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## **INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY: PETERSON SFB TEEN NAMED 2026 COLORADO STATE YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

**PETERSON SPACE FORCE BASE, Colo.** – Local media are invited to interview 17-year-old Jasmine L. Toney, the newly named 2026 Colorado State Youth of the Year representing Peterson Space Force Base. Jasmine’s journey is a powerful testament to the resilience of military children, overcoming severe personal trauma to become a leading voice and advocate for military-connected youth. She will represent Colorado at the Regional competition in Dallas, Texas, this month.

Toney is a dynamic youth leader whose life is defined by profound purpose and resilience. At age 14, she survived a devastating house fire in the middle of a Colorado winter. Alongside navigating her parents' separation, her father's medical retirement due to Multiple Sclerosis, and her own severe sports injury, Jasmine utilized the Peterson Space Force Base Youth Center as her "home away from home" for 13 years. The center provided the stability and mentorship necessary to overcome these setbacks.

Today, Toney is a powerhouse of advocacy with an extensive list of accomplishments to include but not limited to interning at the Colorado State Capitol House of Representatives, advocating for equitable policy to being the Founder and President of her high school’s Black Student Union and Blue Crew.

**Media outlets interested in speaking with Toney should reach out to Space Base Delta 1 Public Affairs at [SBD1.PA@spaceforce.mil](mailto:SBD1.PA@spaceforce.mil) to generate this request.**