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

MONTGOMERY – More than 30 students with disabilities will descend upon the state Capitol on June 5 as part of the 15th annual Alabama Governor’s Youth Leadership Forum (YLF).

Sponsored by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and Troy University, YLF seeks to equip high school students with disabilities with valuable and practical leadership skills they will carry into their adult lives.

Delegates from the five-day forum, which is being held on the Troy campus June 2 to 6, will spend the morning touring the Capitol building and visiting with state officials and lawmakers at the Alabama State House. They will participate in a mock vote and learn how the legislative process works, said YLF Coordinator Karen Jenkins.

Following their tour of the Capitol complex, the group will attend the Angeline Pinckard Mentor Luncheon at the RSA Activity Center, where delegates will interact with and receive advice from successful adults with disabilities.

YLF delegates are chosen through a statewide competition that seeks students with disabilities who have leadership potential. The group reflects the state’s demographic makeup in terms of geography, gender, ethnicity, and types of disabilities.

To be eligible to participate in the forum, students must have a disability, be a junior or senior in high school, and be between 17 and 21 years of age.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama’s children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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