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Chicago Math and Science Academy (CMSA) Students Lead Youth District Advisory Committee

(Chicago, IL) – September 25, 2019. Chicago Math and Science Academy students Mamayan Jabateh and Destiny Byrd are the chosen leaders for the 024th District's newly formed Youth Advisory Council (YDAC). This city wide leadership program initiative program is part of the Chicago Police Department Consent Decree aimed at seeking greater community representation. The Youth DAC Leaders serve as the voice for all the students in their district.



Mamayan and Destiny have committed to this community service program for a year. "Destiny's and Mamayan's role in the YDAC is to form a council of youths from the 024 district, and consult with their council on how the youths of the 024 district and 024 district police department can work together to better the community. These ladies have already proven themselves to be able to handle this task and we are eager to work with them and build our community relations," states Youth Development Officer Milton Lasticly

The students received their training over the summer and have begun recruitment efforts by holding informational meetings at the park districts and meetings at local schools. “I am very happy that these ladies stepped up to the challenge that can help make such an impact for all the students in Rogers Park”, states Principal Michael Kuran. “They are an inspiration not only to the community at large but to our very own student body.”

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