



<b>Name:</b> Judson Vann		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Saint Petersburg	<b>School:</b> Clearwater Central Catholic	<b>Grade:</b> Senior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I want to join YAC because of the oppurtuniy it provides. It provides the oppurtunity to cause change in your community. This is a rare oppurtunity as a kid, and when I saw the oppurtunity I wanted to take advantage of it. I hope to make the community that surrounds me better for the youth.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain many skills and career prep from the Youth Advisory Committee. So far in my expirience in YAC i have gained the ability to lead a committee, but first it was simply being a member that I had to learn how to do. I learned how to pitch my ideas to a larger group. Now I want to learn how to take my ideas and execute them into reality.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I have had many leadership roles in many different clubs and extra curricular. These include president for 2 years of my class, vice president as a senior, and vice chair of the Youth Advisory Committee this past year.		
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2 - Economic Security	6 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Healthcare	7 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
4 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



<b>Name:</b> Alexandria Goodin		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> No
<b>Residence:</b> Pinellas Park	<b>School:</b> Hollins High School	<b>Grade:</b> Senior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I want to join the Youth Advisory Committee to better understand and influence positive change within my community while simultaneously developing stronger leadership skills.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
Throughout my time in YAC, I hope to gain professional relationships with like minded peers, improve development solutions to local issues, and further increase my own, personal community outreach.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
My career goals include, establishing my own law firm while simultaneously volunteering, working, and or supporting local politics. My long term goal is to become Governor of the great state of Florida. I am United States soldier in the Florida Army National Guard. I have worked in politics since the age of 15 and began volunteering at 13. I am a black belt in Mixed Martial arts. In terms of clubs at school, I am the founder and president of the Young Civics club, vice president of the executive branch of Student Council, and I'm a member of NHS.		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
With Pinellas county having such a large population of veterans, I believe YAC could be best utilized in supporting efforts to better the livelihoods of those who served our country before us.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



# ALEXANDRIA GOODIN

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

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## EDUCATION

CLASS OF 2024, 4.54 GPA  
HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Cambridge Program  
(AICE)

2020-2024

College Preparatory Elective  
(AVID)

2021-2024

## CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

### **Black Belt in MMA**

Bushido Martial Arts  
5207 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park,  
FL

2017-2022

### **Teen Volunteer Program**

Suncoast Hospice  
5771 Roosevelt Blvd, Clearwater,  
FL

2020-2021

### **Representative in Student Council**

Hollins High School  
4940 62nd St N, St. Petersburg, FL

2021-2024

### **Ethics Club**

Hollins High School  
4940 62nd St N, St. Petersburg, FL

2022-2023

### **Founder and President of the Young Civics Club**

Hollins High School  
4940 62nd St N, St. Petersburg, FL

2021-2024

### **National Honors Society**

Hollins High School  
4940 62nd St N, St. Petersburg, FL

2023-2024

## ABOUT ME

Driven and motivated student with a proven track record of providing support to both local and statewide campaigns. Her hands on commitment to her community has strengthened her vast experience in fundraising, media design, and marketing. In addition, she has taken on numerous leadership roles community wide.

## EXPERTISE

- Management Skills
- Digital Marketing
- Negotiation
- Fundraising and Budgeting
- Communication Skills/Public Speaking

## REFERENCES

### **Les Porter**

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### **Shoshana August**

AVID Teacher

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<b>Name:</b> Sofia Olsen		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Seminole	<b>School:</b> Largo high school	<b>Grade:</b> Sophomore
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I want to join the Youth Advisory Committee because I was in it last year and I really enjoyed being able to connect its my community, learn about how the county is run, and meet other member of the community that share the same passion for community service.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
This year I hope to gain skills and knowledge that can help me to better my understanding of the county and how it's run. Last year, we did many activities such as create cards for people in old folks homes, tour many county run locations, and learn about the processes behind running the county.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I have a few different career paths that I might want to explore one day in the future. One of my options is possibly becoming a lawyer in the future. My other option would be becoming a pediatrician and running my own prescribe. In school right now, however, I am a member of sophomore council, Spanish honors society, the National Society of High School Students, Pre-Med club, and the IB ambassadors. I really enjoyed being in the Youth Advisory Committee last year and would love to be in it again this upcoming year.		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
I would love to focus on gaining certifications such as being mental health certified (as was done in past years). I would also love to focus on the issue of diversity and inclusion as this was a very major part in the decisions of school courses this year.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
6-10 hours		



