



## What you missed at SYC Teambuilding Leadership Conference!



Thank You! to the Durham Commission on Youth for hosting the SYC Teambuilding conference on October 4-6 in Durham. It was an educational and exciting conference. Youth Council members attended were engaged in Teambuilding activities and sessions on Gun Violence and Suicide Among Teenagers, Gun Safety – How do we protect ourselves and others? and Breaking the Silence” – Peer Pressure, Bullying, and Depression. The afternoon ended with a visit to Defy Gravity!



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# Making Parliamentary Procedures Fun!

## What is Parliamentary Procedure ?

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- ✳ **A set of rules for conducting business at meeting and public gatherings**
- ✳ **Originated from the English Parliaments**
- ✳ **It came to America with the European settlers**
- ✳ **It became uniform in 1878 when Henry M. Robert published his manual on Parliamentary Law.**

## Why is Parliamentary Procedures important?

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- ✳ **It allows everyone to be heard and make decisions without confusion.**

## Quick Pointers to Roberts Rules:

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- ✳ **The standard method goes in the following order:**
    - ✓ **Call to order**
    - ✓ **Make a motion**
    - ✓ **Second motions**
    - ✓ **Debate motions**
    - ✓ **Vote on motion**
  
  - ✳ **How are Motions Presented:**
    - ✓ **Obtaining the floor**
    - ✓ **Make Your Motion**
    - ✓ **Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion**
    - ✓ **Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second.**
    - ✓ **If there is no second to your motion it is lost.**
    - ✓ **The Chairman States Your Motion**
    - ✓ **The Chairman will say, “it has been moved and seconded that we...” thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action.**
    - ✓ **The membership then either debates your motion, or may move directly to a vote.**
    - ✓ **Once your motion is presented to the membership by the Chairman it becomes “assembly property”, and cannot be changed by you without the consent of the members.**
  
  - ✳ **Putting the Question to the Membership:**
    - ✓ **The Chairman asks, “Are you ready to vote on the question?”**
    - ✓ **If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.**
    - ✓ **Chairman will ask those in favor to say “aye” and those opposed say “no”**
    - ✓ **Motion carried or failed.**
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## Resource:

[www.parliamentarians.org](http://www.parliamentarians.org)



**In September the SYC Coordinator visited the Goldsboro Youth Council and in October she visited the Rocky Mount Youth Council to conduct sessions on Parliamentary Procedures. Youth practiced implementing Roberts Rules of Order during their council meetings.**



## Spotlight on SYC Alumni

**Congratulations Alexis on making your dream a reality!**



**Alexis Nichole Brown**  
**Former RMYC Member**  
**Graduates from**  
**Medical School**

High School: Northern Nash HS, 2005

Undergraduate: UNC Chapel Hill, 2009, BA Communications

Dental School: Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry, May 18, 2013, Nashville, Tennessee

Youth Council, member Rocky Mount Area Youth Council 4 years --- Served in positions of Secretary, Vice President and President. Served on the Governors Youth Advisory Council.

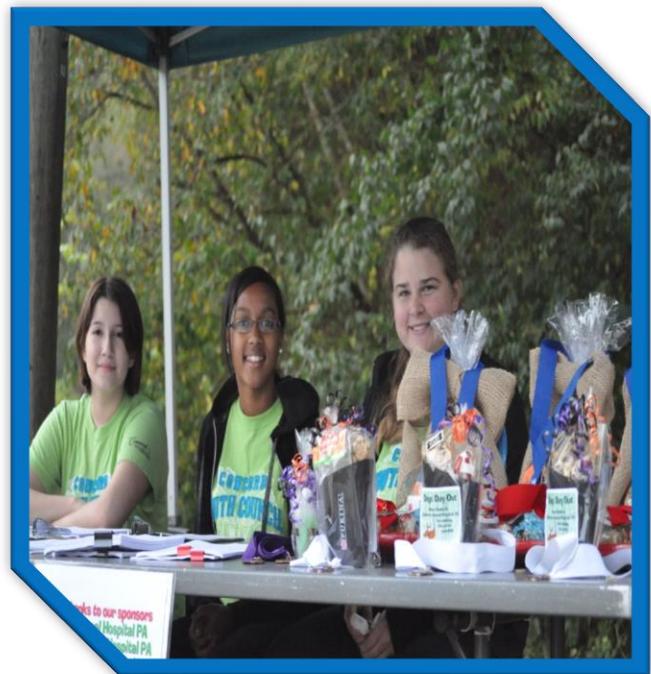
Rocky Mount's Junior Miss, 2005, awarded the Margaret Keyes Harrison Endowed Scholarship at Meharry Medical College, National Executive Board of the Student National Dental Association, 2012, and the Student National Dental Association, Director of Regional Communications, 2012-2013

Alexis hopes to practice general dentistry. She is also a student leader serving as the president-elect of the Student National Dental Association. This past summer, Alexis completed a second dental mission trip to Haiti. The trip was an opportunity to travel to Haiti to use her skills, knowledge, and training to provide free dental care and oral hygiene products and information to those in need.

# SPOTLIGHT ON CONCORD YOUTH COUNCIL

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR FURRY FRIENDS!

Twenty-eight Concord Youth Council members volunteered at Dogs' Day Out festival, 10/19, at Les Myers Park in Concord. They assisted the rescues and vendors with set-up, checked dogs for current vaccinations as they entered the park, judged the talent, obedience and costume contests, patrolled the off-leash area and sold hot dogs and baked goodies as a fundraiser.



<http://www.concordparksandrec.org/>



## Reminders!

### **OCTOBER 31:**

Recommendations for the State Youth Advisory Council due to State Coordinator  
**SYC Sweat Shirt orders due**

### **NOVEMBER 14-16:**

State Youth Council Mini-grant Conference, Rocky Mount, NC  
Sponsored by the Rocky Mount Youth Council

## **State Youth Council Leadership Conference** **Schedule (Tentative)**

**Teambuilding October 4-6** (Durham Youth Council)

**Mini-Grant Nov. 15-17** (Rocky Mount Youth Council)  
*Held in Rocky Mount*

**Community Service Jan. 24-26** (Raleigh Youth Council) *Held in Raleigh*

**Youth Legislative Assembly March 21-23** (State Office) *Held in Raleigh*

**Spring Convention April 25-27** (Goldsboro Youth Council) *Held in Atlantic Beach*

Want to see your Youth Council's work highlighted in a future issue? Send a summary and pictures of your event to [Cynthia.giles@doa.nc.gov](mailto:Cynthia.giles@doa.nc.gov)