

# Presidents' Student Leadership Award

## James Daly

### St. Olaf College



James has thrown himself enthusiastically into the Northfield community civic engagement arena. This past summer he participated in the St Olaf College Leaders for Social Change Internship program, where he split his time between the Cannon River Watershed Partnership and the Northfield Grassroots Transportation Initiative (NGTI). As part of his work with NGTI, James was instrumental in the city's successful Department of Transportation TIGER grant award of \$1.06 million dollars for a multimodal trail connecting the East and West sides of Northfield that will vastly improve the non-motorized transportation options for our underserved communities. The TIGER trail project also addresses our community's health, livability and sustainability goals, while at the same time being an economic driver for our historic downtown. In his other work for the NGTI, James led an independent research project to explore the feasibility of a citywide bike share, car share and/or electric car share program.

James actively encourages sustainability and community engagement on campus. He was recently elected as the Student Government Association Environmental Senator for the 2012-13 academic year.

Erica Zweifel, member of the Northfield City Council, commented, "James Patrick Daly is a treasure and our community is better place for his involvement in it."