# SOFIA A. OLSEN

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## OBJECTIVE

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Highly motivated and dedicated high school student in the top 3% of high school class. Exceptional leadership experience, excellent communication, and strong organizational skills.

## EDUCATION

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**High School:** [Largo High School International Baccalaureate \(IB\) Program](#)

In Progress: Taking IB and AP courses; Pursuing the IB Diploma.

4.4286 Weighted GPA, Ranked #18 out of 573 sophomore students

## LEADERSHIP

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### **Freshman & Sophomore Council**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Collaborated with peers to organize and execute various campus events, fostering a sense of community among incoming students. Demonstrated strong organizational skills by coordinating fundraisers, spirit weeks, and community service initiatives that enriched the school environment. Actively participated in meetings to voice student concerns and propose innovative ideas, showcasing effective communication and teamwork.

### **Pre-Med Club (Health Occupations Students of America)**

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Demonstrated leadership and dedication to healthcare interests through active involvement.

### **Largo High School IB Student Ambassador**

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Represented the IB program by providing school tours to prospective students and families, highlighting the program benefits, and fostering a sense of community.

### **Perry Initiative**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Selected to participate in a highly competitive career exploration program for young women interested in orthopedic surgery and engineering.

## HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS & AWARDS

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### **Spanish Honor Society**

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Recognized for excellence in Spanish language studies

### **Dr. Vilma Fernandez-Zalupski Latino Academic Excellence Award**

**2022**

Recognized for academic excellence and exceptional GPA, reflecting unwavering dedication to disciplined study and outstanding academic performance.

### **National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS)**

**2023**

Recognized for academic excellence among high-achieving students internationally.

**Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee**

**9th-10th Grade**

Actively serve as a Student Representative in the [Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee](#) collaborating to provide input and assistance to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. Actively engaged in service projects benefiting the local community.

**LANGUAGES**

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**English:** Native Language

**Spanish:** Developing speaking, reading, and writing having completed Spanish 1-5 and currently taking AP Spanish

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Teams), Google Suite (Google docs, Google Sheets), Zoom

**SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES:**

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Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills  
Exemplary organizational abilities  
Attentive to details and guest preferences  
Poised and polished demeanor  
Team collaboration and leadership  
Adaptable and quick problem-solving

**AVAILABILITY:**

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Flexible availability including weekends and evenings.

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**





<b>Name:</b> Philip Skorewicz		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Saint Petersburg	<b>School:</b> Clearwater Central Catholic	<b>Grade:</b> Junior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Pinellas County Website		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I have been a member of the YAC for the past two years. I am interested in continuing to learn more about Pinellas County and what we can do to make our community better. I hope to continue to grow my leadership skills. I would love to see YAC be more involved with land erosion and beach erosion. Being part of YAC for another year I will benefit from learning more about the community that I live in and its leaders.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain knowledge from YAC, specifically, knowledge about the community I live in. I hope to gain connections with other leaders and members of the community through YAC. Last year in YAC we talked about how using oyster shells can protect our shorelines. As a member of Pinellas County, I am glad to have gained knowledge about our shorelines. In this upcoming year for YAC, I hope to gain even more knowledge about the shorelines and Pinellas County as a community.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
One of my hobbies is playing baseball. I will play baseball on my high school team this Fall and Spring as I have for the past three years. I am also a member of Youth Leadership Pinellas this year. I am looking forward to being part of that program and bringing some of the ideas I have learned from YAC. I love being outside. I enjoy spending time on the water in Pinellas County. I have my boating license. I love fishing, tubing, and water skiing. I also enjoy swimming at the sandbar with my siblings.		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
This would be a great year to focus on environmental service projects with YAC. The water is getting warmer, and animals are losing their habitats. Some ideas that I would like to focus on are planting trees, beach cleanups,		



