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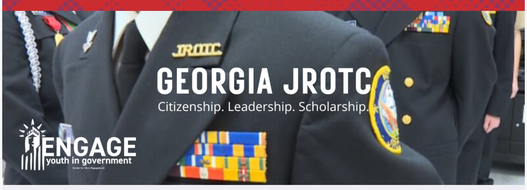

Welcome to ENGAGE-Youth in Government

This year, ENGAGE – Youth in Government was granted status* as the CTSO supporting the Government and Public Administration Cluster, which houses the JROTC Program.

*2 year probationary status with permanent status granted upon successful completion of review.

We are here to serve you!

As a part of our charge to serve all students in the Government and Public Administration Cluster, we will be hosting student leadership opportunities that include JROTC. I will outline these opportunities below:

1) ENGAGE CTSO:

The student organization for the Government and Public Administration Pathway is called ENGAGE - Youth in Government. There may already be a chapter at your school in which you can get plugged into, or you could affiliate your Unit as a chapter. The local chapters focus on development of leadership skills and civic competencies. Local chapters host local civic leaders as speakers and complete community service projects. We honor Chapters of Excellence each year for their hard work.

2) ENGAGE State Officers:

We would like to accept your nomination of a current Junior cadet (rising senior) who is in good standing with your Unit and demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities to serve as a member of our ENGAGE State Officer Team for the 2024-2025 School Year. We will have a total 5 JROTC Officers (with at least one from each of the Branches).

These officers will represent JROTC cadets along with other State Officers on the ENGAGE Leadership Team. They will also preside over the Fall ENGAGE LEADERSHIP LAUNCH program.

Submit your nominations here. The deadline for nominations is May 15 with interviews to occur over the summer.

Once the nominations are received, the nominees will receive an invitation to complete an application and a committee will select finalists for an interview.

3) ENGAGE LEADERSHIP LAUNCH:
This is one-day high-energy event will inspire and inform your students to be the best leader they can be in their unit, their school, and their community. Government and Public Administration cluster students will be inspired by a key-note speaker and will have an opportunity to explore different avenues of leadership and citizenship.

The date and location of this event is forthcoming.

4) Georgia Youth Assembly:
This three-day learning opportunity brings the workings of the state government alive to ENGAGE members in grades 9-12. Students are given an opportunity to discuss current state issues with state administrators, elected officials, and students from high schools throughout the state. Each conference is led by teens elected to office by their fellow delegates or appointed by organizational staff. Held annually at the State Capitol in Atlanta, volunteers from various state departments act as resources for the students while they debate the issues. These volunteers, along with CCE Professional staff, help guide the students through mock committee meetings and procedures. Students debate and vote on the bills that their fellow delegates have written and presented. Bills that pass in committee are then taken to the floor of the House or Senate for full debate and vote.

The event will be held November 3 - Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at the Hilton Atlanta Downtown (Courtland Street). More information can be found at https://www.georgiacivics.org/youth-assembly.

5) Youth in Government EXPO:
This is a three-day residential experiential learning program where ENGAGE members can explore multiple facets of public service through realistic simulations of government agencies. This program examines local government, national security, cyber security (Cyber Patriots), and diplomacy pathways giving students hands-on experiences and an opportunity to explore government sector careers with field experts.

The date and location of this event is forthcoming. It will be held February 23-25, 2025 at Epworth by the Sea (St. Simon's Island). More information can be found at https://www.georgiacivics.org/yig-expo.

Become an ENGAGE Coach - Earn a Stipend

JROTC Instructors and pathway teachers, who are not under a program of work, are eligible to become an ENGAGE Coach for their school and earn a stipend. Email Dr. Trammell (randell@georgiacivics.org) for more information.

Here to Serve!

ENGAGE-Youth in Government and the staff of the Center for Civic Engagement are here to serve you and your cadets. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance to you.

More info?

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