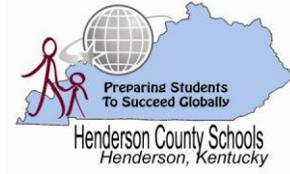


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## 21st Century Community Learning Centers Nominations

(Henderson, KY)- Ten students from the **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)** after school programs were nominated by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council of Washington, D.C. as students who demonstrate leadership, academic and maturity skills.

The following students were nominated from the Henderson County School District:

Chase Harrison

Lilanna Welch

Elizabeth Lepovsky

Shelby Higdon

Billy Eades

Rishyria Green

Timberlyn Floyd

Ayinde Charles

Dylan Lykins

Jewel Stone

Each student received a special invitation to attend the 2012 Junior National Young Leaders Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. this summer.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is an essential part of the “No Child Left Behind Act” of 2001 which recognizes that improved student achievement occurs when communities implement programs and strategies scientifically proven to be effective. The 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs focus on constructive learning activities during non-school hours. With caring adult guidance, school and community-based academic and youth development programs result in greater achievement and social outcomes for children and youth.

The intent of the funds is to enable communities to design and implement effective out-of-school programs that will result in improved student achievement and be sustained through community partnerships at the conclusion of the grant funds.

Specifically, the purposes of the “The No Child Left Behind Act” of 2001 as authorized under Title IV, Part B (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) are to: 1) provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics; 2) offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, fitness, and recreation programs, technology education programs, and character education programs, that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and 3) offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

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