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Harding Fine Arts Academy Students Chosen for Youth Leadership Exchange

Oklahoma City- Seven Harding Fine Arts Academy students have been selected to participate in the Youth Leadership Exchange (YLX). The Youth Leadership Exchange is the high-school-age programming arm of Leadership Oklahoma City, Inc.

Harding Fine Arts Academy seniors Madylyn Smith and Gregory Samuel will join juniors, Jadyn Powell, Madeline Bussett, Victoria Maxwell, Phoebe Austerman and Anai Robinson in the YLX classes that meet one day a month.

According to the Leadership Oklahoma website, the classes are designed to teach the students how to be better community leaders through volunteer service. Classes include exposure to organizations that work in the community as well as lessons and practice in skills that are useful in community work.

Harding Fine Arts Academy students are required to complete 20 hours of Community Service a year in order to graduate.

“The values and principles this program promotes are right in line with Harding Fine Arts Academy tenets,” said HFAA Principal Barry Schmelzenbach. “It is important to us to as a school to demonstrate the value of community service to the development of responsibility and character of the students,” he said.

Harding Fine Arts Academy is an Oklahoma City public charter school that prepares high school students for college in an academically challenging, arts-integrated environment and has recently been named a 2015 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

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