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Where It All Begins



Harmony Houston, Youth Council President, is now engaging in her fourth year with Concord Youth Council. She has participated on the executive board for three years. She also participates as an active member in the Concord DECA Club, Interact Club, SPEAK! Club, and Bible Club. She has played softball each year of high school, and participated in indoor track for one. "Youth Council really helped me create lasting friendships and connections. I love doing all the events, but if I had to choose a favorite it would have to be the Church of God Children's Home. I loved seeing that just a few minutes with the kids there really made them have a brighter day. It doesn't cost anything to loan a smile and a few hours to someone who needs it." Harmony goes on to say, "Youth Council is more than just an organization, it is a part of me. Youth Council helps us all become leaders of not just today, but the future."



Executive Board (Left to Right)

Sarah Aldridge (Secretary), Alexa Labadie (Marketing Chair), Kena Patel (Programs Chair), Sarah Hendrix (Finance Chair), Danielle Aguiar (Vice President), Harmony Houston (President), Anna Hathcock (Social Chair)

The Executive Board, "We are all looking forward to another great year of Council and are excited for the upcoming events!"

SENIOR Spotlight



Kira Garcia attends Concord High School where she has played tennis and softball all four years. She has been on Youth Council for three years, and has learned about the importance of serving the community. "Youth Council has made me more aware of the community issues that need to be taken care of," said Garcia. "I like working with other people my age to make a difference." Her favorite event was the Senior Center's Rock-A-Thon. "I had fun seeing the people dance and pretty much experience a blast from the past," said Garcia. Garcia also participates in OPUS and Keystone, so she is a very active part of the community.

Community Ties

SUMMER IN REVIEW

Chilly-Willy Wednesdays

Hosted at Dorton Park, this summer event for children five to twelve provided a new and thrilling day camp. Consisting of different themes for each Wednesday of the week, this youth event kept the kids wanting more. The Council members assisted Taylor in a variety of exciting activities. These three-hour events provided a safe and fun environment for local children so that they could enjoy their summer days at a camp while socializing and recreating with other children.



Camp Ready Kids



Camp Ready Kids is a camp for children, hosted by the Red Cross of Concord and is in partnership with the city's Fire and Police Department. This event took place on June 20th, 21st and July 10th, 11th at Fire Station #9. Between 60 and 80 kids enthusiastically attended the Camp. The program consisted of safety tips for the children, and it was the Youth Council's responsibility to provide relays for two days of the camp. Events such as sponge and water bucket relays and inflatable ring relays took place and the children caught on fast. Griffin Fiedler & Nicole Ashburn

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Senior Caroline Blackman has been consistently showcasing her tennis skills since the age of six. Her interest

for the sport continuously increased after hearing her favorite aunt rant and rave about how exciting tennis was. "There is no doubt that tennis is my passion. It just kind of seems like a sport that requires players that were meant to play and after playing so long, the fact that I'm still in love with it makes me believe that I must be one of those people." It is clear that Caroline has a passion for tennis; however this is not her only infatuation. Caroline has been involved in Youth Council for 4 years and has chaired the Teddy Bear Drop for Jeff Gordon's children hospital, held the position of Social Chair on the Executive Board and has volunteered for numerous projects. She also participates in dance and is the senior class vice president at Northwest Cabarrus High School.

Contributions YOU Can Make to YOUR Newsletter

As each Youth Council member participates in various events, we ask that you record your experiences. Shooting a quick email to the editor that describes the events that took place as you participated in the community will lead to a great story that can be published in later issues of our newsletter. So, get involved, and tell us about your outreach... the whole community would love to read about it!

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Madison Walker, a senior at Concord High School has been involved in Youth Council for three years. She says her favorite part about Youth Council is the opportunity to meet so many new people. Her favorite event is Valentines for seniors, which she chaired herself. She is actively involved in young life club and works part time at Punchy's Diner. "I was very nervous about starting in Youth Council, but after I made so many new friends I realized what an awesome experience it was and how perfect it was that there was a combination of creating friendships and helping the community. Madison says she wants to apply to school at Wake Forrest and College of Charleston. She is unsure about her major but hopes it will have something to do with science.



**Making a
difference
counts!**



September 2012

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 meeting at Police Station	11	12	13 Presentation to City Council 6pm- Municipal Bldg	14	15	16
17 Social: "Moe's" " Monday dinner at 6p	18 Community Free Clinic	19	20	21	22 Wings of Eagles	23
24 meeting at Police Station	25	26	27	28 State Youth Council Conference: Service Learning	29 State Youth Council Conference: Service Learning	30 State Youth Council Conference: Service Learning

September 17th: Moe's is located on 1479 Concord Parkway North, Concord

September 18th: See chair, Lindsey Richardson to sign up for the clinic. You must be at least 16 years old to participate.



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