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Knox County Health Department and Coordinated School Health announce 2016/2017 Youth Health Board

Knoxville, Tenn. – Thirty-six Knox County high school students started their year of service on the Youth Health Board with a retreat last week at Ijams Nature Center. A collaborative effort between the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) and Coordinated School Health, the Youth Health Board serves as a forum for youth to affect our community’s well-being through volunteer activities and service-learning projects.

“These young leaders bring a unique perspective as we work to explore and take action on a variety of public health issues,” said KCHD Public Health Educator Kerri Thompson. “We’re looking forward to beginning our work in the community with this exceptional group.”

2016/2017 Youth Health Board Members

Austin-East High School

Janiyah Rowans, 12th grade

Bearden High School

Samaya Baljepally, 9th grade

Vinila Baljepally, 12th grade

Lucas Baudry, 11th grade

Linus Cho, 11th grade

Priscilla Cho, 11th grade

Ira Katigbak, 11th grade

Courtney Lam, 11th grade

Bhargavi Motheramgari, 11th grade

Alivia Nytko, 10th grade

Career Magnet Academy

Chloe Weaver, 10th

Central High School

Hanson Lam, 10th grade

Farragut High School

Eunice Baek, 12th grade

Parin Bhaduri, 12th grade

Tej Brahmabhatt, 12th grade

Raksha Doddabele, 12th grade

Fulton High School

Dalton Oaks, 12th grade

Lataeya Willis, 12th grade

Gibbs High School

Jacob Terry, 11th grade

Blake Turpin, 12th grade

Halls High School

Briauna Blevins, 12th grade

Hardin Valley Academy

Haley Bauman, 12th grade

Eric Stickle, 12th grade

Karns High School

Grace Ellis, 12th grade

Matthew Myers, 12th grade

L&N STEM Academy

Lexi Jones, 11th grade

Aruha Khan, 11th grade

Miranda Taylor, 12th grade

AJ Thayer, 11th grade

Powell High School

Macy Diehl, 11th grade

Delaney Huff, 11th grade

South Doyle High School

Lexi Carrell, 11th grade

Webb High School

Kaitlin Ladha, 11th grade

Kalina Scarbrough, 11th grade

Maya Scarbrough, 11th grade

West High School

Christian Netherland, 9th grade



The members are selected each year from an applicant pool of high school students who demonstrate leadership skills, a commitment to the community and an interest in health-related issues. Past activities include: working with KCHD to develop a health conference for teens; coordinating volunteer projects at the Boys and Girls Club; and hosting an anti-tobacco public display.

About Knox County Health Department:

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is a governmental agency dedicated to making every person a healthy person. As the first health department in Tennessee to achieve national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, KCHD’s mission is to encourage, promote and assure the development of an active, healthy community through innovative public health practices. The organization conducts disease surveillance, prevention and control; emergency preparedness; nutrition and physical activity promotion; tobacco use prevention; health equity promotion; immunizations; and much more. For more information, visit www.knoxcounty.org/health.

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