<b>Name:</b> Leslie Bassous		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Palm Harbor	<b>School:</b> Palm Harbor University High School	<b>Grade:</b> Junior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I would like to be more involved in my county by being a part of this committee. I was part of YAC last year and enjoyed being able to so I'm hoping to be part of it again this year. I also like learning about local government and how it works which something I've learned more about while being in YAC.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to form new connections with people in different careers to be able to clearly determine what I would be interested in for my future career. Although I already have an idea of what I want to be, being exposed to new professions could always help me choose the right one. I also hope to learn more about careers I haven't given much thought so I could see if I was missing out on an amazing career.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I hope to one day become a pharmacist and I'm currently working towards my AA at SPC through the Early College program. I am going into my third year of both the Best Buddies club and FBLA club at my school. I'm going into my second year being part of the my schools U.S. Government and Politics club and am the secretary of the club as well as secretary on the Best Buddies board. One of my hobbies is going to different parks in the county and watching sunset there while also walking around.		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
0-5 hours		





<b>Name:</b> Nysa Dhamani		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes	
<b>Residence:</b> Palm Harbor	<b>School:</b> Palm Harbor University High school		<b>Grade:</b> Junior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>			
I was in it last year			
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>			
I would like to join YAC to continue contributing my experiences and opinions in order to improve the quality of the underprivileged youth community within Pinellas county. The past 2 years in YAC have not only helped others in Pinellas County, but has also taught me a lot about our county and the things we individually can do to help improve the environment. With this knowledge we can help create better opportunities for everyone not just the youth.			
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>			
I hope to gain knowledge and the opportunity to be able to help others the best I can. With the help of the county commissioners, we are able to make a bigger impact on communities who need it most.			
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>			
I am currently the Student Government Executive Board Junior Representative; a member of FBLA, Speech and Debate Club, Robotics Club, and Mock Trial Club.			
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4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education			
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>			
N/A			
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>			
6-10 hours			

Mrs. Teresa Bergstrom, Ph.D.  
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August 23, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Nysa Dhamani as an applicant for the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. Nysa was a student in the Center for Gifted Studies at Dunedin Highland Middle School and was my student for her 8th grade year in Pre-AP World History and Geography and Gifted Elective classes.

During Nysa's time at Dunedin Highland Middle, I spent considerable time with her. She is extremely goal oriented and a collaborative team player. She is keenly devoted to her work, but being a real people person, she is also quite enjoyable to be around. She always strives to her academic best, knowing that her dreams lay with excelling in her academic studies to achieve her highest potential.

Nysa demonstrated from early on that she understood how dedication and persistence are essential keys to success. She is organized and prepared for class. Her work ethic and determination to be academically successful led me to believe that she is more than capable of the demands of our Gifted Center. Nysa was admired and respected by her peers and faculty as a leader on campus. She has also played a pivotal role in giving back to our Gifted Center by being a great role model for not only her 8th grade peers, but also to our sixth and seventh grade student populations. Therefore, she excels not only as a student, but as a leader and ambassador of our prestigious magnet program.

Nysa's work was never less than her best. She continuously strives to better herself creatively and academically, all while balancing time towards her extracurricular activities. Equally driven by quality and with integrity, she has many personal interests that provide her with a place of solace, all while realizing that her core educational studies take first priority.

Above all Nysa's positive character traits, maturity is her strong suit. She tackles challenges with patience and in-depth thought. I believe Nysa has been successful in life through her ability to blossom, and encourage others to do the same, as a student leader of Dunedin Highland Middle School's Center for Gifted Studies.

