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NEW JERSEY 4-H MEMBERS TO ATTEND 4-H LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Eighteen 4-H members have been selected to represent New Jersey at the third annual 4-H Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) Conference. This leadership conference will be held July 18-22 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a 4-H leadership development program for 4-H members entering grades 7-9. Youth from across the nation will be participating in this 5-day event (Monday-Friday). The program will provide an opportunity for youth to listen to motivational speakers and participate in workshops that will develop communication skills, increase leadership capacity and build lifetime skills.

The program will utilize Washington, D.C. as a working classroom to learn about leadership and provides hands-on opportunities for our younger teens to promote "Learn to Lead Now - Better Leaders Tomorrow."

The New Jersey delegates representing 12 counties attending this year's conference are:

Atlantic County: Moira Christina Lumley and MacKenzie Esposito

Burlington County: Amber Densten and Brennadette Beebe

Camden County: Emily Perez

Cape May County: Samantha Downes

Cumberland County: Luke Nestler

Gloucester County: Grayson Link

Mercer County: Sarah Hoplock

Monmouth County: Shawn Hill and Carla Rios

Passaic County: Sage Sedlacek and Brandon Taylor-Roach

Salem County: Mikaela Gieswein and Alaina Murphy

Somerset County: Megan Norz and Elijah Staats

Sussex County: Williams Teitsma

"The LWF Conference is a great opportunity for young people to become better leaders as they experience our nation's capital in a unique and inspiring way that will leave them with the experience of a lifetime and the skills to shape a better future." says Jeannette Rea Keywood, 4-H Agent, Department of 4-H Youth Development.

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