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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, photographs are attached from the drawing of the bond winners held at the Secretary of State's office, for your use. Pictured from left to right are: Becky Richter, YES program director; John Gale, secretary of state; Joni Sundquist, vice president of communications, Nebraska Bankers Association.

Nebraska students honored for election service

LINCOLN – Nebraska students are being rewarded for their work at the polls during the primary and general elections in 2012. Their names were selected by the Secretary of State's office and the Nebraska Bankers Association to receive a \$50 savings bond.

In all, 264 students took part in this year's Youth Election Service (YES), a program designed to increase interest and involvement in the election system among youth ages 14-18. YES participants from 27 counties worked over 1,460 hours during the statewide elections.

Students who worked at least four hours at their polling site were entered into the drawing for a \$50 savings bond from the Nebraska Bankers Association. Four winners were selected from each of the five designated districts. They include: Devan Oligmueller, Alliance; Ryan Taylor, Alliance; Kyle Bower, Arcadia; Craig Roberts, Battle Creek; Alexis Brandenburgh, Benkelman; Kindra Vanderford, Benkelman; Nicole Romine, Falls City; Wynter Ritthaler, Fremont; Micaha Pobanz, Grand Island; Veronica Interiano, Grand Island; Nalsia Interiano, Grand Island;

Casandra Elder, Hemingford; Olivia Kempkes, Hickman; Elly Burton, Lincoln; Tess Whitman, Maywood; Michael Herlick, Norfolk; Miranda Newmann, Norfolk; Rebecca Adams, Ogallala; Alex Linneman, Sidney; and Ashton Schweers, Wayne.

"It is wonderful to see the kind of participation demonstrated by our young people here in Nebraska when it comes to our election process," observed Sec. John Gale. "This, in addition to the mock elections we hold, really gives students the type of hands-on experience that we hope fosters their participation in the voting process as they transition into adulthood."

Richardson County had the greatest number of participants at 36, followed by Hamilton County which had 31 participants. Five counties have taken part in the YES program since it started in 2004: Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Richardson & Lincoln.

"We really appreciate the effort that those county election clerks put into this program," said Becky Richter, program director. "They are the ones who help sustain it year after year. They facilitate and coordinate participation with the students. It's because of them that this program has had continued success."

The election clerks for those counties are: Patricia Anderson (Hamilton), Joann Fischer (Knox), Nancy Scheer (Madison), Mary Eickhoff (Richardson), and Becky Rossell (Lincoln).

There were several students who worked both the primary and general elections. They include: Brant Pavel, Chambers; Rebecca Blome, Clay Center; Emily Blome, Clay Center; Kristen Kean, Dawson; Nathan Stuckemeyer, Dawson; Jennifer Wendtlandt, Falls City; Jillian Lunsford, Falls City; Marrison Stark, Falls City; Maygan Ramsey, Falls City; Taylor O'Brien, Falls City; Treyvin Bek, Falls City; Baylee Vrtiska, Falls City; Destiny Worthey, Humboldt; Taylor Bredemeier, Pawnee City; Paige Watkins, Stella; Paige Ann Gutzmer, Table Rock; Amanda Ruzicka, Verdigré; Kirstyn Buchholz, Verdon; Reba Kay Burgett, Verdon; and Grace Kirwan, West Point.

"I was amazed to see that some students worked 12, 13, even 14 hours at their polling places for each of the elections. That's not just a matter of helping out. That really is providing a significant community service in terms of time spent helping voters," said Gale.

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

Box Butte: Alyssa Palmer, Alliance; Devan Oligmueller, Alliance; Ryan Taylor, Alliance; Casandra Elder, Hemingford.

Buffalo: Maranda Kegley, Kearney.

Cheyenne: Alex Linneman, Sidney; Annalise Lecher, Sidney; Maddison Porter, Sidney; Mitch Verhulst, Sidney; Thomas Kokjer, Sidney; Will Castner, Sidney; Ethan Nelson, Dalton.

Clay: Emily Blome, Clay Center; Rebecca Blome, Clay Center; Colton Shuck, Edgar.

Cuming: Codi Ernesti, West Point; David LeLeux, West Point; Grace Kirwan, West Point; Juan Pedroza, West Point; Kara Batenhorst, West Point.