In closing, let me say I have no hesitation in recommending Nysa Dhamani for the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. I feel confident that she would be an asset to your organization, and too, you would be an asset to her constant academic and aesthetic growth.

Sincerely,

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<b>Name:</b> Myah Tyrowicz		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> No
<b>Residence:</b> Oldsmar	<b>School:</b> Clearwater Central Catholic	<b>Grade:</b> Junior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I want the opportunity to work with people in my community and be able to serve my community after all it has done for me. I think it would be a great way to demonstrate and improve on my leadership skills and prepare/gain knowledge for college. In addition, I want to make new connections and meet more kids like me in the community and overall just help give back to my community.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain knowledge on how meetings in an actual advisory board meeting will go, so that I can get an idea of how business and consulting might work out in the real world. I want to attend law school when I go to college and I think this would be a good chance to branch out and learn how to get my opinion across in a board room meeting/setting.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I plan to get my Bachelors and Masters degree and hopefully join a productive business where I can start working and making my way to the top. I am involved in many extracurricular activities at my school like Water 4 Mercy, Book Club, Morning Star Amigos, Student Ambassador Officer , Peer Minister, and Executive Council Secretary (student government). One of my favorite hobbies is reading and I also love playing volleyball on my high school team. We also won states together this past year and it was such a fun experience!		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
Another thing that could be talked about is eating disorders, which can be found pretty common in young teenage girls.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



<b>Name:</b> Vivienne Cseh		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Tarpon Springs	<b>School:</b> St. Petersburg Collegiate High School North Pinellas	<b>Grade:</b> Senior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Pinellas County Website		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I served as YAC secretary last year; I want to return to the Youth Advisory Committee for the continued opportunity to seek an active and leading role in the community. Membership with the YAC makes it possible to pursue larger-scale projects with impact and benefit for the public.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain experience in cooperation and leadership. Serving as a member of the YAC is an exercise in teamwork, as it is essential to practice effective communication within the committee in order to organize and collectively work towards goals; the application of these soft skills will be necessary in my future academic, professional, and personal life.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I am planning to pursue a career in aerospace engineering. Over this past summer, I participated in a NASA aviation systems design internship, during which I collaborated with a team to develop a solution to a "wicked problem" and present to the NASA Ames Research Center. I believe this experience has been an incredibly valuable experience in teamwork and problem-solving, and I have grown because of it. I am active in robotics groups and volunteer roughly 4.5 hours weekly as a tech assistant and circulation assistant at two local libraries.		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
I am particularly interested in tech education for youth. I plan to propose a project to found a community programming club that will encourage computer literacy and develop coding knowledge in children.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
6-10 hours		





<b>Name:</b> Muskan Parmar		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> No
<b>Residence:</b> Palm Harbor	<b>School:</b> largo high school	<b>Grade:</b> Sophomore
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I would want to join the youth advisory committee because although I am in the IB program and do not need volunteer hours, i believe it is very important to still get volunteer hours as something extra I do. This would also look good on the college applications and resume. I also love helping the community and doing things that will do nothing but improve it. I believe I am a good leader and can lead people in the right direction but this committee would help me advance my skills to another level and also gain more skills such as being prepared, making connections as well as learning and growing along the way.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
Throughout my experience in YAC, I hope to gain advanced skills to help me while I grow further in life. I hope to gain skills for college such as being more prepared, making connections and being more independent. I can enhance these skills through my experience in YAC. I also wish to gain more happiness from helping the community and the members around me.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I attend Largo high school and I am in the IB program. Last year I was in a few clubs such as key club, JSA and I was also an IB ambassador. I played on the varsity soccer team last year and hope to do so this year too. I also play competitive club soccer at clearwater chargers.  When I go into college, I want to major somewhere in the medical field. I want to be a doctor and help people who cannot afford it or have any other problems getting the help and medicine that they need. I want to minor in psychology because I enjoy learning about the human brain and body.		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
No:)		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Melissa David, and I am the owner of Mathnasium of Largo, a local math learning center. I am writing to recommend Muskan Parmar for your volunteer program. Muskan has been a student at Mathnasium for almost six years. During that time, I have gotten to know Muskan well and highly recommend her for your program.

