



# YOUTH OF THE YEAR

**LOCAL  
WINNER**

**TALAYAH CLOWERS**

# TALAYAH CLOWERS LEADS BY GOING *#HandsOn*

If her leadership style had a hashtag, Talayah Clowers said it would be #HandsOn. She believes people learn best by going hands on, and with consistent practice, builds both confidence and results. That mindset has guided her leadership journey on Hurlburt Field and at school, where she is known for her initiative, inclusivity, and commitment to service.

At school, Talayah is deeply involved in leadership organizations. She serves on the Principal's Advisory Council, representing student voices and offering thoughtful input on school initiatives. She is also an Okaloosa County School District Ambassador, a role that highlights her professionalism and ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences. In addition, she is president of Anchored for Life and the Minority Council, positions that reflect her dedication to advocacy, inclusion, and empowering others.



Her leadership extends beyond titles. At Hurlburt Field, Talayah volunteers as a mentor to middle school students, guiding lessons on prioritization, organization, and personal growth. She makes a point of creating a welcoming environment and intentionally engages quieter students to ensure everyone feels included and supported. She credits much of her leadership inspiration to her school principal, whose steady, people-first approach left a lasting impression.

Outside the classroom and volunteer work, Talayah is a well-rounded student with creative interests. She enjoys dancing, crafting, and baking (especially salted-caramel cupcakes) and has a strong passion for learning about African American history.

This fall, Talayah will attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where she plans to study political science as a step toward her goal of becoming a civil rights attorney. With a proven record of service and leadership, she is confident to continue making a meaningful impact well beyond Hurlburt Field.

