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LCSO Announces Youth Advisory Council Members

The Leon County Sheriff's Office announces members to the 2021-2022 LCSO Youth Advisory Council (Class #2). The LCSO Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was established in 2020 to provide an open line of communication between the youth of Leon County and local law enforcement.

It is the undertaking of the YAC to advise the Sheriff, reach out to other Leon County teens to inform them of existing opportunities, and listen to suggestions on how the Sheriff's Office can improve its youth-oriented efforts.

The YAC is designed to bring topics of mutual interest to Leon County youth and local law enforcement directly to the attention of Sheriff Walt McNeil through open dialogue. "If we are going to effectively address the issues facing our youth, we have to engage them in the process. Their opinions and insight are important and we want them to know that we are 'ALLin' for them," said Sheriff McNeil.

Members of the Council will develop skills in advocacy, leadership, and team building, while receiving community service hours. Members will use these skills to create innovative strategies to address issues affecting Leon County.

2021-2022 LCSO Youth Advisory Council (Class #2)

Ashley Alexander Senior, Chiles High School

Sophomore, North Florida Christian School Brice Google, II

Phoenix Ikner Junior, Lincoln High School Senior, Pace School for Girls Keliah Joyce

Junior, Florida State University School Ryan Kinney Jacob West Sophomore, Capital Preparatory School

Nassir Taylor-Webb Senior, Lincoln High School

Kenniyah Houston Senior, Rickards High School

To be considered for YAC membership, a student must:

- Attend a high school within the LCSO service area
- Be a rising high school sophomore, junior, or senior with a 2.0 minimum GPA
- Have limited unexcused absences from school

For more information on the YAC or to join, please visit www.leoncountyfl.gov.







