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Smoak Foundation Announces Class One of Youth Leadership Highlands

Sebring, Highlands County – The Mason G. Smoak Foundation recently announced the members of Class One of Youth Leadership Highlands, a year-long leadership program for high school students in Highlands County. The group also recently conducted an orientation meeting for the inaugural class that allowed them to meet the rest of the class and learn more about the program.

The following students are in Class One of Youth Leadership Highlands Class:

Avon Park High School: Taylor Brown, Zach Farr, Mason Jahna, Kenny McGrath, and Sherida Zeeuw.

Lake Placid High School: Melissa Barajas, Stephanie Bennett, Allison Burnett, Laura Candeletta, Laine Daum, Jessie Sanders, and Luci Torres.

Sebring High School: Marissa Andujar, Dillon Cloud, Raymond Drevermann, Elton Gargano, and Scout Royce.

The students will participate in a day-long leadership retreat to kick-off the year then will spend five days through the school year traveling throughout Highlands County visiting businesses, government agencies, social service agencies, churches and other organizations to learn all they can about Highlands County. The year will wrap up with a graduation ceremony for these students.

The program is sponsored by the Mason G. Smoak Foundation and hopes to instill in these students a greater appreciation for Highlands County and the Ridge Area, while encouraging the students to grow personally and academically toward their goals.

To learn more about the Foundation go to www.masongsmoakfoundation.org.

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Tracee Smoak, Mason G. Smoak Foundation Board Member, addresses the group which included program participants, parents/guardians of participants and representatives from the Mason G. Smoak Foundation.



Class One of the Mason G. Smoak Foundation "Youth Leadership Highlands" pause for a group photo.



Tracee Smoak, visits with Youth Leadership Highlands participant Jesse Sanders (far right) and her mother (far left).