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*2018 Leadership Lowndes
Retreat was held at Jekyll Island
Club January 5-7*

FIVE LEADERSHIP LOWNDES GROUPS CHOOSE NON-PROFITS TO HELP FOR THE YEAR

Non-profits that will be supported this year are:

- **FAST** (Family Autism Support Team) – The mission of FAST is as follows: Providing support and information to families impacted by ASD.
- **Camp Rock** – The mission of Camp Rock: to influence the life circumstances of at-risk children so that they develop the life skills needed to live out the full potential of the life God has given them.
- **The Pines** – Pines Family Campus is a residential treatment program for women with young children who are struggling with addiction and co-occurring disorders.
- **Horseback Heroes** – Hidden Creek is also the home of Horseback Heroes, Inc.,
- **Project Hope** – The mission is to provide free comprehensive after-school teen programs that expose youth to the skills and experiences that teach and encourage career leadership.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow LL alumni,

On behalf of the LL Board of Trustees, 2018 year is off to a great start! The Class of 2018 and the Youth Leadership League have had some exciting days and this newsletter is to keep you informed about the exciting events that we have coming up! We have had our Annual Retreat in Jekyll Island, heard from our legislators and state leadership at the Capitol for Legislative Day, and had an amazing tour of Moody AFB for Defense Day! The 2018 Community Service Projects have been selected and we are excited to see the Class of 2018 bring much needed recognition to these deserving organizations. Please visit our newly redesigned website at www.leadershiplowndes.com. Log in to create your personal profile for the Online Directory. We are extremely grateful for our sponsors. Without them we could not continue to develop and educate the current and future leaders of our community. Thanks again and if you have any ideas or concerns you would like to share please don't hesitate to let me know!

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Program Days

- April 19 – Local Government and Courts Day
- May 17 – Quality of Life Day
- August 16 – Health & Human Services Day
- September 20 – Education Day
- October 18 – Economic Development Day
- November 15 – Wrap Up Day/Graduation

Other Important Dates

- September 27 – LL 2019 Class Application Deadline (Leadershiplowndes.com)
- December 6 - 2019 Welcome Reception at Turner Center



Lowndes Youth Leadership League Class of 2018

The 2018 LYLL class members are made up of students from Georgia Christian, Lowndes High School, Open Bible Christian School, Valwood School, Valdosta Early College Academy and Valdosta High School. They include, Laneigh Alford, Rosa Alvarado, Fola Asebiomo, Pierce Baker, Logan Best, Macee Chappuis, Emily Clifton, Sarah Cole, Jocelyn Frazier, Dallas Freeman, Mackenzie Gay, Madison Highsmith, Renee Hollingsworth, Shayla Jackson, Pate King, Olivia Lee, William Lester, Ryan McGee, Ashton Moorman, Mary Grace Nix, Chunjun Park, Talley Petermann, William Steinberg,

Chase Stokes, Savannah Sumner, Colby Thomas, Lauren Voyles, Ian Willis, Jack Wilson and Hanna Yeager.

The LYLL program includes a new class reception, a weekend retreat, three program days and a graduation ceremony. And, similar to the Leadership Lowndes program, the LYLL participants are also required to participate in a community service project benefiting a local non-profit.

LYLL planning committee includes Erin Willis, Tiffany Stewart, Tesha Larkins, Dana Richards, Deborah Paine, Meghan Barwick and Chad Case.



LEGISLATIVE DAY

The 2018 Class visited the State Capitol in Atlanta, Georgia on February 22nd. Legislative Day included hearing from speakers: Senator David Shafer, Lobbyist Mo Thrash, Stuart Wilkinson from Bryan Kemp's office, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, AG Chris Carr, Supreme Court Justice Mike Boggs and Dept. of Natural Resources

Commissioner Mark Williams. The trip also included dinner with local Legislators and taking a picture with Governor Nathan Deal.



DEFENSE DAY

March 15, 2018 was Defense Day for the 2018 Class. The group got a behind the scenes look at the work that the men and women of Moody Air Force Base does in order to keep our country safe. They received a real treat in getting the opportunity to see the A-10 Warthog in action in a training session at Grand Bay bombing range near the base.



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Who is the True “Best Class Ever?”



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