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The Clinton Chamber of Commerce Announces the Clinton Chamber Youth Leadership Program Participants for the 2018-19 Academic Year

- Over 30 students from three area schools will take part in this year's CCYL program
- CCYL now has officer roles, filled by five of the program participants
- The participants are all juniors or seniors in high school
- CCYL students will join in various community volunteer activities and attend educational sessions throughout the year to hone their leadership skills and prepare them for the business world

Clinton, MS – The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the incoming class of Clinton Chamber Youth Leadership Program participants for the 2018-19 academic year. Each year, the Chamber has the honor to select area high school juniors and seniors to participate in this free youth program, which aims to engage and challenge local students as they volunteer and learn about the City of Clinton and the broader business environment that awaits them after graduation.

This varied group of over 30 students from three high schools (Clinton High School, Clinton Christian Academy and St. Andrew's Episcopal School) will gain experiences in a familiar classroom-style setting at their monthly meetings, but they will be treated as emerging accountable adults. Five of the student participants will also take on an even larger responsibility as the first class of CCYL officers, who will perform roles within the program that professionals would handle in an actual company setting.

Chamber Executive Director, TJ McSparrin, comments: "We are very excited about this year's CCYL Class and the activities they will be able to experience. This is an extremely diverse group of talented young people who have the opportunity to take advantage of an enhanced curriculum this year. We hope to offer them life tools they can use once they graduate."

To further hone these students' leadership skills and ensure they are adequately equipped to face the modern working world, the Chamber has planned a packed year of educational sessions with a different thematic focus each month. "From offering tips and guidelines on interviewing and resume writing to de-mystifying personal finance and business etiquette, the CCYL sessions this year will hopefully better equip these future leaders to face the increasingly competitive working world of modern day America," explains Emily Pace Hunt, Chamber Project Coordinator for the CCYL program. "In the fight they will face for further education and jobs, we want our students to come first."

The CCYL program, founded in Fall 2011, began as an exciting and progressive youth leadership program to challenge high school juniors and seniors to "take charge" of their lives while giving back to their community.

Since, the program has grown tremendously and will continue to evolve to meet the ever-changing demands of the businesses that make up Clinton and its larger community in Mississippi. As McSparrin states, “These are the future business leaders of our city. This is only the beginning for them.”

Please join the Clinton Chamber in congratulating these amazing and proactive students as they start their year in CCYL:

Name	Grade	School	Officer position
Eboni Anderson	Junior	Clinton High School	
Valeria Brown	Senior	Clinton Christian Academy	
Taylor Byrd	Senior	Clinton High School	
Kayden Chistov	Senior	Clinton High School	
Ryan Fields	Junior	Clinton Christian Academy	
Hannah Flickinger	Junior	Clinton High School	
Verlecia Gavin	Junior	Clinton High School	
Macey Greco	Junior	Clinton High School	
Natalie Hampton	Senior	Clinton High School	Chairwoman
Nehemiah Hicks	Senior	Clinton High School	Vice Chairman
Madison Johnson	Senior	Clinton High School	
Michayla Johnson	Senior	Clinton High School	
Taylor Jones	Junior	Clinton Christian Academy	Secretary
Ashley Kamryn Jones	Senior	Clinton High School	
Ryan Lacy	Senior	Clinton High School	
Corey Lewis	Senior	Clinton High School	
Maggie Lott	Senior	Clinton High School	
Anna Catherine Markham	Junior	Clinton Christian Academy	
Madeline McElroy	Junior	Clinton High School	
Allyson McGowan	Junior	Clinton High School	
Maria Miller	Senior	Clinton High School	
Abby Newell	Senior	Clinton High School	
Shiven Patel	Junior	Clinton Christian Academy	
Kaylei Peterson	Senior	Clinton High School	
Gracie Phillips	Senior	Clinton High School	
Rushali Shah	Senior	Clinton High School	Historian
Jayanti Shukla	Senior	Clinton High School	
Molly Spencer	Junior	St. Andrew's Episcopal School	
Malorie Steen	Senior	Clinton High School	
Maya Stocks	Senior	Clinton High School	
Regina Yen	Senior	Clinton High School	
Victor Yen	Junior	Clinton High School	
Kevin Zhang	Junior	Clinton High School	Public Relations Officer

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