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Enclosed is a list of students who participated in the Youth Election Service. Please note the names of youths in your coverage area. Additionally, a photo is attached from the drawing of the \$50 gift card winners held in the Secretary of State's office. Pictured from left to right are: Jennifer Heaton, vice president of government relations, Nebraska Bankers Association; Becky Richter, YES program director; Joni Sundquist, senior vice president of communications, Nebraska Bankers Association; John Gale, secretary of state.

Nebraska students rewarded for work during 2014 elections

LINCOLN – Twenty students from across Nebraska are being honored by Secretary of State John Gale for their work during the primary and general elections. Each student will receive a \$50 gift card by the Nebraska Bankers Association, which along with the Secretary of State's office, sponsors the Youth Election Service (YES) program.

"The purpose of the program is to spark an interest in the election process among young people," explained Gale. "However, in many cases these students are providing a real and measurable service to the county election officials and the various precincts in which they work."

Youth age 14 to 18 are required to work at least four hours during each election in order to qualify for the drawing in which names are selected for 20 gift cards, worth \$50 each. Gale said many students go above and beyond.

"This time we had a student from Grand Island who worked 16 hours. That student received one of the \$50 gift cards. We had others as well who worked 8 to 13 hour

days, demonstrating real commitment on their part. Additionally, we had a total of 19 students who worked during both the primary and general elections.”

One hundred and sixty-eight students from 25 counties took part in the YES program, with the largest majority coming from Holt (31 students) and Richardson (31 students) counties, followed by Hamilton County which had 25 participants. In all, students worked around 865 hours between the primary and general elections.

Students serve in a variety of roles: clerks, election set up and tear down, judge assistants, poll workers and messengers. During the drawing, two winners were selected from each of the five designated districts. They include: Alex Hoffman, Chambers; Seth Bredehoft, Battle Creek; Schuyler Kuhlmann, Table Rock; Avery Scott, Falls City; Sydney Wergin, Aurora; Heather Bentley, Miller; Jonathan Snider, Maywood; Parker Reil, Ogallala; Ian Wagner, Sidney; and Kevin Jurgensen, Sidney.

An additional ten names were picked among those students who worked eight hours or more during either the primary or general elections: Treyvin Bek, Falls City; Justin Ernst, Rulo; Brandon Schawang, Salem; Daniel Keithley, Falls City; Wyatt Martin, Salem; Kaitlyn Hanvey, Center; Theodore Stutheit, Falls City; Rebekah Pobanz, Grand Island; Micah Pobanz, Grand Island; Payton Adams, Verdon.

“We’ve been doing this program for ten years now, with nearly 2,000 students taking part since the beginning. We could not have made it as impactful as it has been without the cooperation and support of the Nebraska Bankers Association. The NBA has provided the funds to help finance savings bonds and now, gift cards for the students.”

All of the YES participants will receive a certificate from the Secretary of State’s office honoring them for their service.

Youth Election Service Participants (By county)

Box Butte: Alyssa Palmer, Alliance.

Buffalo: Daniel Kolbo, Kearney; Heather Bentley, Miller; Juston Radcliffe, Kearney; Justus Hanson, Kearney.

Cheyenne: Genessa Schilz, Sidney; Ian Wagner, Sidney; Kevin Jurgensen, Sidney; Will Castner, Sidney; Alli Ehler, Sidney.

Clay: Katlyn Harms, Clay Center.

Colfax: Monica Gutierrez Quezada, Schuyler.

Cuming: Aleasha Nicole La Croix, West Point; Amanda Meister, West Point; Aspen Oliver, West Point; Caylynn Cruse, West Point; Emilio Edeza, West Point; Karsten Schuetze, West Point; Kirsten Ernesti, West Point; Kristen McElroy, West Point; McKenzie Bruce, Snyder; Rianna Kramer, West Point; Ronald Kramer, West Point; Tania Damian, West Point.

Dodge: Weston Timm, Hooper.

Fillmore: Timothy Bullock, Geneva.

Frontier: Jonathan Snider, Maywood.

Garfield: Emma Sawyer, Burwell.

Greeley: Rachel Thompson, Scotia; Robin Hermsmeyer, Scotia.

Hall: Micah Pobanz, Grand Island; Rebekah Pobanz; Allie Richardson, Grand Island.

