



Name: Niya Dhamani		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: Palm Harbor University High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
I was a part of it		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to join the Youth Advisory Committee in order to promote my beliefs and make a change within the community. Looking back at what has been done in past years within this committee it would be an honor to come back into the committee.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain career prep skills and knowledge regarding the issues that have been posed not only during the pandemic but also things which affected the wellbeing of the youth of Pinellas county. I hope to make a lasting impact with the new appointments in the committee.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
Resume attached below.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Economic Security	
2 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	7 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
4 - Healthcare		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		

Niya Dhamani

727-999-1842

Niyadhamani04@gmail.com

OBJECTIVE: To gain experience and understanding of the medical field and to prepare a future career in the medical field.

EDUCATION:

Palm Harbor University High School, Center for Wellness and Medical Professions
Anticipated Graduation – May,2022

ADVANCED COURSEWORK:

- Health Science Foundations
- Health Science Foundations Anatomy and Physiology
- Allied Health Professions
- Anatomy and Physiology Honors
- Advanced Placement Psychology

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Health Occupation Students of America, 2018 - present
- National Honor Society, 2020 -present
- National Spanish Honor Society, Secretary 2020 -present
- PHU Naach, Bollywood Dance Coordinator 2019 -present
- Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee, 2019 - present

SPECIALIZED SKILLS:

- CPR and First Aid Certification, expiration 2023
- Mental Health First Aid Certification, 2021
- Microsoft Office Word, and Power Point
- Bilingual, Fluent - English and Hindi

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- Cardiologist Office, 2018 -2020 – Provided administrative assistance to the head cardiologist; accompanied Cardiologist to the hospital for patient rounds.
- Palm Harbor Public Library, 2018-2019 - helped shelf and alphabetize books
- Sports Athletic Aid, 2020 -worked directly with the head athletic trainer to treat and perform pregame athlete treatments

Pinellas Country Youth Advisory Committee
Attn: Coordinator

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing as a reference for Niya Dhamani, a student who hopes to join the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. Niya was in my English 3 Honors class last year at Palm Harbor University High School.

Niya is a very hard-working student who works well as part of a team and individually. She was always on time to class and rarely, if ever, absent. Her work was always turned in on time and it was clear she put her strongest effort into every assignment. Niya is also extremely kind and was an absolute pleasure to have in my class.

I think you will find Niya to be an excellent member of the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. Please contact me with any questions and concerns.

Warmest Regards,

Valerie Ann McAuliffe
Center for Wellness & Medical Professions
Palm Harbor University High School
English III & III Honors & AP Language & Composition
1900 Omaha Rd.
Palm Harbor, FL
34683
727-669-1131
mcauliffev@pcsb.org



Name: Maxine Fahy		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Largo	School: Home School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to join so I can continue working on our mental health project		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain experience with county government, learn about jobs the county has to offer.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I have been in 4-H for 12 years, for the last 3 years I was apart if Seminole high school's robotics' team, I hope to major in engineering.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Healthcare	7 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
4 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Erica Fiegle		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: Palm Harbor University High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
Because I love learning about the community!		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Career prep, connections, and knowledge		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I want to be a forensic psychologist. I am in HOSA, Key Club, was in NHS last year (will be applying again this year) I am chorus program president.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Healthcare	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



Name: Diego Growe		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Seminole	School: Richard O. Jacobson	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I have been a member for two years in a row, I have greatly enjoyed my time with YAC, as well as the values and skills it has taught me.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain more experience helping my community and refining the skills I acquired last year.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
My career goal is work in Florida Government as a senator. For extra-curricular activities, I am a marshal art instructor.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Economic Security	6 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Sarah Hubbard		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Largo	School: Richard O. Jacobson Tech High	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
I've been in YAC for the last two years. My mom originally heard about it on PeachJar		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I loved being a part of YAC in previous years, and the work that can and has been done to help the community, I feel is very impactful. I want to continue to help out and do something that makes a difference in the community. I would also like to finish off my last 30 volunteer hours for scholarship strong by doing something meaningful with YAC.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain more connections and the opportunity to do something impactful in our community. Also, to further my marketing and/or video editing skills if needed during the year ;)		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I create videos, draw logos and people/characters, sing (on occasion), do voice-over narrations/some voice acting work, and more as hobbies/areas I'm interested in. Currently working on coding multiple video games. Member of the Outer Rim Guilds, a Star Wars costuming/lightsaber choreography group. Run my own Dungeons and Dragons Campaign.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	5 - Economic Security	
2 - Mental Health	6 - Healthcare	
3 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
Learning about our government system at state and local levels, and how that impacts the community.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



SARAH HUBBARD

EXPERIENCE

August 2020 – April 2021

NGT Competition • Project Manager • OfficeCats/Blooming Inspiration

September 2018 – Current

Personal Business • Business Owner • CottonSwirl Artwork

August 2020– Current

YAC Marketing Team • Video Editor • Youth Advisory Committee

Owner of personal business, placed second in the Next Generation Technology Competition in Junior year, volunteered with the Largo Recreation Center, member of the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee.

