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LIST OF STUDENTS SELECTED TO MAYOR YENNI'S INAUGURAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Kenner, LA. - Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni on Monday announced the 20 members of the city's inaugural Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, a group of some of the top high school students from throughout the metropolitan area that will offer input and advice to elected Kenner officials.

The selection committee also named an alternate member to the group as well as an apprentice member.

"I was very impressed with the quality of the applicants for this council," Yenni said. "What a win-win situation this is: A way to learn about and actually have an impact on the operations of local government for the students, and a way for Kenner officials to get ideas and feedback from an under-represented segment of our city."

The idea for the youth council was pitched to Yenni by Alisha Chowdhury, a Kenner resident and senior at Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies. Chowdhury, who will act as an advisor to the group, is a member of the statewide youth council and thought a Kenner version would give teens a chance to have their voices heard in local government.

Applications were accepted beginning Nov. 1, and spots on the council were open to any Kenner residents between 14 and 19 years old, no matter where they attended high school in the New Orleans area. Members will meet once a month and attend a City Council meeting once a quarter.

Members of the new Mayor's Youth Advisory Council already have two important events to attend before the end of the year. On Dec. 9, MYAC orientation will be held at 4:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 1801 Williams Blvd. On Dec. 19, also at 4:30 p.m., MYAC members will be sworn in just before the start of the City Council meeting.

"These teens represent the leaders of tomorrow," Yenni said. "I'm guessing there is plenty we can learn from this group, and hopefully, we'll make enough of an impact that many of them will want to return to Kenner after completing their education."

For more information about the Mayor's Advisory Youth Council, contact Deputy Chief Administrative Office Natalie Newton at 468-7240.

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MEMBERS OF THE 2013-2014
MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

DEBORAH ALVARENGA, 15, CABRINI HIGH SCHOOL

PABLO AMADOR, 17, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

CAMERON ARMAND, 16, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

PETER BELLEAU, 17, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

YOUNIS BOULARES, 16, HAYNES ACADEMY

BRIANNA DURONSLET, 17, URSULINE ACADEMY

ASHLEY JOHNSON, 16, MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY

DANIEL JUNG, 18, HAYNES ACADEMY

VICTORIA KLIBERT, 16, JOHN CURTIS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MAYANK MARDIA, 15, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

KALEIGH ROONEY, 18, ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

CAMERON ROSEN, 14, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

AUSTIN ROSER, 18, HOME SCHOOL PROGRAM

JUSTIN SANDOVAL, 17, HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

BRANDON SPRAGUE, 16, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

ANTHONY SYLVESTER, 16, ALFRED BONNABEL MAGNET ACADEMY

GAGE THOMAS, 17, ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL HIGH SCHOOL

JANAE TORRENCE, 18, ARCHBISHOP CHAPELLE HIGH SCHOOL

ARJUN VERMA, 16, JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

ANADIL ZAKARIA, 17, ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

ALTERNATE: CAMERON DUMAS, 14, RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

APPRENTICE: DANIAL ABBAS, 14, RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL