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## **Local Students Win Statewide Video Competition**

Municipal youth councils win Florida League of Cities' annual competition

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Six municipal youth councils from cities throughout the state recently won the 2019 Municipal Youth Council Video Competition, sponsored by the Florida League of Cities. Now in its eighth year, this annual competition provides a way for Florida's youth councils to showcase their ideas, creativity and commitment to their communities.

This year, youth councils were asked to create a video in which they address two topics: How they are part of their city, and why they are proud of their city. The topics correlate with the annual theme of Florida City Government Week, *My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It.* A weeklong campaign also sponsored by the League, Florida City Government Week helps educate the public on what local government does and how it directly impacts them.

The 2019 Municipal Youth Council Video Competition winners are:

- City of Cape Coral Youth Council "A Splendid City That Makes Us Proud!"
- City of Niceville Youth Advisory Council "My City, I'm Part of it, I'm Proud of It."
- City of Homestead Mayor's Youth Council "We Are Homestead."
- City of West Park Youth Council "2019 Youth Council Video Competition."
- City of Clermont Youth Council "2019 Youth Council Video Competition."
- City of Saint Petersburg Mayor's Youth Congress "My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It."

Winners will receive a trophy and monetary award, receive recognition at the League's Annual Conference, be featured in the League's statewide publication, *Quality Cities* magazine, and have their videos presented on the League's website and social media accounts.

Municipal youth councils are special citywide councils composed of high school students within the cities and typically serve as advisory boards to the city commissions/councils.

Links to all five videos are available at <u>floridaleagueofcities.com/YCVideoWinners</u>.

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