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Overland Park Rotary selects students for Youth Leadership Institute

The Overland Park Rotary Club announced today that thirty-three area high school juniors and seniors have been selected to participate in its thirteenth annual Youth Leadership Institute (YLI), to be held July 22 through 27, 2007.

YLI is a 5-day, non-residential, summer program where high school juniors and seniors receive exceptional leadership training. YLI teaches leadership skills to youth in an effort to develop "tomorrow's leaders today." Participation is offered to students who are identified by school staff or community leaders as having the academic credentials, discipline and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

Sponsored by the Overland Park Rotary Club Foundation, YLI emphasizes the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." During the weeklong program, students will meet with local business, professional and government leaders in small groups, and in one on one conversation. These contacts may later prove valuable to students seeking internships, references and/or employment. In YLI, students learn the importance of the Rotary motto at a time when approximately one-half of the nation's high schools include some community service as a graduation requirement.

This year's Institute participants are:

Alan Jordon Barraza - Olathe Northwest High School, Anna Owens - Blue Valley Northwest, Anna Fiorella - Notre Dame de Sion, Austin Walter - Bishop Miege, Brad Rector - Shawnee Mission South, Brett Ginsburg - Shawnee Mission South, Connor McCarthy - St. Thomas Aquinas, Charles Bock - Blue Valley North, Craig Barnett - Olathe Northwest High School, Curran Darling - Shawnee Mission East, David Convy - Shawnee Mission South, Diana Byrne - Notre Dame de Sion, Elizabeth Hinton - Blue Valley North, Gloria Mavungu - Olathe East, Gretchen Meyer - Kansas City Christian, Hayley Holloway - Utter - Shawnee Mission North, Jason Abnos - Rockhurst, Jonathan Jacobs - Blue Valley North, Katelyn Wessling - Notre Dame de Sion, Katie Lanter - Blue Valley Northwest, Kathryne Munsch - Shawnee Mission East, Kelsey Reisberg - Blue Valley Northwest, Lauren Beesley - Blue Valley Northwest, Logan Dover - Shawnee Mission East, Mallory Zila - Shawnee Mission South, Megan Thompson - Blue Springs South, Mitchell Schutte - Blue Valley North, Morgan Rose - Shawnee Mission South, Robert "Liam" Reilly - Shawnee Mission West, Russell Walter - Bishop Miege, Sarah Slate - Blue Valley Northwest, Sophia Zumot - Notre Dame de Sion, Tian Zhang, Shawnee Mission South.

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