

Ananya Bhatia is a junior at Caddo Parish Magnet High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. At Magnet, she is the president of GirlUp and founder of the TED-Ed Student Talks Program. Ananya is also an active member of Model United Nations and has won and participated in many conferences. She enjoys engaging with her community through service and leadership and is currently the secretary of her school's National Honor Society, Service Coordinator of Key Club, and Vice President of UNICEF. She has played the violin for eleven years through the Shreveport Suzuki Program and enjoys playing in school, college, and statewide orchestras. She serves as the Community Outreach Chair for the Teen Advisory Committee of Northwest Louisiana and was also accepted to the School of the *New York Times* where she had the opportunity to grow her interest in journalism and international affairs. She is passionate about gender equality and politics and hopes to advocate for the equality of all students in Louisiana through the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Eleanor Brooks is a senior at Lusher Charter School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is president of her school's National Honor Society and is taking multiple classes at Tulane University as a concurrent student. Eleanor is passionate about advocating for gender and racial equality and has been active as a trained Anti Defamation League peer facilitator. Outside of school, Eleanor is a certified lifeguard at Live Oak Wilderness Camp and has participated in a four-year rigorous Leadership Seminar series that builds skills for tomorrow's leaders of New Orleans. Eleanor enjoys working with younger students and is a volunteer at the Children's Museum. Mixing her love of ice cream and people, Eleanor has the perfect part-time job at Creole Creamery. She is an avid horseback rider and enjoys live music and spending time with friends. She was selected to represent her school as a participant in the Louisiana Girls State program and is excited to learn more about the political process as a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Anil Cacodcar is a senior at the Episcopal School of Acadiana in Lafayette, Louisiana and is a returning member of LYAC. He's a strong advocate for civic engagement—serving as the Secretary-General for the Louisiana Model UN program. Anil was previously given the Monice Oliphant Award for “being the one student that most encourages and fosters leadership through service, fellowship, and responsibility in their participating with Model United Nations.” In addition, he has a keen interest in filmmaking and animation, winning an award for his video on climate change and civic engagement submitted to the National Civic Life Contest. Anil values integrity as the president of his school's Honor Council, which is a student-led body that deals with violations of the Honor Code. Outside of his academic pursuits, Anil can be found sailing, cooking Portuguese food, and playing Minecraft with his friends. He is extremely thankful for this chance to represent the youth of Louisiana.

Alexis Ellis is a senior at Destrehan High School just outside of New Orleans, Louisiana. She is currently serving her second term as president of the St. Charles Parish Junior Leaders' 4-H Club and Vice President of the Louisiana 4-H SET Board. One of Alexis' proudest moments is head coordinating a parishwide school supply drive to aid both Prien and Kauffmen Elementary, two schools heavily affected by Hurricane Laura in Lake Charles during October 2020. On a national level, Alexis was selected as a National Conference Delegate and was then granted the opportunity to present problem-solving techniques for the US Census Bureau. She was also recently granted a position on the American Battlefield Trust Youth Leadership Team where she will work alongside a delegation in Washington, D.C. to help increase historical awareness among Louisiana youth. Most inspiringly, Alexis values giving back to her community of St. Charles Parish. She is actively involved in 4-H, choir, Interact, NEHS, and YAT to serve her community in and around St. Charles Parish. This year, Alexis has big goals for her term on the LYAC team, some of which include the ability to connect with her peers from around the state, highlighting issues in her community, and catering to the welfare of Louisiana youth.

Elliott Gomes is a sophomore at Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is also a member of the National Leadership Council's servant leadership program and an active volunteer in his community. Elliott is a 2021 recipient of the Louisiana Public Broadcasting Young Heroes Award. He enjoys academic competitions and won first place in the 2019 Rummel Academic Rally, is a recipient of the Duke TIP Grand Recognition Award, and has earned many medals in local and national Academic Games. Additionally, Elliott has coordinated several fundraisers to help send students to PETALS school in Kenya. Elliott is an avid reader and especially loves history books. As such, he is looking forward to working with LYAC to promote literacy and equity in education throughout Louisiana.

