



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SYC SPRING CONVENTION



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The State Convention was held at the DoubleTree Hotel, Atlantic Beach, NC. More than 80 plus high school students from nine local youth councils attended: Raleigh, Durham, Cary, Goldsboro, High Point, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Winston Salem and Hickory. During the awards banquet, state officers were recognized, senior members of SYC were recognized, and youth councils were given state awards. Cary Youth Council was recognized as the Most Diverse Council, Wilson Youth Council as the Most Outstanding Youth Council, and Goldsboro Youth Council received an award for the Best Yearly Project. A member of the Wilson Youth Council was recognized as the Most Outstanding Member. Raleigh Youth Council won first place for the Best Scrapbooks, Wilson Youth Council won second place, and Durham Youth Council won third place.

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 SYC Officers

Chairman-Bryan Christ (Winston Salem); Vice Chairman-Kyra Jasper(Cary);

Secretary- Pranesh Kamalakanthan (Raleigh); Sargent-at-Arms-Geoffrey Whitley (Goldsboro)



Announcing the 2014 Award Recipients

Drum Roll Please.....



Cary Youth Council as Most Diverse Youth Council

Wilson Youth Council as the Most Outstanding Youth Council

Goldsboro Youth Council received an award for the best Yearly Project.

A member of the Wilson Youth Council was recognized as the Most Outstanding Member.



- 💡 Raleigh Youth Council won first place scrapbook award*
- 💡 Wilson Youth Council won second place and*
- 💡 Durham Youth Council won third*

SYC Member Spotlight

Congratulations!

Kayla Gales



Member, Rocky Mount Youth Council

Gales was selected as one of the 1,000 students to be a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship. The program, established by Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, provides outstanding minority students an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline or area of interest.

The scholarship, which comes from a \$1.6 billion grant from Bill and Melinda Gates, was created in 1999 for the purpose of bridging the gap between the different minority ethnicities in the fields related to STEM careers. The scholarship will allow Gales—who will be attending N.C. State University and majoring in civil engineering—to have college-related costs paid for through graduation, granted she maintains a 3.3 grade point average.

Gales said she was excited when she received the letter telling she had earned the distinguished scholarship out of a pool of 52,000 students who applied.

“I can honestly say I reacted like a 7-year-old when I found out,” Gales said. “There was a big package that I received, and they were either telling me yes or this was a big way of telling me no. I read the first line and they said congratulations and that was all I needed to know. I was screaming saying, ‘I got it, I got it.’”

Special thanks to the Councils that made bids on the 2014-2015
Leadership Conferences!

**Tentative
SYC 2014-2015
Leadership Conference Schedule**

DATE:	HOST/LOCATION:
Service Learning September 26-28, 2014	Durham Youth Commission, Durham, NC
Mini-Grant November 14-16, 2014	Rocky Mount Youth Council Rocky Mount, NC
Teambuilding January 30-February 1, 2015	High Point Youth Council High Point, NC
Youth Legislative Assembly March 20-22, 2015	YAIO Office/ SYC Raleigh, NC
Spring Convention April 24-26, 2015	Hosted by Cary Teen Council Location TBA

Congratulations to all of our SYC Graduating Seniors!



**HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND SAFE
Summer Vacation!**

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