



October brings lots of treats

Supporting Youth and their engagement
in Government Decision and Policy-making

RYC Host Moroccan delegation

On September 11, the Raleigh Parks and Recreation and Cultural Resources and the Raleigh youth Council hosted informative and interactive sessions for Moroccan Senior Parliament and Government officials, which included 7 youth leaders of youth programs in Morocco. The sessions focused on Youth engagement in Policy-Making to expose the delegate to successful US experiences in implementing youth councils and engagement. During the morning session, a welcome and overview of Raleigh was given by Raleigh's Mayor Nancy McFarlane and Linda Jones, Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources director, with an overview of the following youth programs: Raleigh Teen Digital Connectors, Raleigh Summer Youth Employment Program, Raleigh Youth Council, and the State Youth Council. The afternoon session (Pizza Party) held from 5-7pm at the Saint Monica Teen Center involved 2-3 teens from each of the 4 programs presented in the morning session along with information and teens from the Teen Center.

While in NC, the Moroccan delegates also visited the Durham Youth Council and Duke University. They concluded their tour with a visit to DC, including meetings with congressmen/women on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

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Conferences Dates

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Spotlight on Winston Salem Youth Council!



The 2012-2013 Winston Salem Youth Advisory Council's annual project was a community garden at the S.G. Atkins Enterprise Center. After learning about the hunger statistics within Winston Salem, the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) decided to take action and cultivate a community garden. YAC competed for and was awarded grants from the State of North Carolina and the Winston-Salem Foundation's Youth Grantmakers in Action to develop the garden. In the spring, YAC worked hard to plant tomatoes, peppers, onions, zucchini and squash. YAC harvested over 150 lbs. of produce from the garden and donated it to Second Harvest Food Bank and Ronald

McDonald House to share with the families from Brenner Children's Hospital providing gifts to the terminally ill, and a hot meal at Ronald McDonald House for their families. In addition to their efforts at the garden this year, the YAC also repainted its Youth Expression Wall (a past annual project) at Winston Square Park with a garden showcasing hunger statistics that they learned from Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina.



For more information on this council visit

<http://www.cityofws.org/departments/human-relations/boards-commissions/youth-advisory-council>

Advisors: Ms. Jayme Waldeck or Ms. Wanda Allen-Abraha
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2014 NC Youth Legislative Assembly Leadership Team

On August 24, 2013, the 2014 Tri-Speakers had a difficult task selecting their leadership team for the 2014 legislative session. Thirty students applied for 20 Co-Chairmen positions and the Tri-Speakers spent several hours debating amongst themselves who to pick! Finally.... after 2 hours, they agreed, choose and assigned the following students to Chairmen positions:

Children and Family-Darby Madewell (*Bladen Co.*) and Katelyn King (*Gaston Co.*)

Civil Rights-Anderson Clayton (*Person Co.*) and Sibusisiwe Dlangalala (*Davidson Co.*)

Education-Martin Kendrick (*Lee Co.*) and Luke Stancil (*Johnston Co.*)

Environment-Shanton Krovvidi (*Wake Co.*) and Brandon Combs (*Person Co.*)

Health Affairs-Kate Branch (*Durham Co.*) and Daniel Taylor (*Person Co.*)

Human Sexuality-Connor Kirkpatrick (*Gaston Co.*) and Mary Katherine Falgout (*Durham Co.*)

Judiciary-Jonathan Avery (*Durham Co.*) and Ben Townsend (*Person Co.*)

Science and Technology-Carson Ellerby and Galen Pischke (*both Wake Co.*)

Substance Abuse-Emily Meggs (*Bladen Co.*) and Soji Ademiluyi (*Wake Co.*)

Youth Affairs-Bria Blackwell (*Wilson Co.*) and Emily Pierce (*Person Co.*)

Clerk-Keirra Bailey (*Johnston Co.*)



2014 YLA Leadership Team



2014 YLA Tri-Speakers



Spotlight on Youth

Youth Making a Difference
by: Alanna Church

This summer I went for a week to work at the Bowery Mission in New York City. The Bowery is a safe place for the homeless, needy, or high poverty families and individuals to feel welcomed and at home with all necessities provided for them. It's typically a 6-7 month program that allows time for people to restore their faith and learn the social skills necessary to obtain a job in these harsh economic times. I was so humbled to get out in the community and see, first-hand, what's happening all around us. I hope to bring back to Hickory some of the things I've learned this summer and share the great things we did.



Alanna wearing HKY red T-shirt(centered)



Alanna wearing black T-shirt

Alanna Church is a Sophomore at Fred T. Foard High School and a member of the Hickory Youth Council.



Reminders!

OCTOBER 4-6:

State Youth Council-Teambuilding Conference

Hosted by the Durham Youth Commission, Durham, NC.

OCTOBER 4:

Minigrant Application due.

State Youth Council Leadership Conference Schedule (Tentative)

Teambuilding and Leadership October 4-6

(Durham Youth Council)

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

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

Youth Legislative Assembly March 21-23 (State Office)

Spring Convention May 2-4 or 16-18 (Goldsboro Youth Council)

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