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SCCPSS Student and Chatham County Youth Commissioner Appointed to National League of Cities Board



Lamar Ballard, a 17 year old junior from Islands High School, has been appointed by the National League of Cities to serve on the Council for Youth, Education, and Families. He was one of five young people from across the country selected.

The Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF Institute), a special entity within the National League of Cities (NLC), helps municipal leaders take action on behalf of the children, youth, and families in their communities.

Ballard, an Executive Member of the Chatham County Youth Commission in his second term says, "I think it is a big privilege to be selected. I will be able to apply the skills I learned on the Youth Commission to help develop youth policy for the entire country."

"This is a wonderful opportunity especially since Lamar is the first young person in our community to serve on such a distinguished panel. Chatham County and Savannah is well represented and we are excited about this appointment," says Van R. Johnson, II, Director of the Chatham County Youth Commission.

ABOUT THE CHATHAM COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION...

The Chatham County Youth Commission was established in 1992 by Chatham County Commissioner Priscilla D. Thomas and the Chatham County Commission. Now in our 20th year, we have over 400 graduates and have started similar programs in Savannah, GA (Savannah Youth Council), Fulton County (Atlanta), GA, Prince George County, MD, Alachua County (Gainesville) FL, Cass County (Fargo), ND, Dougherty County (Albany), GA Riverdale, GA, Newnan, GA, Miami-Dade County with several other programs in development phases

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