Dakota: Nathan Hogan, Hubbard.

Dundy: Alexis Brandenburgh, Benkelman; Kindra Vanderford, Benkelman.

Frontier: Tess Whitman, Maywood.

Hall: Jared Heath, Grand Island; Micaha Pobanz, Grand Island; Nalsia Interiano, Grand Island; Veronica Interiano, Grand Island.

Hamilton: AJ Farrand, Aurora; Alex Brechbill, Aurora; Ben Grossnicklaus, Aurora; Trevor Sullivan, Aurora; William Obermier, Aurora; Chelsea Nunnenkamp, Aurora; Derek Ohlin, Aurora; Elizabeth Cox, Aurora; Emily Braun, Aurora; Maggie Schneider, Aurora; Nathan Bell, Aurora; Rachel Miller, Aurora; Katie McNish, Hampton; Nolan Janzen, Hampton; Mitchell Fagan, Hampton; Shane Wall, Hampton; Cale Wiarda, Hampton; Derek DeMers, Hordville; Joshua DeMers, Hordville; Chelsey Urbauer, Giltner; Garrett Poppen, Giltner; Melissa Strong, Giltner; Sarah Williams, Giltner; Sammie Smith, Marquette; Allison Smith, Marquette; Sapphire Andersen, Marquette; David McDonald, Phillips; Jessica Mayes, Phillips; Melinda Stauffer, Phillips; Natasha Hongsermeier, Phillips; Steven Corradi, Phillips.

Hayes: Morgan Harouff, Culbertson; Sara Wright, Culbertson; Logan Johnston, Hayes Center; Kerbie Large, Hayes Center; Taylor Cooper, Hayes Center; Erick Rodriguez, Hayes Center; Sarah Cox, Hayes Center; Kendra Cook, Hayes Center.

Holt: Dan Doolittle, Amelia; Jaime Laetsch, Amelia; Paige Dexter, Amelia; Schylar Franssen, Amelia; Andrea Lemmer, Atkinson; Abigail Reiman, Chambers; Brant Pavel, Chambers; Cole Macklem, Chambers; Leanne DeKay, Chambers; Samantha Beed, Chambers; Ty Gartner, Chambers; Haleah Ritenour, Chambers; Ethan Tracy, Chambers; Matt Tomjack, Ewing; Mike Tomjack, Ewing; Alexa Farewell, Ewing; Bethany Lambert, Ewing; Corbin Rasmussen, O'Neill; Dylan Rasmussen, O'Neill;

Alec Rockford, O'Neill; Anthony Harvey, O'Neill; Elizabeth Wallace, O'Neill; Gabrielle Dupre, O'Neill; Holly Hesse, O'Neill; Kyle Loecker, O'Neill.

Johnson: Alyson Gottula, Tecumseh.

Keith: Abigail Nguyen, Ogallala; Evan Folk, Ogallala; Lauren Milligan, Ogallala; Pat Knott, Ogallala; Rebecca Adams, Ogallala; Taylor Higgins, Ogallala; Jennifer Bishop, Ogallala; Daisy Garcia, Brule.

Knox: Kaitlyn Hanvey, Center; Amanda Ruzicka, Verdigre; Jade Salmen, Verdigre; Kelsey Knigge, Verdigre; Tessa Ives, Verdigre; Abigail Hegge, Wausa; Gavin Friedrich, Wausa; Mariah Leasure, Winnetoon.

Lancaster: Taylor Pape, Denton; Olivia Kempkes, Hickman; Emily Gasper, Lincoln; Carley Kieffner, Lincoln; Hans Zander, Lincoln; Gabriella Parsons, Lincoln; Chandler Kramer, Lincoln; Elly Burton, Lincoln; Hunter Mulligan, Lincoln; Anna Wilkens, Waverly; McKayleigh Polenske, Waverly.

Lincoln: Adam Fisher, North Platte; Jakob Fisher, North Platte; Katelyn Rossell, North Platte; Tyler Rossell, North Platte.

