LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP

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 address issues affecting the youth of Louisiana. It is overseen by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education.

Now in its eleventh year, LYAC facilitates communication between youth and the legislature and gives students the unique opportunity to be involved in the workings of state government. LYAC members have the opportunity to study, meet with elected officials, and propose legislation in the upcoming regular session.

Members of the council are selected from a large pool of applicants from around the state who display a strong interest in civic involvement. These students are dynamic, well-rounded individuals that go through a rigorous selection process. Three student members serve from each of the congressional districts and the remainder of the thirty-one members 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 2018 - 2019 Legislative Youth Advisory Council include the following:

**Congressional District 1**
- Camden Dyer Lusher
- Andrew Gary
- Anjali Pellegrin

Charter High School
St. Martin’s Episcopal School
Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies

**Congressional District 2**
- Caroline Benoit
- Blake Brooks
- Breanne Mitchell

Louise S. McGehee School
Benjamin Franklin High School
St. Mary's Dominican High School

**Congressional District 3**
Amy Lemaire Iota High School
Hannah Michel Lafayette High School
Jeff Pham Lafayette High School

**Congressional District 4**
Hannah Berry C.E. Byrd High School
Robert Lawrence C.E. Byrd High School
Veronica Penales Caddo Parish Magnet High School

**Congressional District 5**
Isabella Bolayon Neville High School
Landry Higgins West Feliciana High School
Laura Peters Jena High School

**Congressional District 6**
Spencer Heitman Catholic High School
Selia Jindal Baton Rouge Magnet High School
Alexandra Thibodeaux St. Joseph's Academy

**At-Large Members**
Stephen Adjei LSU Laboratory School
Bobby Alexander Airline High School
Annie Blanchard St. Joseph's Academy
Nydia Cooper Ascension Catholic High School
Madelyn Cutrone Cutrone Academy
Sophie Faircloth Denham Springs High School
Gabrielle Fontenot Sacred Heart High School
Caitlyn Foret Walker High School
Tori Jackson Dutchtown High School
Madeline Malbrough Houma Christian School
Emily Nichols Port Allen High School
John-Garrett Patrick Concordia Parish Academy
Hrilina Ramrakhiani SummerStone Academy
Eugenia Williams Westminster Christian Academy

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

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