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**LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP**

The Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) has selected their new 2020-2021 class of members. Confirmation of the new members was held during the Commission on Civic Education meeting on Friday, June 26, 2020.

LYAC is made up of some of Louisiana's most outstanding students. These students 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 thirteenth 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.

Thirty-one applicants are chosen through a rigorous selection process. They are dynamic, well rounded individuals from around the state who display a strong interest in civic involvement and leadership. Three student members serve from each of the six congressional districts and the remainder serve at large. 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.

**Members of the 2020-2021 Legislative Youth Advisory Council include the following:**

**Congressional District 1**

Jackson Cantrell	Mandeville High School
Avery Pierson	Lusher Charter School
Raedan Stephens	Mandeville High School

**Congressional District 2**

Martalisa Fischer	Hahnville High School
Emani Leefort	Cabrini High School
Hrilina Rakhs	SummerStone Academy

**Congressional District 3**

Anil Cacodcar	Episcopal School of Acadiana
Benjamin Martin	Sam Houston High School
Grant Suire	Episcopal School of Acadiana

**Congressional District 4**

William Bartle	C.E. Byrd High School
Embeth Coyle	Loyola College Prep
Katharyn Woodard	Glenbrook School

**Congressional District 5**

Ashton Lee	Hammond High Magnet School
Autumn Moon	Cedar Creek School
Abigail Pierce	Buckeye High School

**Congressional District 6**

Joseph Ismail	Runnels High School
Gabriel Savoy	Assumption High School
Nalon Soileau	University Laboratory School

**At-Large Members**

Elaine Gboloo	Episcopal School of Baton
Alexis Harvey	St. Joseph's Academy
Ali Langlois	Stem Magnet Academy of Pointe Coupee
Hana Le	Ruston High School

Anna Kate Luke	Ascension Episcopal School
Hafsa Mansoor	University Academy of Cenla
Molly McNulty	C.E. Byrd High School
Emma Murphy	Benton High School
Kaitlyn Parker	Parkview Baptist School
Steffek Rainey	Catholic High School
Grant Thevenot	Catholic High School
Grace Warciski	Live Oak High School
Kingson Wills	C.E. Byrd High School

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

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