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*Club of the Month*

## **The Young Democrats Are Back!!!**

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The Lee County Young Democrats have returned as an energetic, vital, and proud organization, ready to empower the next generation of young Democratic leaders in our community! Officially chartered with Florida Young Democrats, LCYD is dedicated to giving youth an important voice in the direction of the Lee County Democratic Executive Committee and the wider Democratic Party apparatus.

Our mission is critical, yet simple. LCYD supports Democratic nominees at all levels of government, works to shape party messaging, and fosters the development of future youth leaders. Through our constitution, we outline a clear mandate to train and mentor individuals aged 14 to 40, encouraging them to join not just the DEC, but to become active in all positions of the political sphere and engaged with politics. Beyond our core constitutional goals, LCYD is an organization that makes waves within Lee County through our actions.

We actively engage in voter registration Efforts, and are building extensive and collaborative Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaigns, working with the DEC in these efforts! LCYD also serves as a crucial resource for our members. We help them find roles to volunteer within the Lee County Democratic apparatus, along with Campaign Coordination roles, all with local candidates supporting policies critical to the future of our County. Through these connections with campaigns, we ensure that the representation of the youth voice, especially within the party, is visible, impactful, and ensured.

Our leadership has been critical to our success. They are a dedicated team of individuals, who have worked hard to bring LCYD back to its former self. The current officers are our President Cory Andrews, the Vice President Simon Monteleone, the Secretary Katie Tennyson, the Communications Officer Michaela O'Brien, the Treasurer Wyatt Kataras, and the Membership Director, Lyssa Stirrup. This team has not only secured our charter with the state organization but has also established LCYD as an active participant on the Lee County DEC's steering committee.

Our members have participated in numerous protest actions and provided invaluable support to local campaigns, assisting local leaders such as Kara Rogers, India Palencia, Howard Sapp, and Cindy Banyai.

Our leadership team has also worked diligently to secure common meeting places for members. We hold regular meetings to ensure that our members remain engaged and informed. We strongly believe that consistent communication is key to the success of our organization and to the spread of information about local political events and opportunities necessary to any political organization.

For those interested in becoming involved with Lee County Young Democrats, we encourage you to reach out. You can contact us directly via email at [youngdemsofleecountyfl@gmail.com](mailto:youngdemsofleecountyfl@gmail.com) or by texting me, Simon Monteleone, Vice President and Regional Director, at 239-224-9812.

Lee County Young Democrats are firmly here to stay. We invite all the youth of Lee County who are passionate about creating a stronger, more representative Democratic Party, and Lee County as a whole, to join us in our mission, sign up, and show up!