



More than 200 students from across the state took part in the North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly. State of NC Photo

Salem Academy senior impressive at YLA

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Salem Academy senior Angelica Mack served as co-speaker of the House during the North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly's annual session from March 23-25 in Raleigh. She also was the recipient of two awards: the Sud-Freemark Award of Service, which honors students who have participated in the Youth Legislative Assembly for four years, with three of those years being on the leadership team, and the Richard White Leadership Award, which is given to a senior-ranking member of the YLA Leadership Team who demonstrates strong leadership and organizational

skills. About 225 students from across the state participated in the event, which was presented by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office of the N.C. Department of Administration. The Youth Legislative Assembly is a mock legislative session that allows high school students to voice their opinions and vote on local and state issues. Mack monitored debates, sent bills to committees and maintained order among the 225 North Carolina students who participated in the mock-legislative body. Following procedures used by members of the N.C. General Assembly, the students worked in one of 10



Angelica Mack

committees before gathering for general sessions. Among the items considered were: a proposed ban on same-sex marriage; the introduction of anti-bullying laws into public schools; and the legalization of assisted suicide for adults

18 and older. The YLA's final report will be sent to the governor, members of the General Assembly and other key leaders. "It is an honor to be a 2012 co-speaker for the 42nd session of the North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly because it exemplifies the respect that my fellow peers and the General Assembly have for me, as well as their belief in my abilities to represent YAIO (Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office) in a professional manner," said Angelica. "This position as co-speaker also provides me with the opportunity to positively impact the community and become more familiar with and appreciative of our political system."

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