EDUCATION

Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School, Seminole, FL

- 4.3 GPA, Next Generation Technology Competition Second Place Winner, Capstone Unity Game Build, FBLA, Interact Club, Take Stock In Children Scholarship, S4TL Nominee.

CERTIFICATIONS

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Unity Programmer, Microsoft Word, Entrepreneurship and Small Business.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Hard-Working, responsible, organized, honest, good presentation skills, respectful.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.



10240 109th Ave
Largo, FL, 33773



727-259-5896



Sarahhubbard1314@gmail.com



<https://cottonswirl1.wixsite.com/sarahhubbardprofile>

OBJECTIVE

To acquire an entry-level position in the animation, filmmaking, or video editing field.



Name: Adam Lim		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Clearwater	School: Largo High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Pinellas County Website		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I had a greater experience last year with YAC. I would like to return for personal growth and opportunity to serve the Pinellas Youth community.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain knowledge on current issue facing our youth in community, becoming better prepared to overcome the challenge.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
Please refer to uploaded resume.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Economic Security	5 - Mental Health	
2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Healthcare	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		

Adam Lim

1761 Albemarle Road Clearwater, FL 33764 727-687-0161 adam.lim2004@gmail.com

OBJECTIVE: To serve as second year Youth Advisory Committee member.

EDUCATION:

Largo High School, International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Graduation Date: June 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Executive Internship Program sponsor by St. Petersburg College - non-paid professional internship

- Information Technology Group Intern at Largo Medical Center – learned and solved computer technology issues for health care providers/workers

Club Soccer Referee for Florida State Referee Committee, January 2021 to present

- Managed and maintained the game's integrity

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Robotics Club, Parliamentary and Programmer, 7/2020 to present: Innovated coding for robotic function
- IB Partners Student Board Representative, Member, 8/2018 to present: Reported as a representative for the IB student body
- Pre-Med Club, Historian, 8/2020 to present: Recorded key meeting details
- National Honor Society, Member, 12/2020 to present: Discussed Graduations Plans for the Seniors
- Ultimate Frisbee Club, Captain, 8/2019 to present: Organized team practices and fees
- Largo High School Varsity Soccer; Varsity Cross Country

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Pinellas Youth Advisory Committee, Member, 9/2020 to present

- Undertook the roles like that of the government

Youth Mental Health First Aider, Student, 12/2020

- Learned how to identify and respond to someone with mental health issues

Largo Youth Leadership Council, Member, 9/2020 to present

- Governed city-wide projects

Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Volunteer, 9/2020 to present

- Collected and cleaned our public areas of trash

Suncoast Hospice with Empath Health, Volunteer, 9/2020 to present

- Supported the patients and residents at the Hospice

CW Bill Young Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Volunteer, Summer 2018 and Summer 2019

- Assisted healthcare workers through a multitude of task

AWARDS:

- Special Operations Forces Industry Conference Robotics Challenge, August 2020, placed 4th
- Science Olympiad 2019 Regionals, Gravity Vehicle, placed 3rd Place
- Science Olympiad 2020 Regionals, Chemistry Lab, placed 2nd Place
- Mu Alpha Theta January Regional 2019, Algebra 2 Team Event, placed 5th



Name: Kadin Miller		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Largo	School: Largo High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I am interested in how local government functions and was recommended this program by a friend's parent.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I would like to learn more about local government and use that knowledge to make a better decision on potential career and college paths.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I am considering pursuing a political science degree in college, but I am similarly considering engineering or game design. I am an officer in Largo High School's thespian troupe 911 and a two year member of my school's Junior State chapter.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Economic Security	
2 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	6 - Healthcare	
3 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
Mental health' is obviously a major issue affecting youth, but no issue exists in a vacuum. I think school has several unnecessary issues which add to the strain on children.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



Name: Lukas Olsen		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Seminole	School: Largo High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I was a member last year and I loved how involved the students were. As a high school teen, it is often hard to feel like you are making an impact on your community. YAC helped me to do this by allowing me to work alongside county officials and professionals to promote change in an area that I was interested in!		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to continue to gain a better understanding of how the county works. I enjoy learning about how change is created on a professional and county level because it will allow me to promote more change in similar ways in the future once I know how it is done.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I hope to become an anesthesiologist or work in the area of law. I feel that YAC will help tremendously with this. I am the Secretary of the Senior Council and the Treasurer of Spanish Honor Society at my school. I am also a member of the Thespian Honor Society and I am on the tennis team at my school as well.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	7 - Economic Security	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
I think that something in relation to Covid-19 virus safety could help a lot of people especially since it is still very relevant in our community.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		

