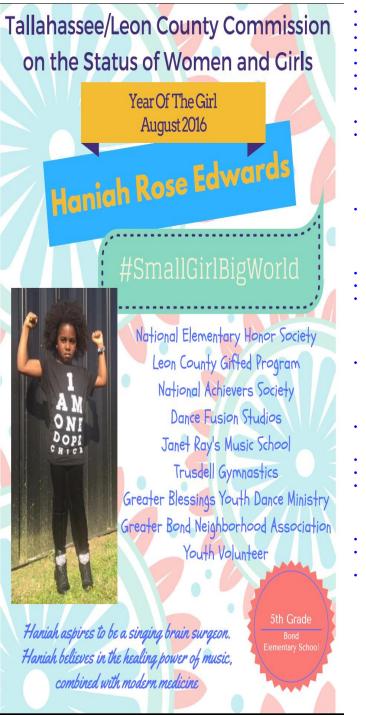
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Tallahassee/Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Announce August 2016 #YearOfTheGirl Honoree Haniah Edwards

Tallahassee - The Tallahassee/Leon County Commission on the Status of Women (CSWG) today announced the August 2016 #YearOfTheGirl honoree. Haniah Edwards is in the fifth grade at Sabal Palm Elementary School. The CSWG's #YearOfTheGirl initiative highlights a different girl each month to showcase the talent, diversity, goals, and dreams of Tallahassee-Leon County's girls.

"It is an honor to recognize Haniah Edwards as this month's #YearOfTheGirl honoree," said Sha'Ron James, Chair of the Tallahassee/Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. "She has excelled at school, volunteers in her community, and leads with her heart. Haniah may be small, but she has proven that she is mighty!"

About the July 2016 #YearOfTheGirl honoree:

Haniah Edwards is a Spelling Bee Champion and is a Tropicana Speech first-prize winner. Her speech highlighted the challenges of skipping the first grade, which resulted in her being physically smaller than her classmates. She has transformed her winning speech into a blog, which aims to boost girls' self-esteem.

Haniah is involved in the National Elementary School Honor Society, the Leon County Gifted Program, and the National Achievers Society. She is on the competition team for Dance Fusion Studios, plays the piano, and takes gymnastics. She serves as a youth volunteer with the Greater Bond Neighborhood Association.

Haniah's goal is to be a "singing brain surgeon," envisioning a world in which girls can be both neurosurgeons and singers at the same time. Her hashtag is #SmallGirlBigWorld.

About #YearOFTheGirl

 CSWG #YearOfTheGirl honorees must demonstrate an outstanding initiative in civic, community, service, or education projects. Additional information, including FAQs and the nomination form, can be found at the Commission's website.

About the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

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In April of 2011, The Leon County Board of County
Commissioners established the Leon County Commission on
the Status of Women and Girls as a citizen's advisory
committee. In March of 2013, the City of Tallahassee proudly
joined Leon County and created the new Tallahassee/Leon
County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. By
establishing and supporting CSWG, the City of Tallahassee
and Leon County have taken a strong stand in support of
women and girls in our community. The primary purposes of
the CSWG are to promote awareness of issues pertaining to
women and girls in Tallahassee and Leon County and to serve
in an advisory role, providing input to the City and County
Commissions as needed. To learn more, visit this link:
www.TallahasseeLeonCSWG.com