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Centre Middle School Students Selected to Attend National STEM Leadership Program (NYLF Explore STEM)

Centre, Ala.— Centre Middle School students, Clara Foshee and Rylee Wells, have been selected to attend the prestigious National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF Explore STEM) this summer (2026) after being nominated by their fifth-grade science teacher, Amanda Harkins. They will join other outstanding students from across the nation to take part in a unique academic and career-oriented development experience at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

NYLF Explore STEM is one of the *Envision by WorldStrides* programs (www.envisionexperience.com) that enable students to explore their interests and learning beyond the classroom. NYLF provides students with hands-on learning experiences and opportunities to explore future careers in STEM-related fields. Participants engage in interactive activities designed to strengthen problem-solving, teamwork, and leadership skills while working alongside students from across the nation.

“I am excited for Clara and Rylee to meet, work, and collaborate with fellow high-aspiring students from other cities and schools,” said Dr. Jan Sikorsky, Vice President, Education for Envision. “NYLF Explore STEM is a wonderful opportunity for ambitious young students to explore their interests outside the classroom and discover how to innovate and think creatively through hands-on immersive learning. Our students are challenged with real-world simulations and problems, working together to develop unique solutions and projects to bring life to their studies and career interests.”

Clara is the daughter of Ben and Mackenzie Foshee of Leesburg. She and her family are active members of Shiloh Baptist Church (Leesburg). Clara enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is active in cheerleading, gymnastics, and basketball. She is a member of the gifted education program, serves as a peer helper, participates on the leadership council, is an active 4H member, and has earned Academic Excellence recognition as a straight-A student. Clara also enjoys reading, baking, exploring new ideas, understanding how things work, and continuously learning new things.

Rylee is the daughter of Shane and Ashley Wells of Centre. She and her family are active members of Mt. Zion Church (Gaylesville). Rylee enjoys tumbling, cheer, spending time with family and friends, and playing with her dachshund, Sabyn. While she enjoys all things girly, she also loves adventure and discovering how things work. Rylee has a strong dedication to academics. A straight-A student and member of the gifted education program, she is especially fascinated with space and enjoys learning alongside her father, who shares that interest.

Currently seventh-grade students at Centre Middle School, the girls are recognized for their academic achievements, leadership potential, and their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

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