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## **Heritage Bank & Trust Honors Youth Advisory Board Students**

*(April 11, 2018)* — Heritage Bank & Trust honored the eighteen students that participated in their Youth Advisory Board on Wednesday, April 11 at their main office location. The Youth Advisory Board was created last October as a partnership with Maury County Public Schools, Agathos Classical School, Columbia Academy, and Zion Christian Academy.

Students were given the opportunity to apply for the Youth Advisory Board last fall and two students from each school were chosen to participate in the program. The Bank held meetings every other month, with the first meeting being held in October.

“This was a great partnership with the schools in our community,” says President and CEO Jim Robinson. “Giving back to the communities we serve is an important part of our mission and we are proud to have offered this opportunity for students in Maury County.”

Each month, the students learned something new. Topics included careers in banking, information about community banks and what it means to be on a board, college savings tips and more.

The students also had the opportunity to give back to the community throughout the year. Six students volunteered their time above and beyond the required meeting time for the Youth Advisory Board. Ben Trainor, senior at Agathos Classical School; Anna Craig, senior at Zion Christian Academy; Alexa Cathey, senior at Hampshire Unit School; Jordyn Secrest, senior at Spring Hill High School; Allie Guerrero, senior at Spring Hill High School; and Haddie Pate, junior at Columbia Central High School all participated in volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Specifically, the students helped with the Highland Park Elementary Toy Drive in December and Homework Help at the Boys & Girls Club of Maury County.

Heritage Bank & Trust also offered a \$500 scholarship to one student. The students were given the opportunity to write an essay about what they learned while serving on the Youth Advisory Board. McKinley Stovall, a senior at Culleoka Unit School, won the scholarship contest. Stovall has plans to go to Western Kentucky University this fall.

“Interacting with this group was a great way for us to understand the wants and needs of a younger generation,” says Marketing Director Claire Hill. “We shared knowledge with the students, but we gained so much information about their banking habits from interacting with them throughout the year.”

The bank also set up job shadowing opportunities for the students. Christian Cervantes, a senior at Santa Fe High School, job shadowed Marketing Director Claire Hill in March.

Chief Risk Officer Shelli Golden, Human Resources Director Letha Chandler and Marketing Director Claire Hill played a role in the program planning throughout the year.

Rising juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for the Youth Advisory Board in the fall. Applications will be available with school guidance counselors and high school business teachers this August.

Heritage Bank & Trust is a community bank with locations in Columbia, Mount Pleasant and Lawrenceburg. As of February 2018, Heritage Bank & Trust had total assets of approximately \$140 million.

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