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Braxton Hall

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CVMS delegation honored at state level

College View Middle School was represented by a delegation of 31 students at the 2019 Kentucky YMCA State Conference on Nov. 7-9 in Louisville.

The Youth in Government program challenges students to write, present and debate bills about issues facing our state and country. The CVMS students were named “Premiere Delegation” for their outstanding demonstration of debate skills and leadership.

Sixth-grader Braxton Hall was honored with the conference’s top award, “Outstanding Bluegrass Bill,” for his bill on “After-School Programs for Children with Disabilities.” Hall’s bill proposes that school districts in Kentucky create an afterschool program staffed and designed to meet the needs of significantly disabled students. Hall also was this year’s recipient of the Outstanding Delegate Award.

Other CVMS students who researched, wrote and sponsored bills are Grant Broughton, Parth Haria, Jackson Hollman, Emily Calvert and Grace Sipla.

CVMS social studies teacher Jackie Owens, one of the group’s sponsors, said, “Diplomacy is the greatest benefit that students receive through this experience. They learn about problems and solutions and how to voice their opinion in a positive way.”

Co-sponsor Tina Hare, who serves as a language arts teacher at CVMS, said participation in the event encourage leadership and teamwork skills among students. “It’s amazing to see a student that is generally quiet in class, stand up and speak in front of strangers,” she said. “The confidence gained is a life-changing skill, and the friendships made through these shared experiences will often last a lifetime.”

Note to media – For more information or to schedule interviews, contact Tina Hare at tina.hare@daviess.kyschools.us or 270-316-0642 or Jackie Owens at Jackie.owens@daviess.kyschools.us or 270-852-7500. CVMS is located at 5061 New Hartford Road.

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