Muskan has been coming to Mathnasium about 3 days per week after school for an hour each time. She does not struggle with math, but she comes to advance. She has worked very hard to excel in mathematics and get into the Largo IB program, taking the most advanced courses.

Aside from her academics, Muskan demonstrates excellent character. She is honest, trustworthy, and a great role model. There have been numerous times I have asked Muskan to help a younger student and she has happily jumped in. She is wise beyond her years and very mature. Muskan is well respected by her peers. She is very well-rounded and would be an asset to your volunteer program.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Muskan for this opportunity. If you have any questions or would like further feedback, please feel free to reach out to me on my cell phone, 603-721-1002.

Thank you,

Melissa David  
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Name: Jacob Cox		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St Pete	School: Hollins High school	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to join the youth advisory committee because I am passionate about helping out my community and want to take any opportunity I can to do that		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to meet like minded individuals and gain a better understanding of what we can do to help one another		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I volunteer at boys hill nature preserve and the Florida Holocaust museum, I am involved in many school clubs, and my goal is to join the United States foreign service		
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2 - Civic Engagement/Public Service	6 - Mental Health	
Education	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
4 - Economic Security		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
10-20 hours		



<b>Name:</b> Elizabeth Schmick		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Clearwater	<b>School:</b> Osceola Fundamental	<b>Grade:</b> Senior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Peach Jar (school flyer)		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
In my previous years of being in YAC, I've really enjoyed working together with the members to make projects centered around things that are important to us.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain more team building skills, knowledge about how the local government operates, and build connections with the members.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
Some career goals I have are getting a D.O. and major in biology for medical school.		
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2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Healthcare		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
6-10 hours		





<b>Name:</b> Arsh Shah		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Palm Harbor	<b>School:</b> Palm Harbor University HS	<b>Grade:</b> Senior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I love expanding my mind with different perspectives and opinions of others. YAC gives a platform for me and others alike to collaborate and come up with solutions to problems in our community. I have been apart of YAC for 3 years and every single year I have a great experience.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain knowledge about politics and I hope I learn how to come up with quick solutions for the community.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I am a very giddy person that loves social interaction. I love playing sports and I can easily manage extra curriculars such as MU ALPHA THETA into my schedule.		
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2 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	6 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Economic Security	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Mental Health		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



<b>Name:</b> Matthew Wallace		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Seminole	<b>School:</b> Florida Virtual School (FLVS)	<b>Grade:</b> Sophomore
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I am very interested in learning the history of Pinellas County and how government works. I was on YAC last year and went to many meetings at the Botanical Gardens and the tour of Heritage Village which was great.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to be able to volunteer on community projects and help make a difference. Two years ago, YAC even got to tour the wastewater plant and see how reclaimed water was made. I am hoping that we can do that this year, and maybe even go to a Pinellas County Commission meeting to see how the leaders in our county make decisions that impact all of us.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I am very interested in the environment and want to become an engineer, maybe an environmental engineer. I am concerned whether enough is being done to protect the environment. I love school, especially math and science classes. I like to swim and I play ice hockey.		
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2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Mental Health	7 - Healthcare	
4 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
I would like if we could do a project for the environment or for helping kids deal with challenges to let them know that people are wanting to help and support them.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
6-10 hours		





<b>Name:</b> Avery A Ciskoski		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Palm Harbor	<b>School:</b> Palm Harbor University High School	<b>Grade:</b> Junior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I really enjoyed being a member last year and I think it is helpful to students who are interested in learning more about the state and even just the county government.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain knowledge on different aspects of the community and connections as well.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I am interested in the medical field. In my free time I go to the gym, am a part of FBLA, a board member for the club Best Buddies and US Gov and Politics clubs.		
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3 - Mental Health	7 - Economic Security	
4 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



