

Youth Advisory Board press release
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Harvard's Making Caring Common Announces Youth Advisory Board

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Cambridge, MA - [Making Caring Common](#) (MCC), a project of the [Harvard Graduate School of Education](#), today announced the members of its second annual [Youth Advisory Board](#) (YAB). The board represents a diverse group of young people who will work with Making Caring Common to make schools and communities more just, caring, and respectful places.

Through its work with Making Caring Common this year, the YAB will explore some of the most pressing ethical and moral issues facing young people today. Board members will provide feedback on MCC strategies and initiatives, share their perspectives on current events and issues in the media, and advise MCC on strategies for communicating with and engaging young people in its work.

“We are incredibly excited to work with such a passionate group of young people who are committed to cultivating a culture of kindness in their schools and communities,” said MCC’s Research Director, Luba Falk Feigenberg, who leads the Youth Advisory Board. “Now in its second year, the Youth Advisory Board contributes a critical perspective that shapes our work with parents and educators.”

The 26 members of the 2016-2017 Youth Advisory Board were selected from nearly 200 nominations of students in grades 7 – 12. The YAB represents 15 states across the nation and a diversity of backgrounds and identities. All YAB members have a strong commitment to MCC’s mission of building just, caring, and respectful communities. 2016 - 17 members include:

- Alan McCullough Jr, Jacksonville, Florida
- Alexandra Ruckman, Summersville, West Virginia
- Andrew Diodato, Somerville, New Jersey
- Andrew Schoonover, Olathe, Kansas
- Anna Kizito, Acton, Massachusetts
- Ariana Siddiq, Riverside, California
- Atiriya Saxena, Lutz, Florida
- Brianna Taylor, Locust Valley, New York

- Caroline Slack, Traverse City, Michigan
- Drew Stone, Groton, Massachusetts
- Emma Bowe-Shulman, Acton, Massachusetts
- Jasman Singh, Hightstown, New Jersey
- Katie Wong, Belmont, California
- Lily Horton, Los Angeles, California
- Luis Gramajo, Katy, Texas
- Mía Melendez, West Chester, Pennsylvania
- Micky Cox, Southborough, Massachusetts
- Morgan Guess, Paducah, Kentucky
- Nadya Khan, Piscataway, New Jersey
- Ricky Yoo, Suwanee, Georgia
- Riley Gantt, Los Angeles, California
- Samia Ali, Seattle, Washington
- Shreyas Parab, Claymont, Delaware
- Sophia Carter, Hamilton, Massachusetts
- Sophie Bernstein, St. Louis, Missouri
- Tesean Toole Jr., Boston, Massachusetts

About Making Caring Common: Making Caring Common (MCC), a project of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, helps educators, parents, and communities raise children who are caring, responsible to their communities, and committed to justice. Learn more at www.makingcaringcommon.org.

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