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## **LaGrange Youth Council Presents Year of Accomplishments to the Mayor and City Council**

**LaGrange, Ga. April 28, 2022** – The 2021-2022 LaGrange Youth Council members presented their year of accomplishments to the LaGrange Mayor and City Council Tuesday (4/26) evening at the regular city council meeting.



### **2021-2022 LaGrange Youth Council Graduating Seniors with the Mayor and City Council**

Pictured from left to right, 2nd row: Councilman Nathan Gaskin, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Gore, Mayor Jim Thornton, Councilman Mark Mitchell & Councilman Jim Arrington. Front row: LYC Advisor Adam Speas, Mental Health Committee Chairperson Riley Whitlow, William Pitts, Khamani Philpotts, Mollie Olinger, Ayaka Kimora, LYC Vice-Chairperson Addie Eiland, Mentorship Committee Chairperson Sydney Edelson, LYC Chairperson Milly Criswell,

LYC Secretary Kay Beth Bedingfield, LYC Historian Kate Asbel, Sustainability Committee Chairperson Devin Dents. Not pictured Councilman Willie T. Edmondson, Ka'Various Perry, Bobby Taylor & Miller DeVane.

Youth council members spent the year working on three main projects focusing on mentorship, sustainability & mental health. The group voted earlier in the year to adopt these issues.

The youth council members presenting to the Mayor and Council include Chairperson Milly Criswell, Vice-Chairperson Addie Eiland, Mentorship Committee Chairperson Sydney Edelson, Sustainability Committee Chairperson Devin Dents & Mental Health Commission Chairperson Riley Whitlow.

The Mentorship Committee hosted a pizza and ice skating party for the Boys and Girls Club of West Georgia at Sweetland Amphitheatre. The Sustainability Committee raised nearly \$1,200 at their "I Sweat Green" Fun Run Fundraiser with all of the money raised going to Calumet Park Neighborhood's Community Garden called Pat's Garden. The Mentorship Committee plans to host a free Mental Health Night at Sweetland Amphitheatre Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event will include a mental health panel of professionals and a showing of the movie "Holden On."

After the presentation, the Mayor and Council attended a social to fellowship with the youth council at Visit LaGrange.



*The LaGrange Youth Council is an advisory board composed of local youth that provide advice and counsel to the local governing body. The Youth Council give our local youth a more formal role in the local*

*decision making process. This group is made up of junior and senior high school students from surrounding public and private schools.*

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 LAGRANGE YOUTH COUNCIL. For more information and to download an application go to [http://www.lagrange-ga.org/Home/Youth\\_Council](http://www.lagrange-ga.org/Home/Youth_Council).**

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