



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Smith Collins and Tanner Martin represented Springwood School at the HOBY Conference**



Springwood students, Smith Collins and Tanner Martin, were selected by the high school faculty to attend the 2013 Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) conference. Smith and Tanner attended the three-day seminar in Troy, AL last summer.

HOBY’s flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar, provides leadership development skills for students with a strong focus on community service. It is designed to help high school students recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. HOBY has proven to be an educational, life-changing experience for students.

The Springwood students participated in hands-on leadership activities, met leaders in their state, and explored their own personal leadership skills while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in their community. The seminar curriculum is based on the Social Change Model of Leadership and develops leadership from three perspectives: Personal Leadership, Group Leadership, and Leadership for Society.

The Springwood High School Faculty noted that this year’s school representatives, Tanner Martin and Smith Collins reflect the criteria the HOBY program desires in its participants. The HOBY seminar last summer helped to nurture their leadership skills, which will allow them to be leaders in their school and community. The HOBY experience continues to be a positive one for the Springwood students chosen to attend.

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Collins of Lanett and Tanner is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Martin of West Point.