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JUNIOR COMMISSION PROGRAM PREPARES FOR SECOND YEAR APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2024 LAUNCHES MON. DECEMBER 4TH

The Knox County Commission is proud to announce the Junior Commission youth civics education program will return for a second year.

The Knox County Commissioners believe that community engagement and civic education is vitally important to a healthy republic and functioning democracy. In November 2022, the Commission formally established an annual "Junior Commission" program whereby Knox County youth can become a more engaged and informed citizen by participating in this unique youth leadership program. Junior Commission participants will learn the functions of their local government and further develop healthy citizenry habits, all while promoting the importance of community engagement and public service.

The Junior Commission program is open to Knox County residents who are high school juniors and seniors enrolled in a full-time public, private or accredited home school program. Each Knox County Commissioner will choose one student from the submitted applications and the selected students will be named one of the 11 annual Junior Commissioners.

Junior Commissioners will walk alongside their Knox County Commissioners and participate in unique programming over a three-month period, including attending an orientation session, attend work sessions, commission, and zoning meetings, field trips, join their elected representatives at a community public event, and learn hands-on governing in a mock session of the Junior Commission.

The application period will be open on Monday, December 4th with applications due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023.

Applications are accepted through the Junior Commission web site: www.knoxcounty.org/juniorcommission

Students will be notified if they've been selected during the week of January 8th. Students may apply for a Junior Commissioner position with their District Commissioner, or with one of the two At-Large Commissioners (representing all of Knox County).

For more information, visit: www.knoxcounty.org/juniorcommission
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