

# Youth Tour 2020



**Emnet Abraham  
Handley**



**Reid Garrison  
Broadway**



**Camille Sanders  
Wilson Memorial**



**Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decision. The core focus of Youth Tour is learning about how these same processes are utilized at the federal government. Why is it important to learn about how the government functions?**

Emnet: We have the great ability to make a difference in our country, and the world, through our votes, so we should take the responsibility seriously. By educating ourselves on matters of state and federal government, we are taking up the opportunity that has been given to us to make a difference.

Reid: I am patriotic and feel it is important to understand the checks and balances between the three branches of the U.S. government. It is important to know the proper roles of each branch and how they should work together.

Camille: I think it's important to learn about the government because as a citizen, you have many different civic responsibilities, including electing who will represent you in the government. When you elect someone, you want to know that they will represent your ideals, and how they will accomplish them.

### **How will this knowledge better shape you in the future?**

Emnet: As a part of this generation of young adults who will be able to vote soon, this knowledge would show me what we are dealing with currently, and how things have run in the past, so that my generation and I can do our part to grow and make a positive impact in our country, and our planet.

Reid: I think this is important knowledge to help make sure no single branch of government oversteps its authority. It will help make me a better citizen and help me protect the people's freedoms of this great nation.

Camille: This will help me as a high school student because it will motivate me to learn more about the government in my classes so I can be better prepared when I am an adult. This will ultimately help me as an adult because I will have more knowledge about different aspects of the government, and in turn, I can fulfill my civic responsibilities.

### **The pandemic unfortunately cancelled Youth Tour and has changed the day-to-day life of most people. How have you been spending your time during COVID-19?**

Emnet: School still continues, so I have been completing assignments and studying for AP classes and AP exams. I have been keeping busy with mini-hobbies and have been able to bake more, a pastime with which my family is rather pleased, and a pastime which I thoroughly enjoy. I have a deep love of music and the arts and have also kept busy by playing the piano, painting, and drawing.

Reid: I have gotten a full-time job at Kroger filling online orders. I am raising my first market goat project for the Rockingham County Fair. Even if the market auction goes virtual, look for me with my Boer goat! I have also been helping out with projects on our small family farm.

Camille: I have been working a lot at my job. I have also been running several times a week to prepare me for cross-country in the fall. I just completed all my

schoolwork and took two AP tests (which were kind of stressful, so I'm glad they are done!). I also play games with my family and go on A LOT of walks!

**You are all rising seniors. Looking ahead, what are your future career plans?**

Emnet: I plan to pursue a career in the medical field. Whenever a loved one has been sick, I have always wanted to know what was going on and have the knowledge and training to treat it, so much of the desire to study medicine has always stemmed from that.

Reid: Right now, I would like to join the National Guard and study Engineering.

Camille: When I graduate high school, I am planning on going to a four-year college. I want to become an architect or a structural engineer. I might also minor in interior design.