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Classmate Interview

Rapid Rivers and D.C. Dreams

The East Tennessee State University Public Relations student sits quietly at her table. She smiles nicely and waits for the instructor to begin.

Max Nelkin is completing her mass communications degree with a minor in marketing. Upon graduating, she hopes to work in politics. Politics is a very busy and fast-paced career, which is great for someone with a degree in public relations, but might be surprising to hear coming from someone with such a sweet and quiet disposition.

Nelkin's goal is to be able to perform public relations in the world of politics by working for various senators and governors. Her dream would be to work her way up to a position in the White House. "I feel like I could make some kind of difference and I think it's important to know who is running our country and what is going on," says Nelkin.

In preparation of obtaining her dream job, Nelkin has joined the ETSU College Republicans.

Once graduated, she plans to work on a local level of politics and for different local officials to get started in the industry. She also plans on moving from Johnson City to the Washington D.C. area.

Nelkin is originally from Sevierville, TN where she graduated high school from Sevier County High School. She came to Johnson City to attend ETSU for her undergraduate degree.

Nelkin has a few hobbies that she really enjoys. One hobby that would not be expected is river rafting. She says that a friend invited her to go rafting and she thought it was fun so she has done it ever since. Nelkin has even worked as a river rafting guide for the past two years at Appalachian Outdoors located in Hartford, TN.