## Aubrey Dockins Selected for FEMA's 2021-2022 National Youth Preparedness Council

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ATLANTA - FEMA has selected Aubrey Dockins of Jacksonville, Fla., as one of 15 members for the 2020-2021 National Youth Preparedness Council (YPC).

The YPC was created by FEMA in 2012 to bring together diverse young leaders who are interested in disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities. Members will learn from senior leaders in national preparedness and work with FEMA community preparedness staff, who will offer support and mentorship throughout their two-year term.

Aubrey will be a junior at Duncan U. Fletcher High School next year. She is passionate about helping underserved populations and is studying Spanish and American Sign Language to become more inclusive in her communications. Recently, for her Girl Scout Troop's Bronze Award service project, Aubrey helped make a local rescued horse ranch more accessible to individuals with disabilities.

During her time on the council, Aubrey plans to work with the non-profit Gianna's Path of Love organization to create a "sensory room" in special needs shelters in her state to help people with developmental disabilities stay calm and focused. During an evacuation, these shelters serve people who have a medical condition that requires professional oversight, but not hospitalization.

To learn more about the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council, visit: www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council.