Mohamad Habib is a Junior at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. He is part of the NHS club, BETA Club, Soccer team, and the swimming team. He is the E-Board secretary of student council. Mohamad is also a 4.0 student and is an AP Scholar. Mohamad is also a part of the National Speech and Debate team and has won many honors across the state, including a state championship in Duo Interpretation. He looks forward to working with his peers to bring attention to the grassroots power of students as a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Reilyn Hilton is a senior at Sam Houston High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She is the president of the French and Political Science Clubs and a member of the school's BETA and PILOT clubs. Reilyn is also a founding member of the American Exchange Program, a national nonprofit, and an intern for the #WeavingCommunity social outreach program. She placed third in the C-SPAN StudentCam 2020 Video Competition for her entry on Prescription Drug Prices and hopes to help both the council and Louisiana's youth during her time as a member.

Amanda Hux is a senior at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. She is the Executive Board President of Lafayette High School, was the District LASC (Louisiana Association of Student Councils) Vice President in 2019, and currently serves as the LASC State Parliamentarian. She is also heavily involved in the community Youth Advisory Program and Youth and Government Club, being named the Youth Legislature Coordinator. She attended both LEG and MUN in 2020 and 2021, making plenary on both bills. Amanda is a part of BETA and National Honors Society, placing second in the BETA State Conference for Marketing and Communication. She plays varsity tennis and volleyball at LHS, making Second-Team All District in tennis. She also runs cross country in the summers. She is in the talented and gifted program at Lafayette High, having played piano and sung since she was seven-years-old, and being a previous Regional USAG Gymnastics Champion. Amanda is in the top choir at LHS, La Voix Du Lion, and is in the Choir Leadership Club as well. She is a worship leader and student leader at Our Saviors Church Lafayette. She also works part time at Chris' Poboys, and was previously named the Sonic Drive-In Employee of the Month. She attended the FBI Youth Academy in 2019 and plans to major in political science. Amanda is looking forward to gaining more knowledge and insight into the legislative process, and aims to work with her peers to create a better future for all of Louisiana.

Kaden Jackson is a sophomore at Grand Lake High School in Grand Lake, Louisiana. She has been active in Student Council at her high school for two years and will serve as secretary in the upcoming school year. She is an active member of Cameron Parish 4-H Junior Leaders for two years and participating in numerous community service projects. In 2020-2021, she served on the State 4-H Food and Fitness Board. She also shows livestock in 4-H throughout the state and is on the varsity track team for her school. Kaden is active at her local church, Grand Lake Community Church. She enthusiastically helped with hurricane clean-up and distribution of food and basic supplies to people in the Grand Lake community after Hurricanes Laura and Delta. She's helped with Vacation Bible School multiple summers and volunteers with children's activities at the church.

Isaac Kim is a senior at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. He is an active member of many clubs and organizations around his school, among them, Youth and Government, Quiz Bowl, BETA, National Honor Society, and others. He especially enjoys music, being most recently chosen for the All State Band, and is also a section leader in the school's band. Isaac was chosen to be a member of the local Youth Advisory Council of Mayor President Josh Guillory, and is the Senior class Secretary for the school's Student Council. As a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, Isaac hopes to address opportunities for students and many other topics that affect young Louisiana residents.

Paresh Kolluru is a senior at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. He serves as the president of both Speech and Debate and Youth and Government, as well as vice president of the Student Council Executive Board. He is also the Vice Chair of the Lafayette Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. He will also be on the State Board of the 2021-2022 Model United Nations Conference as a General Assembly Presiding Officer. Playing tennis since middle school, he is now on the Lafayette High Varsity Tennis Team. He is a part of the United Way of Acadiana Team, a local branch of a national nonprofit organization tackling education, health, financial stability, and assisting the community in difficult times. He applied for the council to impact the public education system in Louisiana as he is passionate about improving the quality of education given to our future leaders. In an effort to understand more about the education system as well as the teaching aspect, he is a tutor for Indian-American children in his community. Paresh looks forward to working and collaborating with his peers on council, school boards, and legislators to examine how to improve the education system.

