



For Immediate Release: September 13, 2016

Contact: Lori Larsen, ICN Communications Director, Lori.Larsen@iowa.gov

Malvern, IA Student Selected for Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council

Des Moines (9/13/16) – Zachary Mass, a senior at Treynor Community High School will join 10 other students throughout Iowa as part of the Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council (SYBAC). The council has been established by the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) to engage students on a variety of broadband related topics. Throughout the school year, the students will meet with ICN Executive Director Ric Lumbard to discuss the importance of true high-speed broadband to the next generation. Last year's SYBAC students discussed a range of topics including free public Wi-Fi, SunCube FemtoSat satellite, driverless cars, lack of strong reliable broadband in some Iowa schools, and LiFi (Light Fidelity) wireless communication technology.

"These students live and breathe technology and it's important to hear their perspectives and listen to their feedback regarding the Internet, we have to bring them to the table," said Lumbard.

The following students were selected to ICN's SYBAC for the 2016-2017 school year:

Zachary Mass, Treynor Community High School
Eryn Perry, Southeast Polk High School
Trent Gilbert, Valley High School
Ryan Wehrman, Southeast Polk High School
Gabe Golberg, Mount Vernon High School
Hunter Werner, Louisa-Muscatine Jr./Sr. Schools
Hunter Dorhout, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn High School
Kaleb Haeffner, Danville High School
Zachary Wolff, Norwalk High School
Aaron Mark, Burlington CSD
Beau Lapointe, Mason City High School

Meetings of the SYBAC will be held September – May via video conference. To keep updated on the student initiatives visit <https://icn.iowa.gov/benefiting-iowans/sybac>.

###

About Iowa Communications Network (ICN)

The Iowa Communications Network (ICN) is BROADBAND STRONG, delivering FLEXIBLE broadband and FAST experiences to meet the growing broadband needs of education, government, public safety, and healthcare in Iowa. The ICN provides high-speed flexible broadband Internet, data, IP video, and voice services. The ICN transport network is 100% fiber, which is the leading technology for telecommunications networks. Visit iowa.Communications.Network for more information.

RIC LUMBARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 Phone: 515-725-4692 Fax: 515-725-4727 www.icn.iowa.gov

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION