

JMG youth leaders meet with U.S. Rep Jack Bergman

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Seven young leaders from the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates program met with U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman in Washington, D.C., providing them the opportunity to use their voice to discuss issues important to them at the national level.

According to a news release from Youth Solutions, the youth were chosen to go to Washington to attend National Student Leadership Academy on Dec. 1, based on their leadership within the JMG program.

"I was thrilled to meet with youth from the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates program. It's inspiring to see young people learning to become tomorrow's leaders to ensure a bright future for Michigan," Bergman said in the release. "Their passion, dedication and commitment to making



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a positive impact are a testament to the strength and potential of our youth."

The seven JMG youth included Harmony Bennett from Hartford High School, Riley Brown from

Northwest Education Services Career Technical Center, Carson Haskin from Northwest Education Services Career Technical Center, Nolan Henson from Southwestern Classical Academy, AbyGale Kow-

alske from Northwestern Michigan College, Gabriella Paryani from Northwestern Michigan College and Nevaeh Stone from Benton Harbor High School.

"This experience was incredibly enriching and empowering. It made us feel heard, recognized and motivated to make a difference in our communities," Bennett said in the release.

Youth Solutions officials said the NSLA, hosted by Jobs for America's Graduates, provided young leaders from across the country with real-world experiences and allowed them to network with fellow youth, adult leaders and employers. Participants engaged in workshops, discussions and activities designed to enhance their leadership skills.

JMG is a program of Youth Solutions, a nonprofit created to ensure the youth in Michigan has access to career-focused education.