Roma Kolluru is a senior at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. She is the president of the 2021-2022 National Honor Society and the Event Coordinator of the National BETA Club. Volunteerism is something Roma believes is an extremely important factor for the advancement of our state, and she hopes to introduce initiatives that foster it. Roma is part of the Lafayette High School Student Council Executive Board and serves as the Parliamentarian. She is also the secretary of Lafayette Mayor Josh Guillory's Youth Advisory Council and has had a deep passion for public speaking since joining Speech & Debate in sixth grade. Roma is also the vice president of her school's Youth & Government club and will serve as a Model United Nations Economic & Social Council Presiding Officer. Roma looks forward to using the leadership and public speaking skills she has developed over the past six years to efficiently communicate with her fellow council members and create education and health initiatives to combat some of the most pressing issues for Louisiana youth.

Jasmin Kumar is a junior at Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is the president of the Feminist Club and organizes and leads an annual tampon drive at her school. Jasmin is in the process of starting a Young Democrats' Club at Ben Franklin. She enjoys volunteering and works with the Interact Club as the public relations officer to find opportunities to give back to the community. She is an active member of TeenReach by Planned Parenthood which is an education and advocacy opportunity. Through this program, she spoke on the radio to advocate for the importance of sex education for youth. Jasmin maintains a 4.4 GPA while participating in extracurriculars like dance. She has been dancing for 12 years and started competing six years ago, placing highly in several competitions. With downtime, one can find Jasmin immersed in a novel, inseparable from her dog, or hanging out with friends. She is passionate about supporting and advocating for her beliefs as well as being an empathetic peer, and she hopes to be impactful with her work on the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Maggie Lai is a senior at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. She is an assistant at the Chinese Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Lafayette, a violinist in the University of Louisiana's Symphony Orchestra, and president of her school's Science Olympiad team and Mu Alpha Theta chapter. Her experiences at YMCA's Model UN and Youth Legislature, for which she is Supreme Court Chief Justice, have increased her interest in government and led her to also become a member of her local Mayor-President's Youth Advisory Council. She seeks to address the role of communication in accessibility by bringing an interdisciplinary approach to STEM education, studying cultural and linguistic practices, and producing videos as a visual and auditory medium of information dissemination. Maggie is eager for this opportunity to work with the Louisiana Youth Advisory Council to represent and communicate the diverse interests of Louisiana youth.

Isabella Lancaster is a junior at Mount Carmel Academy in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is secretary of the Multicultural Club and a member of the Environmental Club at her school. She has also been accepted into NHS and holds an officer position in SNHS (Spanish National Honors Society). This past year she was elected by her peers and teachers to be a representative for the students and an ambassador of her school. Isabella will be participating in a law program at the Louisiana Bar Center to gain a stronger understanding of the law and what it takes to be a lawyer. In her free time she runs a social media page to help better inform others on important social issues occurring around the world. Isabella's focus this year is on the enhancement of education and the spreading of diversity. Through being a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, she hopes to work with her peers to bring attention and improvement to these matters.

As a representative of Pointe Coupee Parish, Ali Morgan Langlois is a senior at STEM Magnet Academy where she is active in her school and community serving in the Explorers Club, BETA Club, 4-H Junior Leadership Club, and as a varsity cheerleader. She has served two years as a member of Pointe Coupee Young Leaders working with civic leaders and other youth to understand current events and issues relevant to the youth of the parish as they prepare for their postsecondary schooling options. She serves as a Farm Bureau youth ambassador advocating for farmers and ranchers in the agriculture industry in her parish. As an active member of 4-H, Ali has been awarded local and state awards for her work with the organization and was able to participate in the Great American Seafood Cookoff where she proudly promoted local commodities and Louisiana seafood. As a state winner, she enjoys giving presentations to the youth of her parish promoting agriculture and the value of commodities as well as volunteering to assist elementary students in their workshops. As a junior, she volunteered to work on her school's Samsung grant competition team and served as an advocate to address the worsening saltwater intrusion into the local aquifer. Her research and collaboration with the team and experts in the field has served as a vital component in her desire to work with officials to monitor and protect the environment. Ali hopes to use her energy, deep involvement, and passion for both 4-H and Farm Bureau, as well as her commitment to serve others, to facilitate innovative ideas and a strong voice for the youth of Louisiana.

Sander McComiskey is a senior at Christ Episcopal School in Covington, Louisiana. He is the president of his high school student council. He founded a nonprofit, LAVote, that focused on voter registration and education on the Northshore in the November elections, and founded a good government state PAC that donates to candidates in St. Tammany Parish elections. He received first place honors in the state at literary rally in Geometry, and received all-district honors in varsity basketball. He hopes to address issues of election and ethics reform with his peers this year at LYAC.