Name: katherine buchman		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: st.petersburg	School: Hollins High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I did it my sophomore year a really enjoyed it but didn't have the time to do it junior year, so i want to join my senior year now that I have time to commit to it.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Be able to meet new people and expand my connections.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
My career goal in life is to find a job that I enjoy and that makes a change in people's lives. I also participate in Student Council, FBLA, Academic club, and young Civics club at my high school.		
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4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	5 - Healthcare	6 - Mental Health
	7 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
maybe sexual harassment, human trafficking, kidnapping		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		





educating youth on how to live green, volunteering with the park service to maintain trails. As a member of YAC, and a leader I would love to lead the other members at one of these events. I look forward to being part of YAC this upcoming school year.

**How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?**

10-20 hours



<b>Name:</b> Elise Chandler		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> No
<b>Residence:</b> St. Petersburg	<b>School:</b> St. Petersburg High	<b>Grade:</b> Freshman
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I would like to grow my understanding of local politics and meet kids my age that are also interested in government.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope that I will be better prepared for college and my career. I would also like to make friends and walk away with strong local connections. I would like to volunteer and help people in our community.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I would like to go to a four-year college and then attend law school. I am very excited about this opportunity!!! Outside of school, I run cross country, play piano, sing, and read. I love to read books about kids my age, especially mystery novels!		
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2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
3 - Mental Health	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Healthcare		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
I would like to focus on what our local government is doing to protect and conserve the environment, and how we are encouraging citizens to go green.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



21 August 2023

Attn: Selection Committee, Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to review this recommendation for Elise Chandler for selection as a member of the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. My name is Tiffany Netzler, and I am the Gifted Magnet Coordinator at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School and Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School. Before my time as a magnet coordinator, I had the privilege of serving as Elise's 5th grade teacher in the full time gifted magnet program at Midtown Academy. When Elise was in 7th grade, I took a position in the Center for Gifted Studies at her middle school, Thurgood Marshall, and was able to keep up with her progress.

Even in a classroom full of gifted students Elise stands out as exceptional not just in her ability but also in her desire to learn. Elise possesses a playfulness and curiosity rarely seen and highly treasured by those in education. She enjoys the process of problem-solving and embraces it wholeheartedly. Elise tackles challenges with a positive attitude and open mind, and she surrounds herself with students who approach their studies with similar enthusiasm. Elise uses her tremendous capacity for logic and communication to lead others through complicated tasks.

If Elise's remarkable aspects were limited to the classroom I would still recommend her for selection for the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee, but of course they are not. Not only did Elise maintain a 4.5 GPA and earn a place on the Principal's List every single semester in a full time gifted magnet program during middle school, she was also a member of the National Junior Honors Society and the Junior Thespian group. During her 8th grade year, Elise earned the lead role in the spring musical production of Matilda while simultaneously winning the prize for top group project in the TMFMS National History Day competition. Her group's project went on to place as a Finalist in the District NHD competition.

These achievements are obviously impressive, but they do not even begin to encompass the special person Elise is. In a long career of teaching many, many students, only a handful stand out - Elise is one of them. She will most certainly be an asset to your committee.

Thank you for your time,

Ms. Tiffany Netzler



<b>Name:</b> Kayla Huynh		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> No
<b>Residence:</b> Pinellas Park	<b>School:</b> Hollins High School	<b>Grade:</b> Senior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I would love to join the Youth Advisory Committee to better prepare me for my future, as well as meet others who care about pinellas county like I do.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
From YAC, I hope to gain knowledge and experience in politics.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I previously volunteered for a referendum campaign, I am on the swim team, and I am secretary of the Young Civics Club at my high school.		
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2 - Mental Health	6 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
3 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
4 - Economic Security		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
I would like to focus on reducing plastic use in the county.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
6-10 hours		





