

## ***Washington DC Youth Tour Winners***



***Maileigh Truax – Alchesay HS***

Maileigh loves meeting and helping people, especially those in need. Not only does she excel in school with her favorite subjects being Math, Apache and Childcare, but she balances her intellectual pursuits with her hobbies of snowboarding, skiing, basketball, softball, reading and drawing. She is a member of the Native American Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society and NAU Nizhonni Academy. Maileigh realizes the value of education and she has set her standards high with the goal of becoming a doctor.



***Karmalita L. Lawson – Cibecue HS***

Already exhibiting leadership skills as a District 1 Youth Council Representative for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Karmalita is also Class President, and was nominated for National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine. She loves social studies, math, biology and literature. She is involved in sports and outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing, and is in search of the career field she can claim for her future. Though open to exploring new things to help her define her career path, she is currently considering being a lawyer, working in forestry or nursing.



***POET James-Hovda – Reserve HS (NM)***

Poet is a poet. Aside from being active in volleyball, FFA and the National Honor Society, she was published in the Young American Poetry Digest in 2017. It is no surprise that English, Art, Music and even history are her favorite subjects because she aspires to be either a musician or a criminologist. Poet has demonstrated her leadership abilities as having been Class President and currently as Student Council Vice President. She was recently selected by her peers to be a member of Natural Helpers, an elite group honoring those deemed worthy of trust and respect. Poet also involves herself in community activities outside of school.



***Michael Baldwin – Sequoia Village School***

Michael's hobbies are woodwork, tinkering and reading, yet he still has time for Taekwondo, being in the Pinedale Fire Department Red Shirt Program, volunteering and actually creating a work history. Michael has already created a resume' having been employed in three different jobs. Achieving the Eagle Scout Award at 14, and being President of his church Youth Group, Michael has learned the value of community. With a deep appreciation for the Constitution and the benefits of being an American, Michael's goal is to choose a career as an Anesthesiologist or a Fire Fighter.



***Ethan Marler – Show Low HS***

Proud of being on the Cougar Honor Roll, loving English and Guitar classes, Ethan also enjoys involvement outside of the classroom. Participating in Junior Varsity, Teen Court and the Ski Club are just the beginning of activities Ethan involves himself in. As a member of his church's youth group and worship team where he plays the guitar, he has volunteered for multiple mission trips to other countries, helping to construct homes for those who had none. With a love of the outdoors, Ethan enjoys snowboarding, camping, soccer and traveling. He plans to join the Air Force in preparation for a career as a police officer.