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Note to news media: Enclosed is a list of youths who participated in the youth election worker program. Please note the names of youths in your coverage area.

Nebraska youths honored for serving as election workers

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and the Nebraska Bankers Association honored 85 youths throughout the state who served as election workers during the Nov. 2 election.

The youths, ranging in age from 14 to 18, were part of a new program to encourage young people to learn about the election process by working on Election Day. Each participant will receive a recognition award for his or her work.

As part of the program, the Nebraska Bankers Association awarded \$50 savings bonds to five participants. The winners were picked in drawings based on the geographic districts of the Nebraska Association of County Officials.

The winners of the savings bonds are: Kayse Abrahams of West Point, Northeast District; Logan Hanzlicek of DuBois, Southeast District; Shea Henderson of Aurora, Central District; Devon Craenford of Cambridge, West Central District; and Shaun Wiekhorst of Potter, Panhandle District.

“The program got off to a great start thanks to the cooperation from county election officials and the Nebraska Bankers Association. We consider all 85 participants as champions of the democratic process through their efforts on Election Day,” Gale said.

“Anytime we can connect the next generation with the importance of voting, we all win. These student election workers will hopefully be active citizens in the future due to their experience,” he added.

“Involving young people in the election process is critical to the future of our country,” said George Beattie, president of the Nebraska Bankers Association. “We are pleased to be a partner in this program and would like to express our appreciation for those who participated.”

The participating youths served in 22 counties and worked about 484 hours. Top counties in terms of numbers of participants were Hamilton County (County Clerk Donita Friesen), 28; Thayer County (County Clerk Marilyn Free), eight; and Madison County (County Clerk Nancy Scheer), seven.

It takes 2 million election workers to run a national election and 12,000 workers to run a statewide election in Nebraska, Gale noted.

“Unfortunately, many of our elderly election workers nationwide are having to quit, and replacements are hard to find,” he said. “Youth election workers are a godsend and may soon provide a key answer to the shortage.”

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Youth Election Worker Program Participants 2004 General Election

Note: Some participants worked in counties where they do not reside.

Buffalo County: Trey Rodgers, Kearney; Logan Weber, Kearney.

Cheyenne County: Bryan Brogren, Dalton; Zachary Shaw, Potter; Shaun Wiekhorst, Potter.

Colfax County: Jaimie Bohaboj, Dodge.

Cuming County: Kayse Abrahams, West Point; Kevin Beune, West Point; Trisha Kreikemeier, West Point; Laura Langemeier, West Point; Bonnie Lawrence, West Point; James Walden, West Point.

Dawson County: Brett Lahm, Lexington.

Deuel County: Lars Anderson, Chappell; Ashley Krause, Big Springs; Aimee Olson, Chappell.

Frontier County: Devon Craenford, Cambridge; Marshall Fischer, Maywood; Craig Hazen, Maywood.

Gage County: Jenna Busboom, Pickrell.

Hall County: Jacob Sanchez, Grand Island.

Hamilton County: Gina Andersen, Marquette; Aaron Bradley, Aurora; Daniel Brown, Phillips; Jenni Christie, Aurora; Kara Dallegge, Hampton; Carly Forsman, Aurora; Kayla Gaughen, Hampton; Ty Geiser, Giltner; Carrie Heiser, Aurora; Shea Henderson, Aurora; Jeff James, Aurora; Katelyn Klute, Hampton; Kirsten Kreutz, Inland; Sally Leach, Aurora; Ashley McCarthy, Aurora; Natasha McKillip, Trumbull; Ryan Ousey, Aurora; Jayson Peetzke, Aurora; Paige Peters, Hampton; Derek Rudebusch, Aurora; Nial Spencer, Aurora; Emily Sullivan, Aurora; Matt Thies, Giltner; Blair Troester, Hampton; Jenny Uckert, Giltner; Whitney Williams, Giltner; Andrew Willis, Aurora; Levi Wofford, Aurora.

Harlan County: Jordan Bergquist, Oxford; Lacey Radil, Alma.

Kimball County: Patrick Faden, Kimball; Robert Gardner, Dix.

Knox County: Kayla Kumm, Wausa; Jared Rohrer, Center; Samantha Warriner, Center.

Lincoln County: Megan Balerude, North Platte; Sean Balerude, North Platte; Nick Brouillette, North Platte; Zachary Caudillo, North Platte.

Madison County: Tanisha Batenhorst, Madison; Jeremy Borchers, Madison; Joe Haschke, Madison; Nick Jensen, Norfolk; Danielle Myers, Norfolk; Tabitha Paul, Norfolk; Stacy Scheer, Madison.

Otoe County: Heather Boes, Nebraska City; Michael Scaturro, Plattsmouth.

Richardson County: Logan Hanzlicek, DuBois; Tyler Hanzlicek, DuBois; Kelly Moyer, DuBois.

Rock County: Sharina Faye Buoy, Burwell.

Scotts Bluff County: Jessica Franco, Mitchell.

Sioux County: Jason Mathis, Harrison.

Thayer County: Glenna Burdette, Hebron; Ben Christensen, Hebron; Nick Georgi, Hebron; Andrew Jacobsen, Hebron; Levi Krakow, Hebron; Samantha McPherson, Carleton; Eric Moeller, Bryon; Adam Tipton, Chester.

Wheeler County: Kal Kasselder, Ericson; Riley Seier, Bartlett.