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**ALABAMA STUDENTS SELECTED FOR TOP UNITED STATES
SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM AND \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP**

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Montgomery, Ala. — The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) announces that high school students Ms. Daisy Joynetta Ferrell and Ms. Lauren Brooke Vance will join Senator Richard C. Shelby and Senator Tommy Tuberville in representing Alabama during the 59th annual USSYP Washington Week, to be held March 14-17, 2021.

Tracie West
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Daisy Ferrell of McIntosh and Lauren Vance of Muscle Shoals were selected from among the state's top student leaders to be part of the 104 national student delegation who will each also receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate study.

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District III

Due to the pandemic, the 2021 program will break ground as the first-ever fully virtual Washington Week, and is designed to be a highly interactive and exciting education and leadership forum for the nation's most outstanding student leaders. The USSYP was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 and has been sponsored by the Senate and fully funded since its inception. See the official website at www.ussenateyouth.org.

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Daisy Ferrell, a senior at Mattie T. Blount High School, serves as president of the Senior Class. She has held the position of class president from her freshman to senior year in high school. Daisy is a member of Mobile County's Signature Academy Ambassador Program and the Crittenton Youth Services Ambassador Program. Her honors and awards include being the Queen of the Mobile Azalea Trail Maids, an Oakleigh Belle, a Top Eight Finalist in the Mobile County Distinguished Young Women's Program, and a Culturamite within the Delta Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Daisy plans to attend Dartmouth College where she will major in government modified with economics and double minor in public policy and international studies. In the future, she hopes to create policies that positively affect impoverished and marginalized communities.

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Lauren Vance, a senior at Muscle Shoals High School, serves as the secretary of the Student Council and treasurer of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of her school's Student Ambassador Program, captain of the Muscle Shoals High School Color Guard and a representative on the band leadership team. Additionally, she was selected Colbert County's Distinguished Young Woman of 2021. Lauren plans to attend Auburn University where she will earn a degree in pharmaceutical sciences. In the future, she hopes to serve as a hospital pharmacist, primarily focusing on pediatrics.

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer

Chosen as alternates to the 2021 program were Seth Walker, who attends Auburn High School and Hannah Daniel, who attends Holtville High School.

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Delegates and alternates are selected by the state departments of education nationwide and the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity, after nomination by teachers and principals. The chief state school officer for each jurisdiction confirms the final selection.

This year's Alabama delegates and alternates were designated by Dr. Eric Mackey, State Superintendent of Education. During the program week, the student delegates will attend online meetings and briefings with senators, the president, a justice of the Supreme Court, leaders of cabinet agencies and senior members of the national media, among others.

To learn more about this great program contact State Coordinator Dr. Carolyn A. Jones at cajones@alsde.edu or (334) 694-4768.

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