



LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2026-2027 MEMBERS

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, making the state a better place for young people. A new council is selected annually and is composed entirely of high school students to address issues affecting the youth of Louisiana. It is overseen by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.

LYAC gives students the unique opportunity to be involved in the workings of state government. LYAC members have the opportunity to meet with elected officials and propose legislation in the upcoming regular session.

Members of the council are selected from around the state and display a strong interest in civic involvement and leadership. These 31 students are dynamic, well-rounded individuals that go through a rigorous selection process. Three top scoring students serve from each of the six congressional districts. The remaining at-large members are the top scores from all districts combined. The members must be in grades nine through twelve and enrolled in a public, private, or charter high school, or participating in a home study program or GED Skills Program. See below for a list of this year's LYAC Council members:

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2026 - 2027 LYAC Members

Congressional District 1

Mila Aduli	Christ Episcopal School
Owen Este	Fontainebleau High School
Bailey Williams	Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies

Congressional District 2

Jaden Hoang	Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy
Amanda Irizarry	East Ascension High School
Leena Jain	Benjamin Franklin High School

Congressional District 3

Davin Berwick	Hackberry High School
Charlotte DeClouet	Lafayette High School
Luke Langlinais	Erath High School

Congressional District 4

Ha Bui	Sulphur High School
Ava Galambos	Northwood High School
Joseph Power	Benton High School

Congressional District 5

Riley Fitzhugh	St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School
Josiah Hardy	University Laboratory School
Alexandra Poole	Denham Springs High School

Congressional District 6

Samara Bryant	Baton Rouge Magnet High School
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Jimmie McKnight

St. Joseph's Academy

Zachary High School

At-Large Members

Ja'Ryan Berryhill

Coco Culpepper

Jack Hill

Momin Mahmood

Lourdes Maristany

Elizabeth Monier

John Parker

Benjamin Richert

Johnny Rinando

Blake Stanfill

Alvin Su

Dev Tandon

Veer Walia

Edna Karr High School

Academy of the Sacred Heart

Mandeville High School

Destrehan High School

St. Mary's Dominican High School

Dutchtown High School

Covington High School

Lafayette High School

Metairie Park Country Day School

St. Augustine High School

Benjamin Franklin High School

Haynes Academy For Advanced Studies

Isidore Newman School