

Council Meets Council

President Harmony Houston attended a City Council meeting downtown with her fellow members last month. She gave a speech in the beginning of the meeting to thank the City Council members for their support of the Concord Youth Council and to inform them of the future and past projects, which their funding goes to.

"It was really annoying that I kept getting flashes of butterflies in my stomach before I spoke. Everyone knows that I talk A LOT and I never anticipated being nervous!" Harmony gave a great speech and then Mayor Padgett replied with comments of gratitude for the Council and what they do for the community.



Leading on the Court and in the Community



Madison Shaw, a junior at Concord High School has assisted the varsity volleyball team in multiple impressive wins throughout her three years on the team. She has played volleyball for six years now, four of which being on a club team year-round. Showing not only to be a dedicated player, Madison has revealed her extreme versatility while playing in three positions when needed: defensive specialist, setter, and outside hitter. Madi's perseverance follows her and her actions with Youth Council. Madison has been involved in the Concord Youth Council for two years now and says that she has bonded with people she never would have met otherwise. Her favorite event so far has been Cops and Kids. "it was amazing to be able to see a kid go on a shopping spree that hadn't even thought of one before."

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SENIOR Spotlight



Danielle Aguiar attends J M Robinson High School, where she is active in HOSA. Danielle is the Vice President of the Concord Youth Council. Danielle will be chairing the "Krispy Kringle Coffee House" with the president of CYC, Harmony Houston. Last year she performed a dance at this Youth Council talent show with another member, Caroline Turner.

"Youth Council really has impacted me as a person. I've always had a passion for helping others, and this is absolutely the right place to do that. I have made so many amazing friends and every event I participate in is a learning experience for me and definitely a bonding experience for my fellow members and me!"

Danielle has attended an academic/leadership weekend at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Community Ties

September in Review

Union Street Live

Union Street Live is an outdoor, free concert held in the heart of downtown Concord, open to all ages. It was held on the third Thursday of May, June, July, August, and September. Youth Council members volunteered to sell raffle tickets, hand out flyers, and sell any other items provided by sponsors as well as the City. There are multitudes of musicians chosen to play at Union Street Live. Some members are even brave enough to hit the dance floor alongside the extremely experienced line dancers.

Chairs: Sarah Aldridge & Mercedes Fernandez

Flawless Fall Fashion

Back in the Police Station stirring things up again... The new ice breakers are a great way to get these brilliant minds running, don't you think? Influence our meetings by suggesting new and fun ice



breakers and programs to the Executive Board. Let's keep the fun going!

Wings of Eagles

On Saturday, September 22nd, nine youth Council members went out to Wings of Eagles Ranch to help them prepare for their fall riding sessions. Splitting up into two groups, members did everything from clearing the riding trails, general yard work and clean up, and helping to clear the horse's pastures of fallen branches. Everyone had a lot of fun, and we are looking forward to doing it again!!



Sarah would like to thank the following volunteers:
Alexandra Spriggs, Cal Hoke,
Tre' Williams, Bailey Kirby,
Ashley Francis, Emily Shriver, Mercedes Fernandez, and Hamilton Jones.
Thank you all so much for your help!

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Walker Swink is in his fourth year of Youth Council. He attends Concord High School, where he has been on the swimming team for three years. He became interested while researching what CYC was all about after his parents encouraged him to check it out. "I never really wanted to do things like student council because there was no focus on anyone outside of the school. When I saw how much stuff the Concord Youth Council was involved in and how much of an impact it had on the community, I wanted to join." Walker says he also had hopes of meeting lots of other students from around the county. Walker has chaired a 5k run and also "Valentines for Senior Citizens." His favorite event from the past years is the visit to the Church of God Children's home. "I realized how grateful I should be for my family. These kids pretty much just have each other and the people in charge of the children's home and seem to be so happy. It was a lot of fun to hang out with them." Walker is also a member of National Honors Society and the Tarheel Keystone club.

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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Joseph Thacker attends Concord High School, where he participates in National Honors Society and Baseball. He has been active in baseball since he was eight years old. This is his second year of Youth Council and he says he always has fun, whether at meetings or events and he loves that fun can mix with helping the community.

"I actually learned a lot from Youth Council. My responsibility skills have improved a lot." Joseph will be the chairperson for the "5 Alarm 5K" in downtown Concord. He said that he is very excited to be chairing a 5K, his favorite types of events to work. "It's always awesome to cheer people on during a race, because I know that I wouldn't be able to perform my best during a baseball game if my parents and friends weren't in the stands yelling for me."

Joseph will be applying to Wake Forest, NC State, and Appalachian State University with plans to major in international business.

**Making a
difference
counts!**



October 2012

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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8 <i>Meeting @ Police Station</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Community Free Clinic</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Dogs' Day Out Festival</i>	21
22 <i>Meeting @ Hartsell Recreation Center</i>	23	24 <i>Pumpkin Prowl</i>	25 <i>Social: Scarrigan Farms Haunted Trail</i>	26	27	28
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October 16th: See chair, Lindsey Richardson to sign up for the clinic. You MUST be at least 16 years old to participate.

October 20th: Dogs' Day Out Festival, at Les Myers Park. See Megan Yawn and Mercedes Fernandez.

October 24th: Pumpkin Prowl, at Hartsell Recreation Center. See Walker Swink for details.

October 25th: Social: Scarrigan Farms Haunted Trail. Meet at Concord Christian Church, 3101 Davidson Highway



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