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The YMCA Cincinnati Youth City Council is, back row from left, Andrew Naab, YMCA Youth mayor, and Ian Martin, YMCA Youth vice mayor; first row, Patrick Reagan, William Donovan, T'Erica Byse, Samantha Bowling, Jasmine Renee Riley, Colleen Flynn, Tiarra Costen and Robert Marshall.

Anderson student elected to YMCA youth council

Patrick Reagan, a resident of Anderson Township attending Aldersgate Christian Academy, was recently elected to the 2009-2010 YMCA Cincinnati Youth City Council.

The election of the mayor and council members was the culmination of a two-day conference in downtown Cincinnati that immersed area high school students in hands on, interactive exercises aimed at teaching them responsible citizenship.

At the YMCA Youth in City Government Conference, teens of diverse abilities, and socio-economic, cultural and religious back-

grounds worked together and independently to learn how government works and how they can be full participants in their community. Campaigning for a Youth City Council seat was part of the education.

The year round YMCA Youth in City Government program gives area students the opportunity to learn about local, state, national and international politics. It offers teen participants a venue to gain leadership skills, strengthen their ability to express ideas clearly and persuasively, and learn fellowship by working together with peers from diverse backgrounds.