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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	Charter High School
Andrew Gary	St. Martin's Episcopal School
Anjali Pellegrin	Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies

Congressional District 2

Caroline Benoit	Louise S. McGehee School
Blake Brooks	Benjamin Franklin High School
Breanne Mitchell	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
Torri 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	Westminister Christian Academy

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

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