LUKAS E. OLSEN

Phone: (727) 301-7070
lukase.olsen2022@gmail.com

9506 118th Street
Seminole, FL 33772

EDUCATION

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

Completed Honors, IB and AP courses. Pursuing the IB Diploma.
4.425 Weighted GPA, Ranked in the Top 7% of class

Middle School: Morgan Fitzgerald Center for Gifted Studies Middle School Program;
Recipient of U.S. Department of Education President's Award for Educational Excellence

Elementary School: Ridgcrest Elementary Center for Gifted Studies, Full Time Gifted,
Partial Spanish Immersion Program; Recipient of U.S. Department of Education President's
Award for Educational Excellence

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Vilma Fernandez-Zalupski Latino Academic Excellence Award 2020

Stossel in the Classroom Writing Award 2019
Sponsored by the Center for Independent Thought

Superior Award for the lead role in the Pinellas County District Theater Competitions 2019
One Act Play

Superior Award for the lead role in the Pinellas County District Theater Competitions 2018
One Act Plays

Duke University Talent Identification Program State Recognition Award for 2017
exceptionally high SAT Score, Received at the University of South Florida

U.S. Department of Education President's Award for Educational Excellence
upon completion of Elementary and Middle School

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & LEADERSHIP

National Hispanic Honor Society Treasurer 2021-22
Selected as Treasurer for the 2021-22 year.

12th Grade Senior Council Secretary 2021-22
Selected as Secretary for the 2021-22 year.

Largo High School HOPE Ambassador 2020-22
Selected as [HOPE Ambassador](#) by First Lady Casey DeSantis as one of 20 Florida student
leaders in state-wide youth peer to peer student mentorship program that works to create an

environment of kindness and compassion in their schools. Working with a team of HOPE Ambassadors to develop a program to support mental health, resiliency, and connection within the school.

Largo IB Partners 12th Grade Student Representative **2021-22**

Selected as 12th Grade Student Representative for the 2021-22 year.

Largo IB Partners 11th Grade Student Representative **2020-21**

IB CAS Project: Spanish Online Tutoring Program for Middle Schoolers **2020-21**

For my IB CAS project, I developed, implemented, and managed an online tutoring program to support middle school students displaced from in-person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program utilized high school Spanish Honor Society students as virtual tutors supporting students from a local middle school taking Spanish 1 and 2.

HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS, CLUBS, & ORGANIZATIONS

National Honor Society **2020-Current**

National Hispanic Honor Society **2019-Current**

International Thespian Society **2019-Current**

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Medical Explorers **2020-21**

High School medical exploration program for future doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals

COMMUNITY SERVICE & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee **Fall 2020-Present**

Selected as a Student Representative in the [Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee](#). This is a long-term community service activity. I work with a team of youth to provide input and assistance to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. Youth Advisory Committee members participate in various service projects to support the residents of Pinellas County.

Florida House of Representatives Messenger Program **Spring 2020**

Worked as a [House of Representative Messenger](#) at the state Capitol with Representative Latvala. Observed lawmakers, lobbyists, staff, and constituents working together in the legislative process. Participated in committee meetings, and House sessions in the Chamber. Listed in the Journal of the House.

Global Health Institute **Summer 2020**

Completed the [University of Florida's \(UF\) Global Health Summer Program](#) sponsored by UF Global Health Institute and Center for African Studies. Worked with UF professors and explored how internationally recognized experts on the UF campus investigate and devise solutions to global problems. Focus on infectious disease and emerging pathogens; global public health; environment, climate science, food security, children's health, and African Cultures.

PUBLICATIONS

Broadwater, A. & Olsen, L. (2021, April 30). Empathy, Alter-Centrism, and the Study of Psychology in Community College Students. Poster presented at the [Central Florida Psychology Summit](#)

CERTIFICATIONS

Teen Mental Health First Aid Certification through the National Council for Behavioral Health 2021

The [Teen Mental Health First Aid](#) course teaches teens how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives teens the skills needed to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis.

