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**KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL SELECTS HIGH POINT STUDENT AS MEMBER
OF 2018-2019 NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*High Point Central Senior Lakin Stevens Chosen to Participate in National Sustainability
Service Learning Program*

HIGH POINT, N.C. (November 14, 2018) – Keep America Beautiful, the nation's iconic community improvement nonprofit organization, has selected High Point's Lakin Stevens as one of 11 high school students from across the country to serve on its seventh national Youth Advisory Council.

Keep America Beautiful's national [Youth Advisory Council](#) provides a unique opportunity for high school students to participate in a service-learning and leadership development program focusing on environmental stewardship and sustainability. The newly-selected members will act as ambassadors for youth service at the local level and will be provided stipends to implement local stewardship service projects.

Lakin Stevens, a senior at High Point Central High School, is an inaugural member of the Keep High Point Beautiful Youth Council and extremely passionate about the environment. Stevens said, "My passion and care for the environment has always been a part of me. As I have grown older and learned more about our changing climate, I have become dedicated to my activism and service to the environment. Keep America Beautiful has allowed me to better pursue this dedication of mine while also teaching me about more than just the environment, but also how to be a leader, to be responsible, and how to be accountable. For all this, I am so grateful to have the opportunity to truly work with my passions."

Stevens' additional accomplishments and activities include National Honor Society, Junior Marshall, International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate, Service Learning Exemplary Award, AP Scholar, A-Honor Roll, High Point Central Students Against Gun Violence Co-Founder and Co-Leader, French Club Co-Founder and Co-President, Green Club Co-Founder and Co-President, Ethics Club Co-President, and Photography Club President. Stevens has also served as a Communities in Schools Breakfast Buddy, Greensboro Science Center Teacher's Assistant, a Summer Camp Counselor in Training and worked with the High Point Miracle League.

"I am always amazed at how quickly the next generation assumes the mantle of leadership for the challenges they will face in the coming future. It is great to see the youth in High Point continue to make a difference to keep our environment clean and sustainable. We are very proud of Lakin," said High Point Mayor Jay Wagner.



Previously, Youth Advisory Council classes have piloted and developed Keep America Beautiful initiatives that engage students in support of the Keep America Beautiful mission. The class of 2018/2019 will also attend Keep America Beautiful's National Conference in Baltimore.

"Keep America Beautiful's National Youth Advisory Council provides the members' local communities an intersectional impact on the way we approach environmental wellness, protection and community improvement," said Kathryn Joblon, Keep America Beautiful's Youth & Education Programs Manager. "In addition to providing the students with an opportunity to foster their interest in community service, our Youth Advisory Council members also serve as our partners in strengthening Keep America Beautiful's programs and resources to help reach more students nationwide."

To learn more about Keep America Beautiful's Education programs, visit kab.org/our-programs/education.

About Keep High Point Beautiful

Keep High Point Beautiful strives to bring the goals of the national Keep America Beautiful organization home to our community. We believe that a difference can be made to better our community by calling on and organizing citizens to action who will protect the environment. Keep High Point Beautiful has worked to beautify our community for 31 years and is proud to partner with businesses, schools, organizations and citizens to make High Point an amazing place to live, work and play. Our focus on litter prevention and cleanup, plantings and environmental awareness education yields hundreds of volunteer hours and thousands of pounds of litter removal.

About Keep America Beautiful

Keep America Beautiful, the nation's iconic community improvement nonprofit organization, inspires and educates people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment. Celebrating its 65th Anniversary in 2018, Keep America Beautiful strives to End Littering, Improve Recycling and Beautify America's Communities. We believe everyone has a right to live in a clean, green and beautiful community, and shares a responsibility to contribute to that vision. The organization is driven by the work and passion of more than 600 Keep America Beautiful affiliates, millions of volunteers, and the collaborative support of corporate partners, social and civic service organizations, academia, municipalities, elected officials, and individuals. Join us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/keepamericabeautiful), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/keepamericabeautiful), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/keepamericabeautiful) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/keepamericabeautiful). Donate and take action at kab.org.

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