Alexander Minagar is a rising Junior at Caddo Parish Magnet High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is the co-vice president and co-founder of the Spanish Club Initiative at Caddo Magnet High. Alexander is also the founder and president of the Political Science and Debate Club at Magnet. He is an avid participant and competitor in Quiz Bowl, Model United Nations, and Mock Trial, having won awards in all three. Recently, he participated in the National Quiz Bowl Tournament for high school teams, placing in the top 15%. Alexander currently holds a research internship at the Louisiana State Health Science Center of Shreveport in the Department of Neurosurgery. He also has special interests in the humanities, having received 2nd Place at State for his National History Day Project and an Award of Excellence for his Reflections Submission in the category of Literature. In his free time, Alex enjoys playing tennis on the Varsity team and running in his school track team. During the school year, Alexander interns at the largest law firm in the Caddo-Bossier area, attending public trials and managing client meetings, and also spends time volunteering at the Department of Veterans Affairs at his local VA Hospital. Some of the points Alexander wants to cover as part of LYAC include healthcare in Louisiana, education in the state, and a call for interactive climate change solutions and initiatives towards a greener lifestyles. Alexander aspires to see a bright future for Louisiana and wishes to shed light on many socioeconomic issues the state faces as a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Aleyea Mogilles is an upcoming junior at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is the president of the junior class as well as the student moderator of the Diversity Club that helps to ensure that students of color feel safe within their school, in addition to educating the school community. Aleyea's passions are deeply rooted in social justice and equality. As a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, she hopes to collaborate with her peers to make Louisiana an inclusive state that promotes equality for all.

Kendalyn Morgan is a junior at Ascension Episcopal High School in Youngsville, Louisiana. She was elected Lead Class Leader for the Class of 2023. She volunteers with Foster the Love as a Grant Writer, First Night Bag, and with Community Closet. She was the LHSAA 2A State Runner Up in the 100M hurdles and the 3rd in the 4X200 as a sophomore, breaking school records in three different track events. She plays on the Cajun Rush U17 Academy Soccer team which has qualified for the national finals in the US Club Soccer National Premier League after winning the Gulf State Region (AL, FL, LA, MS). In 2019, Kendalyn was selected to participate in the Louisiana Girls Leadership Academy Program sponsored by Governor Edwards. She hopes to work with her peers on issues related to foster care, adoption, and support efforts to enhance the services related to mental health as a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Sean Myers is a rising senior at Church Point High School in Church Point, Louisiana, where he is a member of 4-H, FBLA, National BETA, Student Council, and Spanish Club. Including LYAC, Sean's leadership roles around the state and nation include Louisiana 4-H National Conference Delegate, Louisiana 4-H Executive Board member, Louisiana 4-H Wetland Ambassador team member, Louisiana FBLA District VI State Vice President, Louisiana YAT Southwest Regional Advocacy Director, and one of 15 recently named members on the American Battlefield Trust's National Youth Leadership Team, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. Sean is also an avid public speaker, earning five state titles in Beta, 4-H, and FBLA Public Speaking competitions since freshman year, one national finalist title in FBLA Intro. to Public Speaking, and one state championship in FBLA Job Interview. His passion for social studies has led him to compete in the civics and American history tests at the Louisiana District and State Literary Rallies, earning third and first places at the district level, respectively, and helping him pass the American History CLEP test for college credits. Seeing how important leadership roles were on his development two years ago, Sean branched out and created the Town of Church Point Mayor's Youth Committee to introduce an opportunity to help his peers find their voices and learn about leadership and our government in the process. He hopes to continue his passion of helping his peers find their own leadership and work to promote environmental and education issues as a member of the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Mason Osborn will be a senior at Lafayette High School in the graduating class of 2022. He is involved in Mu Alpha Theta, BETA and Key Club, National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Student Council, and Youth and Government. In 2020, Mason's team placed second in the Marketing and Communications State Beta Competition. He was named Model United Nations Coordinator for the Youth and Government Club. In addition, he was selected as president of the Stock and Trading Club. In 2020, he was selected to be a member of the Youth Advisory Council of Lafayette with Mayor Josh Guillory. He attended ADVANCE, a camp affiliated with Duke Tip for three years and attended the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley in the summer of 2019. He plays on the varsity football and soccer teams, as well as Cajun Soccer Club, a competitive soccer team. He is looking forward to learning more about the legislative process and collaborating with his peers on any topic related to healthcare in the state.