THEATER EXPERIENCE & PERFORMANCES

[Largo High School Theater](#)

Tech/Sound Crew for Fall Play	2021
Cast Member of Improv Show	2019
Lead role in the Pinellas County District Theater Competitions One Act Play	2019
Lead role in the Pinellas County District Theater Competitions One Act Play	2018

SPORTS

Largo High School Tennis Team 2018-Present

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Advanced Speaking, Reading, and Writing

Japanese: Novice Speaking

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office 365 (Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Teams, Word)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



Name: Charles Stacks		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Pinellas Park	School: Largo High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to join Youth Advisory Committee in order to make a positive and lasting effect on my community. I enjoyed participating last year and hope to continue.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to learn more about the process of local government and the impact that can be made through public policies. Further I hope to make connections in the political field as I plan to go into a political career as an ethicist.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
Resume is uploaded.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	5 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Mental Health	7 - Healthcare	
4 - Economic Security		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
10-20 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		

Charles (Charlie) Stacks

5762 101st Circle, Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Phone: 727-545-4251

Cell: 727-481-5272

Email: charlielogansan@gmail.com



Summary

Multi-faceted, caring, problem-solver interested in pursuing a career in a ethics and public policy.

Education

Largo High School, Class of 2022

Largo, Florida — 2018 - present

- ExCEL (Exploring Careers and Education in Leadership) Magnet Program participant
- Merit Scholar participant
- Largo High School JV and Varsity Golf Team
- Largo High School Orchestra member, violin section
- Key Club member, Treasurer for 2019-2020

Activities

Largo High School Band of Gold, Marching Band, Jazz Band

Largo, Florida — Fall 2019 - present

- Front ensemble percussion member
- Selected as Most Improved member 2019-2020

Youth Leadership Pinellas Class of 2020

Clearwater, Florida — 2019-2020

- Selected as one of 40 Pinellas County high school students to learn about community resources and issues, develop excellence in leadership, build teamwork skills, and foster involvement in community services
- Participated in monthly program days to meet community decision makers and engage them in frank discussions on current local community issues

Pinellas Youth Philharmonic, Pinellas Youth Symphony

Clearwater, Florida — 2017-present

- Violin section member, Pinellas Youth Philharmonic, 2017-present
- Percussion section member, Pinellas Youth Symphony, 2020-present

Heat Wave Drum & Bugle Corps

Orlando, Florida — Summer 2022 (pending)

- Selected in Fall 2019 to join the front ensemble percussion section of Florida's only open-class drum and bugle corps. Season was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19.

The First Tee of St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg, Florida — 2015-2016, 2018-2019

- Skills development in golf

Volunteer Experience

Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee
Clearwater, Florida - September 2020-present

- Selected as one of 35 Pinellas County high school students to serve in an advisory capacity to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
- Served as Co-Chair of the Programming subcommittee while also participating in full committee meetings and in community service projects across Pinellas County

Teen Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Pinellas County

Clearwater, Florida - Fall 2018-present

- Assisted with Teen Court proceedings by serving in multiple roles, including prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, bailiff, and juror during Teen Court proceedings
- Required strict adherence to confidentiality and maintenance of appropriate courtroom demeanor while learning and practicing formal judicial proceedings under the guidance of the Teen Court Coordinator

Largo High School Key Club

Largo, Florida — 2018-2020

- Assisted in the organization of philanthropic campaigns such as Pennies for Patients
- Assisted with STEM-interest building events at local elementary schools
- Served as Treasurer for 2019-2020 school year
- Representative to statewide District Conventions in Orlando, FL

Eckerd College Summer Science Splash Camp

St. Petersburg, Florida - Summer 2019

- Summer camp assistant for youth programs with a focus on science education

Morean Center for Clay at Historic Train Station

St. Petersburg, Florida - Summer 2019, Summer 2020 (partial)

- Summer camp assistant for youth programs with a focus on art education

Interests, Hobbies, and Skills

- Certification attained for Youth Mental Health First Aid by the National Council for Behavioral Health
- Interests include reading, playing musical instruments, playing and watching golf, and video games
- Pursuing AutoCAD certification in drafting

References furnished upon request.



Name: Kendall Williams		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Belleair	School: Largo High School	Grade: Senior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Peach Jar (school flyer)		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to re-join Youth Advisory Committee in order to continue being an active participant in local government and participate in outreach programs that help others in my age group.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Career prep, skills, and knowledge of government functions.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I am certified in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. In addition to this, I also have experience with web and graphic design.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
3 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	7 - Economic Security	
4 - Healthcare		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



Name: Maximilian Howanitz		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St. Petersburg	School: Lakewood Highschool	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
Because It'd be a great opportunity for me to experience new things and gain volunteer hours in a community and self benefitting way		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Career prep, community service hours, and knowledge/skills for college		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I'm currently learning a language, my goal for sports is to play varsity soccer, and my career goal is to be in the I.T. industry.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Economic Security	5 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
2 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	6 - Healthcare	
3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Mental Health		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
Concept of time and being more of an essentialist in hobbies, interests, and self-improvement		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
20 or more hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Mid-level Priority		

MAXIMILIAN HOWANITZ

St. Petersburg - 2624 58th Terrace S, FL 33712 • (727) 337-5986 • maximileph@gmail.com

Current Education

No Degree: Student, Expected in 2023

Florida Virtual Learning School - Florida

I'm graduating high school along with class of 2023. I'm in the 11th grade.

