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LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF THE STATE

Some of Louisiana's most outstanding students have been selected as new members of the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) and will work together over the next year in an effort to influence the legislative process and make the state a better place for young people. A new council is selected annually and is composed entirely of students to addresses issues affecting the youth of Louisiana. It is overseen by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.

Now in its tenth year, LYAC facilitates the communication between youth and the legislature and gives students the unique opportunity to be involved in the workings of state government. LYAC members will have the opportunity to study and address issues of importance to young people, including education, employment, youth health and physical fitness, strategies to increase youth participation in local and state government, underage drinking, litter and environmental control, youth access to state and local services, and various other issues.

The 31 members of the council are selected from a large pool of applicants from around the state who display a strong interest in civic involvement. Three student members serve from each of the congressional districts and the remainder serve at-large. The members must be in grades nine through twelve and enrolled in a public or private high school or participating in a home study program.

Members of the 2017-2018 Legislative Youth Advisory Council are as follows:

- Congressional District 1
 - Madelyn Carlos Houma Christian School
 - Madeline Malbrough Houma Christian School
 - Alex Wisecarver St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School

- Congressional District 2

- Nydia Cooper Ascension Catholic High School
- Micah Daggs Ascension Catholic High School
- Hrilina Ramrakhiani Arden Cahill Academy

- Congressional District 3
 - Alix Basden Lafayette High School
 - Reed Broussard Teurlings Catholic High School
 - Mary Catherine Reggie Berwick High School

- Congressional District 4
 - Bobby Alexander Airline High School
 - Gabrielle Fontenot Sacred Heart High School
 - Hannah Mitchell Logansport High School

- Congressional District 5
 - Campbell Creed St. Frederick High School
 - Jesse Landry West Feliciana High School
 - Aaron Wilson West Feliciana High School

- Congressional District 6
 - Caleb Broussard Walker High School
 - Joseph Howard Zachary High School
 - Revathi Menon Baton Rouge Magnet High School

- At-Large Members
 - Kennedy Andara Haynes Academy for Advanced Students
 - Taylor Collins Isidore Newman
 - Chad Fuselier Lafayette High School
 - Paxton dePingre C.E. Byrd High School
 - Canlin Dionne Bethal Sacal
 - Megan Register Logansport High School
 - Eugenia Williams Westminister Christian Academy
 - Katie Hall Ouachita Christian School
 - Ruby Roberg West Feliciana High School
 - Manny Bailey Baton Rouge Magnet High School
 - Madelyn Cutrone Cutrone Academy
 - Marian Luzier Walker High School
 - Bailey Scott Denham Springs High School

The first order of business for new LYAC members will be to participate in an orientation and leadership seminar in July 2017. Major initiatives and activities of the council this year will include participating on the Louisiana Public Broadcasting program, Louisiana Public Square; partnering with the Louisiana World Peace Day Committee on world peace activities held each Fall; participating in Global Youth Service Day; awarding LYAC Leadership awards to outstanding

young leaders each year; participating in 4H Day; promoting the Legislator's Back to School Program; and, promoting opportunities for a youth voice in local government.

Note to media: please see the attached document for the biographies of the students from your area.

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