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PULASKI TOMMOROWANNOUNCES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018 YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ARE NOW AVAILABLE

HAWKINSVILLE - Pulaski Tomorrow is pleased to announce that applications for the **2018 Youth Leadership Academy** are now available. The program is open to students who reside in Pulaski County and are currently in grades ten through twelve. Applications will be accepted through September 21, 2018 and are available at Hawkinsville High School, Westfield School, Fullington Academy, the Chamber office and on the Chamber website (www.hawkinsville-pulaski.org). The Youth Leadership Academy will run from October until April.

Working with the Archway Partnership and UGA's Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, Pulaski Tomorrow offers an exciting curriculum that focuses on developing leadership skills and providing valuable opportunities for students to learn and grow. Participants will have unprecedented access to local leaders and experts. The goals of the program are to:

- Acquaint participants with community needs and allow interaction with leaders and decision makers;
- Provide opportunities for students from different schools and backgrounds to develop relationships, trust and respect;
- Foster interest in community and volunteer work;
- And, identify and develop leadership skills.

UGA Archway Professional Michelle Elliott is excited about the developments for this year's program, "Youth in today's day and age possess an advanced level of skill and capabilities in the area of leadership. Pulaski Tomorrow's Board of Directors are excited about offering a program that exposes high school students to opportunities of leadership, critical thinking and problem solving. We are hoping that these students will take the knowledge learned and apply it to bettering this community for years to come."

Another key component of the program is a series of field trips that take student participants outside of Pulaski County to have new experiences. This year's Youth Leadership Academy class will travel to the State Capitol during the upcoming legislative session; participate in college tours, and also engage in a team building trip. There is no cost to participate in the program, as it is totally supported by the generous donations of local sponsors. Please contact Pulaski Tomorrow, if you would like to support Youth Leadership.

To find out more about the Youth Leadership Academy or **Pulaski Tomorrow**, contact Jeff Tarver at 770-742-7379 or lifeleaguecoalition@gmail.com.