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### **LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTS 2017-2018 OFFICERS**

Louisiana's Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) elected new officers at the Leadership and Orientation Seminar held July 24-25, 2017 at the Louisiana State Capitol. Newly elected officers are: President Marian Luzier, Walker High School, Walker; Vice President Reed Broussard, Teurlings Catholic High School, Youngsville; Secretary Ruby Roberg, West Feliciana High School, St. Francisville; Parliamentarian Jesse Landry, West Feliciana High School, St. Francisville; Communications Officer Katie Hall, Ouachita Christian School, Monroe; and Historian Nydia Cooper, Ascension Catholic High School, St. James.

The Leadership Seminar featured a discussion with John Gallagher, Karen White, and Brandon Brewer from the Louisiana Municipal Association. Representatives Julie Stokes, Lance Harris, and Steve Carter along with Senator Dan Claitor, and East Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston-Broome spoke to LYAC members about their background, issues they are working on, and other legislative matters.

Orientation Day, led by President Marian Luzier, featured a presentation by Senator Sharon Hewitt on Stephen Covey's, "The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People." She even provided a copy of the book to each council member. There was an open dialogue with Representative Denise Marcelle on some of the issues facing the citizens of her district. The day wrapped up with Morgan Tanner, Miss Louisiana 2017 contestant, discussing her platform on seatbelt safety.

Under the guidance of these newly elected officers, the council will next focus on selecting key issues to discuss with legislators for the upcoming 2018 Regular Session of the legislature. The goal is to get legislation sponsored, introduced and passed next year.

Now in its tenth year, LYAC facilitates the communication between youth and the legislature and gives students the unique opportunity to be involved in the workings of state government.

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