Personal Summary

I'm a very reliable honors high school student with a 3.57 GPA. I take everything on with 100% effort - I want nothing more than hopefully my new company and/or establishment to flourish under my employment. I'm productive with a distinguished efficiency and dexterity only restaurant workers can have. I'm dedicated to accuracy and streamline organization for more fruitful and prosperous workdays.

My Skills

- I have manual dexterity when handling items because of my experience as a waiter's assistant
- I'm great at setting on-the-job priorities
- I have good work-coordination, as being on the floor with other servers requires proper teamwork
- I promote customer satisfaction
- I have clear communication
- I'm flexible and adaptable, I love being challenged in new environments
- I'm a great learner and love being trained into newer responsibilities
- I take initiative make good choices when put under certain situations
- I follow directions with conciseness and show no dismay when asked to do tasks out of my work load
- I'm independent and have a high stress tolerance.
- I'm morally inclined and honest and ethical with my employers, no matter what
- I can use Microsoft Office
- I can use Microsoft Powerpoint
- I can use Microsoft Excel
- I can use Microsoft Word
- I can type 100+ WPM

Previous Employment History

Waiter's Assistant, 01/2020 to 03/2020

Grayton Sea Food – Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

- I kept server areas clean and stocked to increase efficiency for others on the floor. I also checked in with tables to maintain customer satisfaction so they felt at home
- I stayed after hours to fold napkins and clean utensils for tomorrow's day
- I was very quick in cleaning and resetting so consumer flow was faster and much more efficient

- I didn't mind calling on coworkers if my load was too heavy or too much to carry. Nothing is worse than spilling glasses or other food items because I can't coordinate with other members on the floor
- Very enthusiastic when serving. I love catering and showed no disfavor in customers who displayed distaste in service or food quality
- Stocked food and other items as per restaurant organization; maintained flow of dishes to and from tables to their respective areas
- Inspected dishes and utensils for cleanliness so that tomorrows stock was customer-friendly
- I routinely checked the dining area for seat availability so my hostess knew how long it'd take to sit newer consumers
- I loved being honest with my tables. I would give them my truthful opinion on food items so they could get their own personal idea of what they wanted
- I started this job with 7 hour work days, working from 3-10 as soon as I got off school
- I managed around 15 tables per day and also stayed after hours sometimes to help close up

Hobbies

I love playing sports and affiliating myself with more dynamic crowds in hope for personal betterment. I also like learning languages and am currently trying to speak and understand Japanese.



Name: Laura Kopec		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Clearwater	School: Palm Harbor University High School IB Program	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to continue my time in the Youth Advisory Committee in order to advocate for communities in need and work with my peers to bring attention to important issues. I would love to continue learning from others and contributing to this organization, especially as I hope to pursue a career involving public policy.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Through YAC, I hope to prepare for a career in the government, broaden my perspectives by interacting with diverse areas of our community, and make connections with my peers and mentors.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I plan to study foreign policy and international law. My hobbies are reading, writing, performing music, and learning history and foreign languages. I have experience in community service, as I co-founded a nonprofit, Feeding the Fosters, and work with special needs children at Autism Inspired during the summer. I was the chair of the YAC community service committee this past year, and I hope to bring volunteer opportunities to members this year as well.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	5 - Economic Security	
2 - Healthcare	6 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	7 - Mental Health	
4 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
I listed environmental issues first because I feel that this is a way we can quickly and easily make changes through recycling and learning about sustainable choices. Also, the nonprofit I co-founded focuses on bridging the generational gap between older volunteers and younger families who need assistance, mainly licensed foster foster families.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



Laura Ashley Kopec

Education

Palm Harbor University High School IB Program 2020-Present
(Unweighted GPA: 4.0 Weighted GPA: 4.48)
Tarpon Springs Leadership Conservatory for the Arts 2019-2020

Scholarships/Academic Awards

AP Scholar with Distinction 2020-Present
Harvard Undergraduate International Relations Scholars Program 2021
National History Day Regional Winner and State Celebrate Freedom Immigration Award Recipient 2020-2021
Clearwater Sister Cities Nagano, Japan Exchange Program 2020
Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Regional Scholarship Winner 2020
Safety Harbor Risings Stars Academic Award 2020
Gold President's Volunteer Service Award 2019, 2020

Leadership

International Baccalaureate Creativity, Activity, and Service Board 2021-Present
Pinellas Youth Advisory Committee, Chair of Community Service 2020-Present
Music Mission Florida President 2020-Present
Elected 10th Grade President
Elected Back Ensemble Section Leader