Madison: Craig Roberts, Battle Creek; Devin Bobeldyke, Hoskins; Heather Knapp, Madison; Mark Warnemunde, Madison; Eugene Luetkenhaus, Madison; Oriana Arcos, Meadow Grove; Brittney Weinman, Newman Grove; Brooke Pieke, Newman Grove; Jasmine Fuelberth, Norfolk; Molly McNally, Norfolk; Erica Temple, Norfolk; Kaitlyn Bauer, Norfolk; Jose Rodriguez, Norfolk; Ada Fung, Norfolk; Brock Bretschneider, Norfolk; Alexis Rojas, Norfolk; Jordan Sager, Norfolk; Daniel Stuckwisch, Norfolk; Tiffany Jacobson, Norfolk; Rachel Anderson, Norfolk; Patrick Craven, Norfolk; Brianna Brown, Norfolk; Miranda Newmann, Norfolk; Michael Herlick, Norfolk; Mikayla Bynum, Norfolk; Abbey Bach, Norfolk.

Richardson: Nathan Stuckemeyer, Dawson; Britney Huppert, Dawson; Kristen Kean, Dawson; Abigail Murphy, Falls City; Jennifer Wendtlandt, Falls City; Nicole Romine, Falls City; Maygan Ramsey, Falls City; Elijah Ramer, Falls City; Taylor O'Brien, Falls City; Treyvin Bek, Falls City; Baylee Vrtiska, Falls City; Jillian Lunsford, Falls City; Marrissa Stark, Falls City; Destiny Worthey, Humboldt; Cory Alan Kieth Haase, Pawnee City; Taylor Bredemeier, Pawnee City; Mariah Peck, Rulo; Paige Watkins, Stella; Paige Ann Gutzmer, Table Rock; Kirstyn Buchholz, Verdon; Reba Kay Burgett, Verdon.

Sarpy: Stephanie M. Nelson, Omaha; Parker Baldwin, Papilliion.

Saunders: Samantha Schuster, Ashland; Jennifer Klaudt, Ashland; Stephanie Johnson, Ashland; Leslie Chudomelka, Ashland; Todd Emken Jr., Cedar Bluffs; Andrew Pace, Cedar Bluffs; Karlie Robinson, Cedar Bluffs; Aaron Westrom, Cedar Bluffs; Hunter Martin, Ceresco; Jordan Johnson, Fremont; Dustin Ligon, Fremont;

Wynter Ritthaler, Fremont; Ashley Meyer, Greenwood; Amy Widger, Wahoo; Nicole Barry, Wahoo; Matilyn Linscomb, Wahoo; Kenzi Girmus, Yutan.

Sherman: Demi Dorsey, Loup City.

Sioux: Levi Wilson, Harrison.

Thayer: Macaulay Mumm, Alexandria; Cole Harris, Belvidere; Jamie Lange, Bruning; Megan Bulin, Bruning; Brian Loontjer, Chester; Abby Tipton, Chester; Ashley Petersen, Hebron; Bridgette Baden, Hebron; Bryanna Dudgeon, Hebron; Clayton Hintz, Hebron; Dalton Kenning, Hebron; Kelsey Long, Hebron; Lauren Jo Edgecombe, Hebron; Nicole Virus, Hebron; Trelby Virus, Hebron; Rachael Fangmeier, Hebron; Tarryn Tietjen, Hebron; Trev Mumm, Hebron; Tanner Mumm, Hebron; Benjamin Hintz, Hebron; Heath Fink, Hebron; Rachel Johnson, Hebron; Bailey Linton, Hebron; Madison Reece, Hebron; John Kyker, Reynolds.

Washington: Amber Sheardown, Blair; Libby Sheardown, Blair; Alexander Johnson, Blair; Mason Goodman, Blair.

Wayne: Jaci Jenkins, Carroll; Molly Burbach, Carroll; Jessica Biermann, Wayne; Jalyn Zeiss, Wayne; Bryce Sebade, Wayne; Ashton Schweers, Wayne; Nuh-Tayla Olmer, Wayne; Victoria Kranz, Wayne; Laurel Gilliland, Wayne; Bailey Bentjen, Wayne; Paige Wacker, Wayne; Colin Webster, Wayne.

Valley: Brittany Bose, Arcadia; Celeste Gould, Arcadia; Elizabeth Einspahr, Arcadia; Johnathan Brock, Arcadia; Kayla Lane, Arcadia; Kyle Bower, Arcadia; Megan Gabriel, Arcadia; Shayla Trotter, Arcadia; Thomas Roth, Comstock.

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