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RECRUITMENT FOR 2017-18 ANTHEM YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL IS UNDERWAY

Anthem, Ariz. – Launched in 2014 as an initiative of the Anthem Community Council (ACC) Board of Directors, AYAC allows youth entering grades 7-12 to serve their community, develop leadership skills and become a voice for Anthem’s younger population. If the last three groups of members are any indication, the future for Anthem’s youth is bright.

Recruitment for the 2017-18 AYAC term is underway. Application packets are available at the Anthem Civic Building, Community Center, and are posted online at OnlineAtAnthem.com/AYAC. Members of the youth council represent all area schools and the home-school community. Interested youth must complete an application and submit responses to a set of essay questions by May 5 at 5 p.m. Youth will then interview with a panel of advisers composed of ACC Board members and staff, and community members. Thirteen students, who are Anthem residents, will be selected to serve.

“The community has been well-served by this dynamic group of talented youth, who truly care about making a difference. Over the past three years, they’ve engaged in leadership development, sponsored teen-oriented events, engaged in social service and volunteer activities and, most recently, raised awareness of the costs of vandalism through an informational campaign and poster contest, “ said Jenna Kohl, Community Executive Officer for the ACC. “We look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the coming years!”

Interested youth and their parents are invited to an informational session at 5 p.m. April 19 at the Civic Building. AYAC advisers and current members will discuss the group and the application process, including an emphasis on each element of the application packet.

Starting last year, the application process transitioned from fall to spring, to allow members to participate in team-building activities over the summer before launching into full operation when the new school year resumes. New members will be officially seated at the June 28 ACC Board of Directors meeting for their one-year term.

For more information about AYAC, visit OnlineAtAnthem.com/AYAC or contact Jenna Kohl at jkohl@anthemcouncil.com.

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