## Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOGNIZES YMCA FOR HELPING FLORIDA'S YOUTH

**Tallahassee** – The Florida Department of Health today recognized the accomplishments of the Florida YMCA Youth in Government program as their annual State Assembly concluded this week. Since 1957, this Florida State Alliance of YMCA's program has provided an opportunity for young people to engage public policy issues that impact families, schools and communities.

"It is an honor to work with the Florida State Alliance of YMCAs to improve the health of Floridians," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, Dr. John Armstrong. "The YMCA is doing great work to help Florida's families, children and local communities achieve healthiest weight."

The Florida State Alliance of YMCAs announced the 2013-2014 Servant Leadership Award Recipients – one for each of the YMCA's three priority areas of social responsibility, youth development and healthy living. Representative Seth McKeel, District 40, was recognized with the Social Responsibility Award and Representative Mia Jones, District 14, was recognized with the Youth Development Award. The award for Healthy Living was presented to Dr. John Armstrona.

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