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### *Students with disabilities to visit Alabama Capitol as part of Youth Leadership Forum*

MONTGOMERY – More than 35 students with disabilities will tour the state Capitol on June 3 as part of the 17th annual Alabama Governor's Youth Leadership Forum (YLF).

Sponsored by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) and hosted by Troy University, YLF helps shape high school students with disabilities by equipping them with valuable and practical leadership skills they will carry into their adult lives.

Forum delegates will spend Wednesday morning touring the Capitol building and visiting with state officials and lawmakers at the Alabama State House to learn how the legislative process works, said YLF Coordinator Karen Jenkins.

Immediately following the tour of the Capitol grounds, delegates will attend the Angeline Pinckard Mentor Luncheon at the RSA Activity Center, where the delegates will have an opportunity to visit with and seek guidance from successful adults with disabilities.

Thirty-eight students with disabilities received an invite to participate in this year's five-day forum, which is being held on the campus of Troy University from May 31 - June 4. To be eligible to participate in the event, students must be a junior or senior in high school, be between 17 and 21 years of age, and have a disability.

Forum delegates are carefully selected through a statewide competition that seeks students with disabilities who display leadership potential. Chosen delegates represent the state's demographics in terms of geography, gender, ethnicity, and types of disabilities.

The Alabama Governor's Youth Leadership Forum is a program of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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