

Learning from Each Other

In addition to learning about green technologies and new development strategies for rural communities the Rural Learning Center hosts visitors from across our region, our state and even our world. This week RLC will be hosting Delphine Mannina from Bordeaux, France. Current a student in Toulouse (about 200 miles south of Bordeaux) Mannina has been studying in the school of agronomy for the past two years. Her work has centered around crops/farming, environment, agricultural economy, French agricultural history, mathematics, English and other general classes. During the last portion of her studies she was required to choose a specialization and chose “agro-management” which deals with rural sociology, management but also accountancy and other topics.



Delphine learning about Teresa Poppen's work at the Rural Learning Center.

Mannina has a passion for many things “rural” including horses and has been an avid horse rider since age 14. “I am a very curious person and I like to discover new things. This is my first time to travel. I didn’t want to just see the big cities like New York and Chicago and that’s why I’m so excited to be coming to South Dakota,” she said.

Mannina will be in Miner County the week of July 26-30. During her stay she will be meeting with the Rural Learning Center staff, visiting Children’s Care Corner, Miner Homes and Brick Home Apartments, meeting with SDSU Extension staff, and visiting with the farm families Mary & Gary Stangohr, Brenda & Bernard Donahue and Greg & Kathy Callies. She also hopes to get a chance to fit in some horse riding with the Donahue family.

“I would like to discover who are the Americans, your culture, your way of life, your history,” Mannina wrote.

Mannina is an intern with Professor Meredith Redlin, Rural Sociologist from South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.