<b>Name:</b> Avery Martin		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> Yes
<b>Residence:</b> Largo	<b>School:</b> Clearwater Central Catholic High School	<b>Grade:</b> Sophomore
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Was a member of YAC in 2022-2023 (my sister Kate was a member of YAC too!)		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
To continue to learn about and contribute ideas for Pinellas County		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
A better understanding of our community and how I can help make a difference		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
See my attached resume		
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2 - Mental Health	6 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
3 - Economic Security	7 - Other	
4 - Healthcare		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
I volunteer at a vet clinic. We see so many sick puppies that are still being adopted from puppy mill shops. I would like to help people see the benefits of adopting from our local shelters.		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
6-10 hours		

## **AVERY L. MARTIN**

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### **ACADEMICS**

Clearwater Central Catholic (CCC) High School, *IB Diploma Program Student 2026* | GPA: 4.0

*Activities & Extracurriculars Include:* CCC Varsity Cheer Team, CCC Varsity Soccer Team and CCC Varsity Lacrosse Team

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Coastal Animal Clinic: 2022-current**

Volunteer position cleaning cages and treatment rooms, and providing assistance to professional staff

### **LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

#### **MK Blanket Wraps: Lead Volunteer, 2016-current**

- Lead Volunteer for Michigan NPO to support Detroit's homeless: handed out over 1300 custom-sewn Blanket Wraps, helped raise over \$40k, led over 200 students on MLK Jr. Day of Service to sew gloves and donate to local shelter
- Currently managing sewing groups to help sew Blanket Wraps

#### **Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee: 2022**

- Organize short-term, group community and single long-term community service projects
- Learn county government operations, governance, and history

#### **The Palms of Largo: 2022-current**

Perform bimonthly violin concerts for residents in memory care unit and assisted living

#### **Ryan Nece Foundation Youth Service Leadership Summit: MLK Jr. Day 2022, 2023**

- 2023: volunteered at Humane Society of Tampa Bay assisting with intake of new animals
- 2022: volunteered at Humane Society of Tampa Bay assisting with animal care and Feeding Pinellas Trinity Cafe serving meals to homeless and people in need

#### **Pinellas Youth Symphony/Orchestra: 2022**

Violinist I, Pinellas Youth Symphony; Violinist II, Serenade Strings Orchestra

### **VIOLIN AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- Grand Prix Winner of the Concert Festival International Competition, 2019  
As a result, played Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall, New York City, March 2020 (age 12)
- American Guild of Music Great Lakes Regional Contest, First Place, Length of Study, 2016, 2015, 2014
- American Protégé International Music Talent Competition, Second Place Winner, 2014  
As a result, played Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall, New York City, November 2014 (age 7)





<b>Name:</b> Angelena Markova		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> No
<b>Residence:</b> Seminole	<b>School:</b> Osceola Fundamental High School	<b>Grade:</b> Senior
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Friends or Family		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
I want to join the Youth Advisory Committee because I want to get involved and make an impact in my community. I also want to represent the youth and give a voice to my generation.		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
I hope to gain more knowledge in youth activism and how the local government functions. I also want to engage more with my peers and work in a team.		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
I am an early college student at the SPC Seminole campus, earning my AA degree in business while still in high school. One of my favorite hobbies is baking. I am the president and founder of the baking club at my school.		
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3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Mental Health	
4 - Healthcare		
<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



<b>Name:</b> Cole Bielicki		<b>Past YAC Member:</b> No
<b>Residence:</b> Pinellas Park	<b>School:</b> Hollins high school	<b>Grade:</b> Sophomore
<b>How did you hear about YAC?</b>		
Bright Futures Volunteer Opportunity		
<b>Why do you want to join YAC?</b>		
Animal shelter teens bright futures program		
<b>What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?</b>		
Career prep and knowledge		
<b>What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?</b>		
Trying to get a bright future scholarship		
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<b>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</b>		
Help the things in need of help		
<b>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</b>		
10-20 hours		



10-20 hours