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**Junior Achievement Names 2022-2023
Leadership Lexington Youth Program Class**

Lexington, KY – Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass (JA) is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 Leadership Lexington Youth Program (LLYP) Class presented by UK Healthcare. Through LLYP, select students network with local leaders as they delve into diverse issues, explore local opportunities, and experience all that Lexington has to offer. Over the course of the year-long program, students will be encouraged to think critically about their vision for the future of our city and allowed opportunities to develop the leadership skills they will need to affect change.

Dakota Musgrave, a 2022 graduate of the program, had this to say about her experience:

“Leadership Lexington [Youth] encouraged me to think about my place in our community and consider how I want to live as an impactful citizen. I got to discover my passions and personal strengths and use that knowledge when learning about different aspects of our community that I could be a part of. LLYP was especially effective in this because we got to experience the program among some of the most driven and passionate students in Lexington. We all fed off of each other, so I always left feeling empowered and hopeful for my place in the future.”

Following the Aug. 31 orientation, this year’s LLYP students will gather one Wednesday per month to learn about and explore a specific topic as it relates to our city. These topics include Local Lex Day (Oct. 12), Health & Human Services Day (Nov. 2), Government & Public Safety Day (Dec. 7), Arts & Media Day (Jan. 11), Ambassador for Change Day (Feb. 1), and Higher Education & Career Development Day (Mar. 1). The program will culminate in a graduation luncheon held on Apr. 12.

Due to an increase in the number of applications, this year’s selection process was highly competitive. Program Manager Ellie Lindsey commented, “I was truly impressed with the quality and quantity of applications this year. Even with the help of a dedicated and experienced steering committee, it was difficult to select the top 45 students from such an accomplished applicant pool. If these students are any indication, Lexington has a very bright future ahead.”

After completing a rigorous application and interview process, the following students were selected to participate in this year's program:

Puja Adhikari, Henry Clay	Daniel Khi, Trinity Christian Academy
John Backer, Sayre	Reese Lile, Henry Clay
Charles Boden, Lexington Catholic	Anna Marasco Quibrera, Dunbar
Zoe Breitigan, Henry Clay	Aina Marti, Lafayette
Kate Brown, Lexington Catholic	Lea Mastrih, Lexington Catholic
Alison Buenemann, Frederick Douglass	Ella Miller, Sayre
Veronica Butler, Tates Creek	Maxwell Mooring, Lexington Catholic
Leah Buzard, Henry Clay	Anopa Musoni, Lafayette
Julia Castillo, Dunbar	Kotaro Nagano, Dunbar
Nancy Chen, Henry Clay	Taylor Perry, STEAM Academy
Preston Chenault, Carter G. Woodson	Abigail Potter, LCA
Sarah Collins, Lafayette	Layth Rahman, Henry Clay
John Copeland, Lafayette	Abigail Rubin, Sayre
Valeria Culp-Millán, Bryan Station	Darakhn Sao, Lexington Catholic
Maria Clara Daroz Freitas Lobo, Lafayette	Isaiah Smith, LCA
Neko Dossett, Lafayette	Andrew Snow, Frederick Douglass
Huda Ghoneim, Tates Creek	Madelyn Steinberg, Sayre
Thomas Grant, Bryan Station	Alexander Stumbur, Dunbar
Jenna Hopper, LCA	Thien-Lan Tran, Lexington Catholic
Abigail Hutchison, Lafayette	Caleb Walker, Carter G. Woodson
Madelyn Justice, Dunbar	Greer Webb, Sayre
Neel Kachroo, Lafayette	Moira West, Lexington Catholic
Daniyaal Karim, Dunbar	

For more information about the JA Leadership Lexington Youth Program, please visit the [Junior Achievement website](#) or call (859) 219-2423.

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About Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass was incorporated in 1963 with the purpose of inspiring and preparing students to succeed in a global economy. In January of 2017, JA of the Bluegrass opened JA BizTown/JA Finance Park – an experiential opportunity for students in the community. With the support of positive adult role models who volunteer their time, JA enables students to understand business, citizenship, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, ethics/character, and work readiness. These learning experiences establish the foundation upon which today's students can acquire the skills and attitudes necessary to succeed in a fast-changing world. For more information, visit our website at <https://bluegrass.ja.org/>.