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Steuben Prevention Coalition hosts 5th Annual Youth Action Forum

**Bath, N.Y. — September 25, 2019 —** On Tuesday, September 24th, the Steuben Prevention Coalition together with Bath-Haverling School District, The Main Place of Hornell, Steuben County Youth Bureau, the Oliver Estate, Serve U Credit Union and the Character Education Fund sponsored the 5th Annual Youth Action Forum - Student Leaders Initiating Change for Healthy & Positive Schools and Communities.

This year’s forum was attended by ten school districts in Steuben County including Addison, Avoca, Bath-Haverling, Bradford, Campbell-Savona, Canisteo-Greenwood, Corning-Painted Post, Jasper-Troupsburg, Prattsburgh and Wayland-Cohocton with a total of 89 students participating.

The purpose of our Youth Action Forum is to empower our young people to “BE THE CHANGE”, give students a voice to be heard among peers and within the community and to develop skills necessary to nurture abilities in themselves and others in order to make an impact at school or in the larger community. In addition, our students were coached on how to network with other students and leaders to identify available resources and practices that would aid in bringing about that change.

These areas of focus were addressed by Key Note Speaker, JAric Jackson of Generation Leadership who is preparing the next generation to live well and lead boldly. Mr. Jackson’s mission is to teach, inspire and encourage all those who hear him and to take the challenge of helping other pursue their goals and dreams.

The goal for this year’s forum was to encourage and develop their use of these skills so that the students can then engage in discussions within their individual schools and identify the critical issues impacting their school climate, their peers, and their community.

The Steuben Prevention Coalition’s mission is to promote healthy and safe communities in Steuben County by reducing alcohol and drug use among youths. The Coalition is comprised of many county oriented members that are vested in the future of our youth. For more information please visit our website at [www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org](http://www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org) or contact us directly at 607-776-6441 ext. 202.

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