Matthew Pellitteri is a senior at Archbishop Hannan High School in Covington, Louisiana. In his capacity as president of the Chaplain Philip M. Hannan chapter of the National Social Studies Honor Society, secretary of his school's Debate Club, and Vice President of his school's Youth and Government Chapter, he strives to encourage a respect for the structures, formalities, and procedures of government, and to foster a culture of compromise, bipartisanship, and involvement on the part of the members of those organizations. He hopes to act in the same manner during his upcoming year on the Louisiana Youth Advisory Council. Matthew is a member of the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society, and his application to serve as a Senate Floor Leader for the YMCA Louisiana Youth Legislature was accepted last December. He has been recognized as part of the Archbishop Hannan ACT 30+ Club, has received the Principal's Honor Roll for every semester of his high school career, and has placed on the district level in both World Geography and World History at the Louisiana

Literary Rally.

Colden Russell is a rising junior at Caldwell Parish High School. There he is a member of BETA, Student Council, National Honors Society, track and field, and is the founder of Brighter Through Art, a club centered on using art to bring about positive social change in his school and community. Additionally, he is a student teacher for the Caldwell Parish Acceleration Summer Camp for Pre-K–8 students. Outside of school, he is the Global Affairs Director for Youth Climate Action Team Inc. He has been recognized as a Tulane Young Public Scholar and will be studying environmental justice at Tulane over the summer. During his time on the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, Colden hopes to focus on intersectional climate policy with his peers.

Taylor Sacco is a senior at Dutchtown High School in Geismar, Louisiana. Taylor is the president of the Science Club where he led a school-wide recycling movement to encourage his school to think green. He is the captain of the speech team and has competed nationally in many events regarding public affairs. He is also involved in many other extracurriculars such as National Honors Society, Rho Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, Youth and Government, Thespians Society, and Student Council, and holds leadership positions in all of them, while maintaining a 4.5 GPA. Taylor works continuously on issues of racial injustice, environmental protection, and economic inequality outside of school by promoting activism and encouraging his peers to get involved with tackling these issues within their own communities. He is excited and ready to work on issues regarding Louisiana's youth stance on topics such as climate change and racial inequality during his time on the Louisiana Youth Advisory Council.

Zoe Sissac is a rising senior at Houma Christian School in the bayou country of Terrebonne Parish. Within her school, Zoe is a member of National Honor Society and Student Government, representing her junior class on Student Council. She can also be seen volunteering within the community and serving as the First United Methodist Church Youth Council President. When she is not studying for AP exams or Calculus, Zoe spends her free time playing with her two puppies, Luna and Ollie, binge watching Criminal Minds, and chasing after her little brother. However, Zoe's passion has always lain in politics or psychology as she is hoping to pursue a career in criminal law. As a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, Zoe is looking forward to giving the youth of Louisiana better access to mental health resources and bringing awareness to the mental health crisis in her state.

Autumn Sommers is a senior at Caddo Magnet High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. Raised in Japan and Guam, Autumn loves learning and immersing herself in other cultural experiences. She is founder and president of The Youth Legislature Club, Interact Club, Mock Trial Club, and a charitable volunteering organization called Project S.A.F.E. She is additionally part of the Northwest Louisiana Teen Advisory Committee, where she helps draft legislation for the Louisiana Board of Education. Autumn has won the "Best Attorney" award at multiple university and regional Mock Trial competitions for two years in a row, each time with a perfect score. She is currently working as an intern for Mayor Adrian Perkins's office of Shreveport. In her free time, she plays volleyball, works out, or read books about politics and philosophy. This summer, Autumn has been selected to attend the Louisiana Girls State Program, where she will further develop her leadership skills and understanding of local political processes. As a member of



LYAC, Autumn hopes to expand educational opportunities to the underprivileged youth of Louisiana.