Community Service

Founder of Feeding the Fosters Inc Nonprofit 2019-Present
Autism Inspired Volunteer and Summer Camp Counselor 2019-Present
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Volunteer 2016-Present

Clubs

National English Honor Society 2020-Present, Event Coordinator 2021-2022
Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society 2020-Present, Treasurer 2021-2022
French Honor Society 2020-Present
Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society 2019-Present
Girl Up 2020-Present
Spanish Club Founder and President 2019-2020
Debate Club 2019-2020
Environmental Club 2019-2020

Music Participations/Honors

Florida All State Concert Band 2020, 2021
Pinellas All County Concert Band 2020, 2021
Pinellas All County Orchestra 2020
Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra 2020-Present
FBA Solo and Ensemble, Bassoon/Piano/Quintet/Accompanist Superior Ratings 2020
Pinellas Youth Symphony 2019-2020
Tarpon Springs Leadership Conservatory for the Arts Wind Ensemble 2019-2020
Tarpon Springs Outdoor Performance Ensemble 2019-2020
USF Double Reed Camp 2019
Piano Accompanist 2019-Present

Hobbies

Proficient in Spanish & French
Classical Pianist
Reading
Travel

Writing Poetry
Journaling
Cooking & Baking
Tap Dance

Other Experience and Employment

Piano Instructor 2020-Present
CPR and First Aid Certified American Heart Association 2017-Present
Safe Staff Food handler Certified 2018-Present

Contact

Phone Number:

727-510-4014

Email:

laura.kopec@icloud.com

Address:

3272 Sandy Ridge Drive
Clearwater Florida, 33761

Instagram:

[@laura_kopec](https://www.instagram.com/laura_kopec)

Facebook:

Laura Kopec



Name: Saachi Makadia		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: Palm Harbor University High School	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
<p>I wish to join the Youth Advisory Committee because it is a fantastic way to get to know more about the community in Pinellas County. It is also an amazing opportunity to actively help the people of the community, especially because you focus on current problems and how to improve them to make a positive impact. I also want to provide different perspectives and ideas that will improve the lives of the people living, considering that I have moved from Seattle, Washington.</p>		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
<p>What I hope to gain from my experience in Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee is experience as well as opportunities. I am hoping that by becoming a youth adviser for the committee I will be able to make connections by talking to and learning from government leaders. YAC would also let me gain opportunities in leadership and volunteering to help with community projects hands-on to make an impact on the community.</p>		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
<p>From an early age, I have always been interested in helping the community out and being involved in things like bake sales, fundraisers, and other activities happening. As I grew and matured, I got involved in more clubs and extracurricular activities. For instance, I joined the Red Cross club and the Environmental club through North Creek High School, the school I attended before I moved to Florida. At that school, I was also in the class council for two years! The class council consisted of five people from a specific grade level that got to make decisions regarding the grade level, plan fundraisers within the school and organize many school events, an example of which is dances. I was also a YC (youth committee) in a summer camp called Camp Bharat and is an event hosted by the IAWW, which stands for India Association of Western Washington. The Camp Bharat teaches more about Indian culture through games, sports, dances, and so much more. Before camp started, I along with forty other kids helped prepare for the camp, as it is mostly a student-run program. I also volunteered through the camp by making supply bags for people who needed them through the rough time, writing letters to nursing homes because they did not get to have much interaction with loved ones these past years, and more small things to help the community. This camp also allowed me to learn more about issues like mental health, food insecurity, and talk to professionals in fields like the ones listed, and I would love an opportunity to apply my learnings to help people out here in Pinellas County.</p>		



<p>For more information about IAWW here is the link for the following information: https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/IAWW-CAPPA-2018.pdf</p>	
<p>Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).</p>	
<p>1 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion 2 - Mental Health 3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education 4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change</p>	<p>5 - Healthcare 6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education 7 - Economic Security</p>
<p>Additional thoughts/ ideas:</p>	
<p>How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?</p>	
<p>6-10 hours</p>	
<p>YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):</p>	
<p>Highest Priority</p>	

North Creek High School

3613 191st Place SE Bothell, WA 98012
Phone: 425-408-8800 Fax: 425-408-8802



Eric McDowell, Ed. D, Principal

Gregory Cox, Ed. D, Assistant Principal
Sharyn Mehner, M. Ed, Assistant Principal
Joseph Robertson, M. Ed, Assistant Principal

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to highly recommend Saachi Makadia for a position on the Pinellas Youth Advisory Committee. I was Saachi's teacher for 10th grade Pre-AP English at North Creek High School for the 2020-2021 school year and cannot speak highly enough of her.

