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Local High School Honored For Their Leadership in Service

WILMINGTON- The Jefferson Awards-Deloitte Youth Service Initiative (YSI) is proud to announce that Savannah Arts Academy has been selected as the Savannah Recipient For Outstanding Service By a High School and will represent the City of Savannah at the National Ceremony and Gala Event in Washington, DC, June 15-17. Savannah Arts Academy was selected for best showcasing the programs' seven deliverables in the Jefferson Awards Turnkey System and for their philanthropic contribution to the community and their school. They have helped to pave the way for greater volunteerism in and around the Savannah area.

The Jefferson Awards Youth Service Initiative is currently operating in over 125 high schools nationwide in eight regions: Charleston, Chicago, Delaware, Central Florida, Memphis, the San Francisco Bay Area, Savannah and Toledo. In early April the Jefferson Awards will select one outstanding high school as the national honoree. Each regional high school, along with the national honoree, will be showcased as part of the National Jefferson Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC in June.

About the Jefferson Awards

The Jefferson Awards for Public Service was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard to create a Nobel Prize for public and community service. The mission of the Jefferson Awards is to honor Americans who have performed outstanding Public Service and to inspire others to follow their example.

The Youth Service Initiative (YSI) was created in partnership with Deloitte with the aggressive goal of helping to double volunteerism in America's high schools. The strategy is to create Jefferson Awards youth leadership teams in each high school that celebrate great volunteers, inspire others to get involved and help raise additional resources to expand volunteer activities in the areas of need.



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