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**Press Release**

**Ambassador's Leaders of Tomorrow Program Set to Begin November 26, 2012**

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce a new youth leadership effort – The Ambassador's Leaders of Tomorrow. After receiving applications from across the country, six students who demonstrated superior leadership credentials were chosen to be Ambassador's Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT). The participants will arrive in Gaborone on November 26 to begin three-days of leadership and skills training. The program will include a meeting with U.S. Ambassador Michelle Gavin and a visit with His Worship the Mayor of Gaborone, Haskins Nkaigwa. The group will also participate in a mock parliamentary debate and observe a real session of Parliament. They will visit the Baylor Teen Center and Mokolodi Game Reserve, and they will participate in an intercultural evening with American teens. In addition, the group will hear a presentation on volunteerism from U.S. Peace Corps Staff and Volunteers, followed by a visit to Stepping Stones International in Mochudi. They will also receive leadership, public speaking, and media engagement training, followed by actual press interviews.

The ALOT program sought applications from Form Four students who are already youth leaders in their communities for the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills and work together to make a difference in their collective communities.

The youth selected include:

- Akousa Boadi-Agyemang, who attends John MacKenzie High School in Francistown. She is a School Prefect and Captain of the Athletics Team, as well as being involved in Interact and Yearbook. She is interested in law and policy.
- Gape Mokoka, who is attends John MacKenzie School in Francistown. She is president of the Interact Club and is a member of PACT. She is interested in law, political science, and journalism.
- Tshepang Masunga, who attends Gaborone Secondary School. She is involved in PACT and the Scripture Union. She is interested in medicine and becoming a motivational speaker.
- Wathata Ntwayapelo, who attends Naledi Senior Secondary School in Gaborone. He is in the Debate Club and serves as a Library Monitor. He hopes to be a neurologist.
- Tlotlo Motlhabane, who attends St. Joseph's College. She is a teen leader at Teen Club and is involved in AIDS Awareness. She hopes to become a chartered accountant.
- Carol Nyathi, who attends Maun Senior Secondary School. She is involved in peer education and debate and enjoys poetry. Carol is interested in medicine and magazine journalism.

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