

Washington DC Youth Tour Winners 2017



Emilie Hopkinson– Blue Ridge HS

Emilie enjoys photography, drawing, chess, reading, playing the violin or flute, learning martial arts and writing. Her extracurricular activities include Tae Kwon Do, Chess, Orchestra, National Honor Society, Art, Photography, Spanish, Future Business Leaders of America and unicycling. With all of that, Emilie still finds time to participate as a volunteer at the Love Kitchen and at the school. She participates with a group working on a greenhouse from which all proceeds will go to the Love Kitchen. Emilie has received 4.0 grade point average awards, placed in the top five at chess tournaments, has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has held many leadership positions in clubs she participates in. Her favorite subjects are Math, Science, English, Orchestra and Spanish and she plans to become a neurosurgeon because of her fascination with the brain.



Jeremy Batson – Mogollon HS

Jeremy enjoys participating on the Robotics team, playing the trumpet and singing in the school and his church choir. He is involved in the National Honor Society, is President of the Robotics Club, has been to the Robotics Championship and participates in the Boy Scouts of America. Jeremy is very active in church and boy scouting service projects, has been the senior patrol leader and is currently serving as crew captain in his Boy Scout group. His favorite subjects in school are Math and Science. Jeremy has earned the President's Award for Academic Excellence and strives to maintain straight A's in all of his classes. Future plans for Jeremy include attending Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus for a career as a Robotics Engineer.



Mylea McBride – Round Valley HS

Mylea enjoys showing livestock, rodeo, lifting weights and reading. Her favorite subjects in school are Agriculture, Biology, English, American History and Chemistry. Mylea's civic involvement activities include working as a volunteer at the Living Hope Women's Center, with the Round Valley Boy's and Girl's Club Gymnastics and Special Olympics. Mylea is the social chair for Teens Opposed to Harmful Choices, participates on the Varsity Softball Team, and is a member of Future Farmers of America and the 4-H President. She has received awards including Academic Excellence in English and Spanish 2 and First Place District Livestock Evaluator. Mylea's goal is attend the University of Arizona and pursue a Master's Degree in Agricultural Education.



Laurie Wilson – St. Johns HS

Laurie enjoys singing and dancing, reading and listening to podcasts and talking to people to ascertain their ideas about the world and their perspectives on life. She was awarded Best Outstanding Speech at the Academic Decathlon as well as 1st Place for top Mathematics score; represented St. Johns at a regional youth conference talent show performing a self-choreographed modern dance; 1st Place at Apache County talent show for self-choreographed lyrical dance; the Young Women Recognition Award; and 1st Place in her age division in the 21st Tri-In-The-Pines adult triathlon. Her favorite subjects in school are English, History and Economics. Laurie participates in the Choir, on the school Cheerleading Squad and Soccer team, plays the piano, takes dance lessons and is a member of the National Honor Society. Her civic involvement activities include visiting the elderly, singing and playing the piano at church and the Hinkson Assisted Living facility and helping sponsor a blood drive. Laurie wants to create a company that would take dance into the school systems in an expanded form.