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## **2023-2024 LaGrange Youth Council Presents Year of Accomplishments to the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council**

***LaGrange, Ga. April 24, 2024*** – The 2023-2024 LaGrange Youth Council members presented their year of accomplishments to the LaGrange Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Tuesday (4/23) evening at the regular city council meeting.



**2023-2024 LaGrange Youth Council Chairperson Alisa Lee Presents to the Council**

LaGrange Youth Council Chairperson Alisa Lee, Literacy Committee Chairperson McKenzie Aldridge, and International Culture & Diversity Committee Chairperson Prem Kamat presented to the Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Tuesday.

The LaGrange Youth Council accomplished multiple educational and leadership-based activities this year including hosting the 2023 GMA Youth Symposium, meeting with state representatives at the Capitol, hosting an ice-skating party for West Georgia Star, and learning about how the City of LaGrange operates from department heads and elected officials. The Youth Council also voted to focus on two community-based projects for the 2023-2024 school year.

The first project, the Literacy Committee, hosted a pickle ball tournament to help collect books to donate to the Jungle Bus. The committee donated a total of 212 books as a result of this event. “The Pickle Page Tournament was a huge success,” said LaGrange Youth Council Advisor Adam Speas. “The students were able to bring awareness to an important cause and promote a program in the Jungle Bus that helps improve the lives of younger students.”

The second project, the International Culture & Diversity Committee, wanted to showcase the cultural diversity in the LaGrange community by creating short-form cooking videos. The videos featured dishes and their cultural significance from countries like Jamaica, Korea, Greece, Ghana, and Israel. “The students were inspired by the food tents at the former International Festival,” said Speas. “It was important to this committee to bring awareness to and celebrate the numerous cultures residing right here in LaGrange.”

The following seniors were honored for graduating from LaGrange Youth Council:

McKenzie Aldridge (LHS)	Laila Bailey (LHS)
Jordan Brock (THS)	Zykia Gray (LHS)
Zaiven Hart (CHS)	Dasia Johnson (CHS)
Janae Johnson (LHS)	Charlie Key (Springwood)
Alisa Lee (LHS)	Erick Martinez (THS)
Alyssa Parker (LCS)	Madison Petite (LA)
Charlsie Reed (LA)	Drew Robinson (LHS)
Belle Solomon (LHS)	Max Zachry (LA)



*The LaGrange Youth Council is an advisory board composed of local youth that provides advice and counsel to the local governing body. The Youth Council gives our local youth a more formal role in the local decision-making process. This group is made up of junior and senior high school students from surrounding public and private schools.*

**THE CITY OF LAGRANGE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 LAGRANGE YOUTH COUNCIL. The submission deadline is Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5PM. For more information email [aspeas@lagrangega.org](mailto:aspeas@lagrangega.org). To download an application go to [http://www.lagrange-ga.gov/Home/Youth\\_Council](http://www.lagrange-ga.gov/Home/Youth_Council).**

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