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Greater North Fulton Chamber Announces Youth Leadership North Fulton Class of 2027

ALPHARETTA, Ga. – The Greater North Fulton Chamber is proud to announce the Youth Leadership North Fulton (YLNf) Class of 2027, welcoming 41 high school students from across the region to participate in outstanding leadership development this year.

From October 2026 through May 2027, students from 15 North Fulton high schools will embark on a transformative leadership experience that fosters personal growth, civic engagement, and meaningful connections with community leaders and fellow students.

Celebrating 26 years of impact, Youth Leadership North Fulton (formerly the Emerging Leaders Program) is the region's signature youth leadership program, empowering students to grow as informed, connected, and engaged leaders who contribute to the future of the North Fulton community, including Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, and Sandy Springs.

During monthly program days, students will connect with influential civic, business, and community leaders while exploring the critical issues impacting the North Fulton region. Through interactive experiences in government, education, public safety, healthcare, economic development, and the nonprofit sector, participants gain valuable insight into their community and build relationships that inspire future leadership and service.

The cohort is also charged with completing a group service project to give back to the community. To complete the program, students will present their capstone project at graduation to strengthen their public speaking, leadership, and communication skills. The experience challenges participants to apply what they have learned throughout the program, develop solutions to real-world issues, and confidently present their work to community leaders, peers, and family members. These valuable skills enhance college and career readiness while preparing students to become effective leaders in their schools, workplaces, and communities.

Many Youth Leadership North Fulton alumni continue their leadership journeys in college, their careers, and their communities. They pursue higher education, engage in civic and volunteer initiatives, and take on leadership roles that allow them to make a positive impact and help shape the future of the communities they serve.

"Youth Leadership North Fulton was created 26 years ago by a Leadership North Fulton Class that believed leadership training and civic engagement could be even more impactful to our community if started in high school," said Kali Boatright, President & CEO of GNFCC. "The end result is earlier engagement and young professionals who stay or return to our community prepared to give back. This new class continues that legacy, and I couldn't be more excited to see where they take it."

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Upon completion of the program, students gain invaluable leadership skills that extend beyond the classroom, including increased confidence, stronger communication, and collaboration abilities, expanded professional and peer networks, and a heightened sense of civic responsibility. These experiences enhance their academic accomplishments while empowering them to become engaged citizens, dedicated community advocates, and the next generation of leaders.

The Greater North Fulton Chamber congratulates and welcomes **41 students of the Youth Leadership North Fulton Class of 2027 across 15 area high schools** and looks forward to supporting their leadership journey throughout the coming year.

Ahuja, Aditya	Northview High School
Akber, Lena	FCS Innovation Academy
Ali, Inaya	Alpharetta High School
Baig, Farhan	Alpharetta High School
Bauer, Liam	Fellowship Christian School
Black, Nevan	King's Ridge Christian School
Desai, Shruti	Fulton Science Academy
Dhulipudi, Viransh	FCS Innovation Academy
Doyle, Thomas	Roswell High School
Flint, Robert Walker	Centennial High School
French, Carolyn	Alpharetta High School
Hall, James	FCS Innovation Academy
Hashmi, Zuella	Fulton Science Academy
Hleap, David	Saint Francis High School
Huels, Gage	Milton High School
Jamison, Tripp	King's Ridge Christian School
Jarrett, Donovan	Alpharetta High School
Jones, Daniel	Roswell High School
Kim, Geonho	Chattahoochee High School
Koagel, David	Milton High School
Landry, Maren	Blessed Trinity Catholic School
Lin, Tiffanny	Johns Creek High School
Lo Faro, Giovanni	Alpharetta High School
Macke, Kate	Blessed Trinity Catholic School
McCloud, Zoe	Cambridge High School
Misra, Prarabdh	Chattahoochee High School
Moelich, Heidi	Chattahoochee High School
Ohm, Terin	Johns Creek High School
Payne, Ella Kate	King's Ridge Christian School
Saglam, Nurdan	Fulton Science Academy
Schell, Tamson	Cambridge High School
Schumacher, James Peter	Alpharetta High School
Sotres, Cyrus	North Springs High School
Stutz, McKenna	Blessed Trinity Catholic School
Suresh, Sahana	FCS Innovation Academy
Szczesny, Alexander	Johns Creek High School
Thadiparthi, Srihasita	Fulton Science Academy

Vance, Phoenix	FCS Innovation Academy
Walker, Alyssa	Alpharetta High School
Williams, Taylor	Roswell High School
Yu, Eric	Johns Creek High School

About Leadership North Fulton

Youth Leadership North Fulton is part of the Greater North Fulton Chamber's flagship leadership development program. For more than two decades, the program has equipped student leaders with the knowledge, relationships, and experiences necessary to make meaningful contributions to their high schools, communities, and future academic and civic endeavors. Through experiential learning and direct engagement with regional leaders, students gain a comprehensive understanding of the issues impacting Greater North Fulton and develop leadership skills to continue in their academic and professional pursuits at their high schools, local community, and future academic and employment sites.

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