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WRHS Student Vying for U.S. Senate Youth Program



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Kurtis Anderson, Warner Robins High School junior, has been invited to participate in final interviews for the 2009 - 2010 United States Senate Youth Program. One student from each Congressional District in Georgia will be interviewed on Nov. 13, 2009. Two awardees and two alternates will be named from this group. Those selected will have an opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., and personally see our government in action.

“Please extend my congratulations to your parents, teachers, and school administrators. This honor reflects not only your achievements but also their best efforts to allow you to realize your full potential” stated Dr. Joe Searle, Director of the Governor’s Honors Program, in the notification that Kurtis had advanced to this level.

Kurtis is politically active, to include participation in the Americans for Fair Taxation as a local leader, volunteer and researcher. He helped gather data for the Fair Tax Act and assisted in gaining local support for the bill and organization. A volunteer for the John Oxendine gubernatorial campaign and a GOP Youth Volunteer, he also participated as a district chairman for the John McCain presidential campaign. In addition, he volunteers for Jim Marshall and Saxby Chambliss.

At school, he is working on founding the National Honors Society at Warner Robins High. Captain of the Debate Team for two years, the team has qualified for nationals, all-state and state both years and is currently ranked 12th in the nation. He participated in the Georgia Governor Honors Program during the summer of 2009. He serves as vice-president of the Warner Robins Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a member of the BETA Club and student council.

Kurtis plans to attend either Emory or Samford University to double major in political science and international relations with plans to obtain a degree in both international and constitutional law as well as a PhD in international affairs. He hopes to seek a career as a Foreign Service Officer with the goal of becoming an ambassador, an executive director in another government department or a foreign relations expert in the United Nations. His parents are Joe and Brenda Anderson.

For more information about the Senate Youth Program, contact Searle at (404) 657-0183 or jsearle@doe.k12.ga.us.

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