

Lewiston Youth Council Launching T.A.L.K **Positive Communication Campaign**



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LEWISTON: The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council will launch their new **"T.A.L.K"** positive communication campaign at a **Tuesday, February 7th, press conference at Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street.** The press conference will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Lewiston Council Chambers.

T.A.L.K stands for **T**reat **A**ll **L**isteners **K**indly, and LYAC want to encourage individuals to communicate with others in a respectful manner. Whether the conversation is at school, at home, out in the community, or in political discussions, LYAC Vice-Chair Deni Federico notes that it's important to ***"Talk for the good; listen for the better."***

With a campaign tag line of ***"Share Your Perspective, Not Your Attitude,"*** LYAC Treasurer Courtney Caouette adds, ***"Even if you can't agree on a whole idea, there are always multiple aspects that we all have in common."***

The campaign originated from a discussion as to the group's next focus, and ideas kept surfacing around interacting with others or communicating with others. **T.A.L.K** was the result, and the group has been discussing ways to get their positive communication message out into the community. Some of those ideas will be shared at the February 7th press conference.

The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) was established by the City Council in 2001 and has been active ever since, recognized locally, statewide, and nationally. Projects have ranged from an underage drinking awareness film entitled SMASHED, to celebrating diversity, to siting a multi-level historic timepiece at City Hall,

to an anti-bullying campaign. The list of accomplishments is vast, and more information can be found at www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac

Current members of the LYAC are: Jazy Dumas, Chair; Deni Federico, Vice-Chair; Courtney Caouette, Treasurer; Khafiya Dualeh, Secretary; Carolyn Adams; Clare Kramer; Emma Williams; and Maggie Elwell. The group's Advisor is Community Relations Coordinator Dottie Perham-Whittier, and its City Council Liaison is Councilor Isobel Golden.

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