressional District at the national convention. The 12th district includes Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Morrow, Marion and Richland counties. The delegates will be representing the district's 776,000 residents.

Both Dirrig and Harrop are studying political science at The Ohio State University. Dirrig and Harrop have served as campaign managers and on campaign staffs throughout the central Ohio area for years. "To represent Ohio State on a national level is an incredible honor," said Dirrig.

With the support of the Franklin and Delaware County Young Democrats, Harrop and Dirrig were able to bring out dozens of fellow students and political activists to vote for their nomination as delegates.

"It was truly humbling to see several different dynamics of people rally together and support us. I think it shows people are truly ready for new political leadership both in our district and in Washington," said Harrop.

Spencer Dirrig is currently a finance intern for Ted Strickland's U.S. Senate campaign and serves as the Chairmen of the Hillary Clinton Caucus on Ohio State's Campus. Harrop recently helped elect Columbus' new Mayor Andy Ginther and City Councilmember Michael Stinziano and has recently accepted a position on Kristen Boggs' statehouse campaign.

"I'm honored to have the support of the Democratic Party and the residents of Ohio's 12th Congressional District. I am ready to represent these citizens and all young people across Ohio," said Dirrig.

"I am pledged to Hillary Clinton because, as a student, I stand behind her college compact and promise of a debt-free education. We are in a time of international chaos and no one is better prepared to tackle terrorism and the global economy like Hillary Clinton," said Dirrig.

The two Ohio State Students will now be campaigning for Hillary Clinton in their 12th district. If she earns 47% or more of the vote in district 12, both students will be on their way to Philadelphia in July.