Hamilton: Alexa Stauffer, Phillips; Ashtyne Nachtigal, Aurora; Ava Leininger, Aurora; Brad Hunt, Aurora; Cheyanne Hettle, Aurora; DJ Dozier, Aurora; Dylan Christenson, Marquette; Elenna Leininger, Aurora; Emily Boerkircher, Aurora; James Howe, Aurora; Jared Boehle, Phillips; Josh Aspegren, Aurora; Joshua DeMers, Hordville; Jymmylee Samples, Aurora; Kellen Quick, Aurora; Kelsey Sabata, Aurora; Kerragen Jensen, Aurora; Luke Standage, Aurora; Madeline Epp, Aurora; Megan Howe, Aurora; Shawn McDonald, Phillips; Sydney Wergin, Aurora; Tanner Wonch, Aurora; Tyler Oschner, Aurora; Zoe Barnes, Aurora.

Holt: Alex Hoffman, Chambers; Bathsheba Doty, Chambers; Brant Pavel, Chambers; Bridget Schneider, O'Neill; Brittany Ann Soukup, O'Neill; Cassidy Brindisi, Chambers; Cheyenne Burrell, Chambers; Dawn Klabenes, Chambers; Derek Tomjack, Ewing; Devyn Thor, Chambers; Donna Libolt, Chambers; Jacob Green, Ewing; Jeremy Hubel, Chambers; John Walnofer, Chambers; Jon Doolittle, Amelia; Kacie Gribble, O'Neill; Kristine Krotter, O'Neill; Mackenzie Wecker, O'Neill; Marissa Koenig, Ewing; Meagan Carr, Amelia; Michael Wecker, O'Neill; Mitchell Root, Chambers; Molly Atheson, O'Neill; Nicole Beed, Chambers; Serena Klabenes, Chambers; Tami Jo Marcellus, Chambers; Tanner Tracy, Chambers; Trevor Jarman, Chambers; Tyson Burk, Chambers; Veronica Velder, O'Neill; Zachary Haburchak, Ewing.

Hooker: Emily Vinton, Whitman; Jessica Lovitt, Mullen; Rebekah Daniels, Mullen.

Keith: Abigail Nguyen, Ogallala; Alaynah Hybert, Ogallala; Baylee Stewart, Ogallala; Brian Peterson, Ogallala; Hayley Kaiser, Ogallala; Hope Cordova, Ogallala; Kacey Jaeger, Ogallala; Maddi Gager, Ogallala; Parker Reil, Ogallala.

Knox: Kaitlyn Hanvey, Center; Rachel Dather, Verdigre.

Lancaster: Devan Buescher, Lincoln; Joe Massey, Lincoln; Michaela Tongish, Lincoln; Samuel Rice, Lincoln.

Madison: Daisy Valle, Norfolk; Destiny Morales, Norfolk; Estefani Rodriguez, Norfolk; Heather Knapp, Madison; Hunter Randles, Madison; Jordan Wilken, Norfolk; Justin Waugh, Madison; Leslie Rojas, Norfolk; Mark Warnemunde, Madison; Seth Bredehoft, Battle Creek.

Platte: Amairani Parra, Columbus.

Richardson: Alex Nelsen, Falls City; Amanda Antholz, Humboldt; Avery Scott, Falls City; Bailey Bindle, Falls City; Baylee Vrtiska, Falls City; Brandon Schawang, Salem; Chessanie Blakley, Falls City; Cheyenne Dovel, Falls City; Daniel Keithley, Falls City; Destiny Worthey, Humboldt; Elliot Gonnella, Dawson; Emma Schock, Falls City; Jacob Herr, Humboldt; Justin Ernst, Rulo; Katheryn Bieker, Falls City; Kaylee Rosenberger, Falls City; Kira Vollan, Falls City; Lindsay Harlow, Dawson; Marissa Ogden, White Cloud, Kansas; Matthew Goltz, Falls City; Maygen Ramsey, Falls City; Payton Adams, Verdon; Preston Deckinger, Falls City; Rachel Parrish, Falls City; Schuyler Kuhlmann, Table Rock; Sydney Armbruster, Falls City; Taylor O'Brien, Falls City; Theodore Stutheit, Falls City; Treyvin Bek, Falls City; Ty Larson, Falls City; Wyatt Martin, Salem.

Sarpy: Benjamin Dalton, Bellevue; Brandon Clary, Omaha; Carl Dillow, Bellevue; Eric Allen, Papillion; Nathan Beyer, Bellevue; Ryan Dolezal, Bellevue; Ryan Fumagalli, Bellevue; Stephanie Nelson, Omaha.

Saunders: Cassidy Krafka, Ashland; Cassidy Wall, Ashland; Cody Redden, Ashland; Destiny Edgerton, Ashland; Jade Grell, Ashland; Katie Richards, Ashland; Lexis Stuchlik, Wahoo; Ryleigh Jensen, Ashland.

Seward: Amanda Whitney, Seward.

Washington: Mason Goodman, Blair

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