In a very difficult year for many students, Saachi shone in her ability to build connections with fellow students and take a leadership role in the class. We were online for the majority of the year, and I was continually impressed by Saachi's consistent, positive presence, reliable, thoughtful participation, and kindness toward all. For example, when discussing complex literature, Saachi would not only be unafraid to start the discussion with an insightful comment, but would listen to and synthesize the ideas of others, asking thoughtful questions and making connections. When group tasks would get stalled, Saachi would reliably move the group forward while remaining inclusive--a rare skill for a 10th grader. She is an articulate and mature teenager. Saachi would bring those strong leadership skills to her position on the advisory committee and would take full advantage of the opportunity to further develop her abilities.

Saachi also happened to be in a class period with a wide range of student skills and a diverse composition. Even in the challenging situation of breakout rooms, and later, hybrid instruction, Saachi demonstrated her strength in including all voices in the discussions, reaching out to and kindly including students who struggled more. As an advocate for other youth in the county, Saachi would take that responsibility seriously and strive to fairly speak up for others.

Furthermore, Saachi is highly dependable. She takes high personal responsibility for asking questions and seeking help as needed, while also taking initiative and completing everything asked of her even ahead of time. Her time management skills and sense of responsibility have set her up for success in not only completing service projects, but also in proposing or designing projects as needed to serve her community.

Once again, I cannot speak highly enough of Saachi's skills and strength of character. She would be an asset to your advisory board. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kendra Hoerst
khoerst@nsd.org



Name: Kate Martin		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Largo	School: Clearwater Central Catholic High School	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Newspaper at my Grandparents house		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
<p>I want to join the Youth Advisory Committee because I believe that I am a leader with a passion to help and learn from others. My older sister, Mackenzie, and I started our own nonprofit back in 2016 where our mission is to help Detroit's homeless primarily during winter but we have found ways to help year round now. We do so by distributing our hand designed and sewn fleece Blanket Wraps. We also spend our summers teaching sewing classes to women and children at a homeless shelter in Detroit. We will continue to our work in Detroit but I want to help in my new community too. The opportunity to work with other young people who share a passion to help others is something I always look for (it is not always easy to find!) And, being new to Florida, this is a great way to meet people outside my school and from different backgrounds.</p>		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
<p>I hope to grow my leadership skills, meet new people, have better understanding of Pinellas County and help my new community. Leadership skills are something that will benefit me throughout my adulthood and meeting new people is not only fun, but a great way to find connections. Through MK Blanket Wraps I was able to have a better understanding of my community and ways that I could help and I would like to do the same here. I think I have a lot to offer but more to learn.</p>		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
<p>Aside from MK Blanket Wraps, I love working out, anything arts and crafts and meeting new people. I hope one day to pursue a career in the medical field specializing in fetal and maternal medicine. One of my favorite experiences working in the shelters in Detroit is helping the moms and their kids. One class I carried around a 3 week old baby so the mom could learn to sew (I was one of the teachers too!). She was grateful for the help and I was grateful for the experience. Even though clubs haven't started at school, I plan on joining the Community Service Club.</p>		
<p>Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).</p>		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
2 - Healthcare	6 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Economic Security	7 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		



Additional thoughts/ ideas:

My family has only been in Florida for 6 weeks but I have already seen a number of people in need. I would like to understand why they are there and how we can help them. I read on the web site that the YAC focused on mental health last year. This topic affects everyone from the homeless to teens and I would like to continue to work on this issue and expand it to the streets. Some people just need someone to listen and know that they care. My sister and I worked with numerous groups last year to distribute "blessing bags" full of essentials such as snacks, toothbrushes, masks, hygiene products, a small notebook, pencils and other items. These basic items are little but if one person benefits from something in those bags it is worth it! They are super easy to put together and a great project for schools or groups like YAC.

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

10-20 hours

YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):

Highest Priority

KATE MARTIN

Clearwater Central Catholic High School, Class of 2023

August, 2019 - May, 2021: Detroit Country Day School (DCDS), Beverly Hills, Michigan

Email: 020905kate@gmail.com | Phone: 248-250-2651

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Member, Royal Oak InterClub City Council, February 2020 - Current
- Girls World Expo “Girl of Merit” Award, 2019
- Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce Youth Achievement Award, October 2019
- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Volunteer Spotlight Recipient, October 2019
- 2019 *SEEN* Magazine Detroit Youth Changemaker Award, April 2019
- Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award and Grant Recipient, November 2018
- Royal Oak Youth Assistance Recognition Award, April 2017

