

Tonight, we would like to welcome members of 2017 Youth Leadership Gordon County program to the county commission meeting.

This year's class includes 50 seniors selected from over 120 applicants which represent the four High School systems in Gordon County. (Calhoun, Gordon Central, Sonoraville, and Georgia Cumberland-Academy). These students represent their school systems as prospective future community leaders.

The class is sponsored by the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce Leadership program. It will meet for 8 months outside of the school system during the FY 16/17 school year with the mission of introducing the students to Leadership opportunities within their community. Topics that the class will be introduced to will include Team building, Community health and public safety, Community economic development, Community industry that includes a county tour day of local manufacturing, service and agriculture businesses, and government that includes meetings with the Calhoun City Council, Gordon County Commissioners and a trip to the Capitol to meet with the state legislative delegation. The intent is to introduce class members to the community and how community activities take place through government, local business influence and service industries. The vision of the program is that once the students graduate they will volunteer and give back to their community.

This is the 23rd integration of this program conducted over the past 23 years. To date, approximately 1200 High School juniors and seniors have graduated from the program.