Jaren St. Clair is an upcoming senior at Opelousas Catholic High School in Opelousas, Louisiana. He recently served as a Youth Representative in the Opelousas Downtown Development Program and has been elected to serve as the 2021-2022 Student Body President in addition to having served his class as class president for two years and being a senator for three years. As Student Body President, Jaren will preside over the OCS Senate in the upcoming school year. Jaren has also been a Cathlete member for three years and a Peer Leadership Club member for one year while being inducted into the National Honor Society and Senior BETA. His sports include cross country (All-District in 2019), soccer, and tennis (Regional Runner-up in 2021). Currently in the top five students of his class, Jaren's academic record is exemplified through his placings of "Superior" at the LSUE Foreign Language Festival in French, third place in the ULL Literary Rally in French, and fifth place in the ULL Literary Rally in Biology. Jaren has been actively involved in 4-H for almost a decade. He has served Opelousas Catholic School's 6-12 4-H Club as reporter and vice-president and currently as president. Parishwide, Jaren has served as a St. Landry Parish 4-H Advisory Committee member for three years and is going into his sixth year as a St. Landry Parish Junior Leader, previously holding the offices of reporter, secretary, and treasurer. He is currently the president-elect for next year. Jaren has served as a Regional Representative for St. Landry Parish on the Louisiana 4-H Central Region Leadership Board for several years. On higher levels, Jaren currently serves as reporter for the Louisiana 4-H State Citizenship Board and is an alternate delegate for the National 4-H Conference. Winning the Job Interview Contest in his parish's Achievement Day in 2019 and 2020, Jaren competed in the Job Interview Contest at 4-H University last year and placed second in the state. He has been a member/facilitator of the African American Catholic Youth Congress for two years. Jaren is an accredited actor and has been acting for almost a decade through various organizations and production companies, previously being the vice-president of an acting club. Through his performances, Jaren was recognized as "Best Actor" in 2019 and made the ULL Drama All Star Cast in 2020. Jaren is professionally accredited as a voice actor, having done work for a developer in award-winning video games. As a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and an aspiring psychiatrist, he hopes to work with his peers on various mental health initiatives and bring attention to the importance of how much power mental states have on the effectiveness of communities.

Morgan Tradewell is a senior at Buckeye High School in Deville, Louisiana. She enjoys being an involved and active student at her school where she has been a varsity cheerleader for four years, and now serves as one of the captains. Morgan is also a member of the National Honor Society, BETA, Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes clubs. She enjoys volunteering to serve in the children's ministry, working with the food bank, and serving on mission trips with her church, Philadelphia Baptist Church. In her free time, Morgan loves to travel and maintains an active lifestyle by biking and kayaking with her family. Morgan looks forward to representing Louisiana youth through LYAC and hopes to encourage civic education and involvement among her peers.

Harun Vemulapalli is a senior at Dutchtown High School in Geismar, Louisiana. Harun was student Council class president junior year and student council vice president sophomore year. He is also active in Dutchtown's Mentoring Club as well as Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society. Harun is an officer of National BETA Club, and is a participant of National Honors Society. He is captain of the Debate Team, where he is the first Louisiana Lincoln Douglas debater to reach elimination rounds of the National Harvard Debate Tournament in seven years. Similarly, he has reached deep elimination rounds at the Strake Invitational in Texas, the Yale Invitational, and 10 other national tournaments, competing against around 150 - 250 people from around the country. Harun is also teaching at the Online Debate Institute this summer, where he hopes to help underprivileged kids learn more about the art of debate. Harun also participated in EKAM, a charity organization, where he raised hundreds of dollars for children in India who were struggling from a lack of medical infrastructure. As a member of LYAC, Harun hopes to rectify education disparities that are apparent across the state, as well as step into a role as a servant of the public.

Ryan Wilkinson is a senior at Caddo Magnet High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is an active member of the Debate Team, Interact Club, National Honor Society, and Student Ambassadors. He is the President of the Debate Team and the vice president of the Interact Club, a community service based club. Ryan can be found volunteering at MLK Gardens, a community garden that provides food for low income families. He has competitive success in debate, winning the Louisiana High School Speech League Tournament of Champions in Policy Debate in 2019 and many other tournaments in the past three years. He is excited to work with other members of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council on issues that are important to youth in Louisiana, specifically education reform.