New county youth council is formed

Wayne County Commissioners unanimously supported a resolution by Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick to create the Wayne County Commission Youth Council, a new organization dedicated to promoting youth education, community involvement and civic interaction.

The goal is to bring together youth from varied socioeconomic backgrounds and multicultural neighborhoods to assist in planning, developing and implementing activities and services that help young people become socially responsible community members.

Council activities will begin Sept. 1 of each year. Members will be sophomores, juniors and seniors, enrolled in any Wayne County high school. Each county commissioner may appoint two students, selected through a process that includes a completed application form, personal essay, referral from a school administrator, teacher or civic leader and parental consent.

Applicants will be notified in writing of their acceptance and council members will elect their own officers.

The Wayne County Commission Youth Council will present an annual report to the Wayne County Commission by July 15 of each calendar year, making recommendations to the commission about new programs and services for Wayne County youth.

Each commissioner will be responsible for distributing application forms in their district.