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## **Stephanie Cannon Named Distinguished Student Leader**

**Newnan High School Student Completes National Program Requirements  
to be named a NASC Distinguished Student Leader**

Newnan, Georgia – Stephanie Cannon, a senior at Newnan High School has successfully completed the NASC Student Leaders Program, earning national recognition as an NASC Distinguished Student Leader. She is one of nearly 800 students in the nation to achieve this recognition, which is becoming a highly sought-after honor by student leaders across the country. Sponsored by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the NASC Student Leaders Program serves to:

- Give schools a tool to enhance and improve their efforts to develop student leaders.
- Challenge students to work for recognition that is based on their abilities and knowledge in the area of leadership.
- Create an award that provides authentic assessment and recognition based on a student's demonstration of skills and knowledge.
- Support the standards and goals of the National Council of Excellence Awards and missions of NASC and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)

Stephanie, whose school is an NASC member, completed a series of required tasks and activities in order to complete the program and become a certified student leader. The rigorous application process involves the creation of a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates completion

of a number of activities inclusive of modules on leadership, goal setting, team building, decision making, problem solving, group dynamics, time management and personal organization, meeting management, communication, evaluation, service, civic engagement and personal leadership philosophy. Applicants must also participate in an assessment meeting with their advisers and principals to verify completion of the requirements. Student portfolios and applications are then forwarded to NASC for a final review. Upon successful completion of the program, students are recognized as NASC Distinguished Student Leaders.

For more information on the NASC Student Leaders Program, visit [www.nasc.us](http://www.nasc.us).

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### **About NASC**

The National Association of Student Councils™ (NASC) provides resources, programs, and recognition to develop and support student council leaders and advisers. NASC believes that student council is the voice of the student body and is dedicated to preparing and empowering student leaders to serve their schools and communities through leadership, service and civic engagement. For more information, visit [www.nasc.us](http://www.nasc.us).

### **About NASSP**

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) is the leading organization of and voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and school leaders from across the United States and 35 countries around the world. The association connects and engages school leaders through advocacy, research, education, and student programs. NASSP advocates on behalf of all school leaders to ensure the success of each student and strengthens school leadership practices through the design and delivery of high-quality professional learning experiences. Reflecting its long-standing commitment to student leadership development, NASSP administers the [National Honor Society](#), [National Junior Honor Society](#), [National Elementary Honor Society](#), and [National Association of Student Councils](#).