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Two Arkansas Students Selected for National Youth Science Camp

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education and Gov. Asa Hutchinson are pleased to announce that Elena Milstead, a student at Scranton High School, and Katherine Doderer, a student at Episcopal Collegiate School, were selected to attend the National Youth Science Camp in West Virginia in July. Nicholas Langston, a student at Subiaco Academy, and Alexandra Perkins, from Camden Fairview High School, were selected as first and second alternates.

"I congratulate both Ms. Milstead and Ms. Doderer on their selection to the National Youth Science Camp this summer," Hutchinson said. "This is the third year in a row that two young women have been chosen to represent Arkansas. Our commitment to student achievement in the science, technology, engineering and math fields has never been stronger, and I applaud both women, as well as their alternates, for their hard work and dedication to science."

"Our vision is to lead the nation in student-focused education," ADE Commissioner Johnny Key said. "These students have embraced this vision, and I commend their dedication, interest and accomplishments in science."

The National Youth Science Camp, located in the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia, was created in 1963 as part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration. Each summer, two students from each state are invited to attend, allowing them the opportunity to collaborate with leading scientists and other professionals from academic and corporate institutions.

Cutting-edge scientists from around the country provide lectures and hands-on research projects on topics such as fractal geometry, the human genome project, global climate change, the history of the universe, the fate of the rain forests and robotics. Attendees are encouraged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art and music and present seminars about their own research and interests. The camp also provides an outdoor recreation program.

Milstead received the 2016 Scranton High School Academic Excellence Award and academic honors for two consecutive years at the Science Day Biology Competition at the University of the Ozarks. She is a member in the National Society of High School Scholars and is active in the Science Club, Beta

Club and the Envirothon team. In addition, she is a volunteer for the Red Cross and a local nursing home.

Doderer has received academic awards from the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is active in the Arkansas Symphony Youth Orchestra, National Forensics League and the Youth Advisory Council at Arkansas Children's Hospital. In addition, she is an accomplished harpist.

Langston, who was selected as the first alternate, received the Martin Schriver Award and Award for Excellence at Subiaco Academy and the President's Award for Educational Excellence. He is a volunteer at Subiaco Today, has held numerous leadership roles in the Arkansas Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership and served as the American Legion Arkansas Boys State 2015 delegate. He is interested in computer programming and applications.

Perkins, who was selected as the second alternate, received academic awards from Arkansas Girls State, National Honors Society, and Lockheed Martin Engineering Team Presentations and Lockheed Martin Family Science Night competitions. She is a member of the Student Council, National Beta Club, and the French Club and Art Club at Camden Fairview High School. She attended summer engineering camps at Louisiana State University and the University of Arkansas. She volunteers at the local Key Club and plans to major in engineering in college.

The National Youth Science Foundation®, based in Charleston, West Virginia, covers all expenses. More information is available at www.nysf.com and www.nysc.org.

To see pictures from today's recognition at the State Board meeting, go to <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/photo-gallery/album/86>.

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