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

MK BLANKET WRAPS: CO-FOUNDER, 2016 – Current

- MK Blanket Wraps is a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation. **Please visit: mkblanketwraps.org**
Produce a custom line (our own design) of shoulder wraps for the homeless community; made of fleece (for layered warmth), goes over the shoulders and is longer in front (to stay on over large coats and not be carried), and includes pockets on the inside (for hand warmth or to carry valuables), 2016 – present
- Teach sewing classes in homeless shelters, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Assist sewing class students on resume writing and interviewing skills as seamstresses
- Led local Middle School students for MLK Jr Day of Service project, 2019, 2020
- *Michigan State University* alumni designated us to lead them for their Q1 service project in creating and distributing Blessing Bags, 2021
- Installing tech and scheduling Virtual Educational Programs for shelter residents during COVID-19, Summer/Fall 2020
- Sewn and handed out over 1100 Blanket Wraps, 450 face masks, 50 face shields and 200+ mittens (to date) and donated to homeless communities
- Raised \$30,000+ for supplies, shelter sewing programs and Virtual Program hardware (screen and portal)
- Partnered with GenHERation (a nonprofit that specializes in youth empowerment) to teach virtual Social Entrepreneurship class to middle schoolers at San Francisco Friends School, January 2021
- Virtual Panel Member, Youth Creativity and Social Entrepreneurship Class, August 2021

EXTRACURRICULARS AND GENERAL INTEREST

DCDS Volleyball Team (Court Captain), DCDS Ceramic Club, DCDS Technical Crew *for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, DCDS Art Conservatory Student. General interests include working out, art, babysitting, sand volleyball and working on MK Blanket Wraps.

ACADEMICS

2021: Clearwater Central Catholic High School, *IB Diploma Program Student*

2020: Detroit Country Day School, *Magna Cum Laude*

2019: Detroit Country Day School, *Summa Cum Laude*



Name: Hayden McEwan		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Oldsmar	School: Palm Harbor University High School (IB Program)	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I would love to join YAC to learn about my local community in a variety of ways (listed below). I want to grow as a leader and go out of my comfort zone and explore new ideas. I want to have a platform to express my ideas to youths similar to me. I hope to be a part of the 2021-2022 YAC year!!		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
The first thing I hope to learn from YAC is communication skills. This will be my third year in YAC (if I make it) and my communication skills have dramatically improved over the years. I believe there is still room to grow too. This can be achieved through presentations and professional communication with leaders and organizations. The second thing I hope to gain is knowledge about the community around me. I hope to learn about the status of our county, our local government, and politics. The third thing I hope to gain is enhanced leadership skills. I want to be considered a leader to all my peers and embody what that means to them. Lastly, I hope to gain connections with volunteer and other organizations in our local area. This will help me in the future when I search for a career.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I hope to become a business/finance major in the future because I love economics and anything financial. I actually love to trade stocks and have succeeded over the past year. But I am always open to new career paths as people change their minds very quickly. I am a dedicated swimmer (practice 6 days a week). I am captain of my high school swim team which encompasses organizing events, leading the team, and coaching. I also am the webmaster for the YMCA Piranhas swim team. I designed and maintain the website myself (https://www.pypswimming.org/). I also am a swimming coaching volunteer for young kids. I also volunteer at Toy Makers of East Lake. I am also apart of Investment club at school and Teen Leaders at the YMCA. Lastly, I am on CAS Board which manages CAS experiences for the IB program at Palm Harbor. CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service) is a 18 month volunteer program to encourage well rounded IB students.		



Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).

1 - Economic Security	5 - Healthcare
2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education
3 - Mental Health	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	

Additional thoughts/ ideas:

I don't any other specific ideas but I'm sure we can do a lot with the economic security. I would love to learn all about the diverse economic situations of youths in our community and see how I can help.

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

20 or more hours

YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):

Highest Priority



Name: Chante Nguyen		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Clearwater	School: Countryside Highschool	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Pinellas County Website		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to join the Youth Advisory Committee because I want to start new and creative projects that benefit the community and my peers. Especially in these isolating times with the pandemic, I think everyone is trying to find a sense of community somewhere. I want to listen and learn about the youth in Pinellas County and what they are passionate about. My curiosity trying to understand the youth, particularly because I am one, would be the highlight on why I want to join.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Skill prep for starting creative projects, knowledge about leadership, connections with the youth.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
My main extracurricular activity would revolve around writing, journalism, and newspapers. I am a part of the Newspaper team at my school, and I am currently writing about Social Justice, I write for other political blogs too, and I am a class representative in my student government club. Currently, I would love to expand to activism and community projects in my extra-curricular activities.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	5 - Economic Security	
2 - Mental Health	6 - Healthcare	
3 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	7 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
4 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
Creative projects for youth focusing on the arts would be an interesting format to explore with YAC.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



Name: Caroline Wallace		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Seminole	School: Largo High School	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Largo High School email		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to make a positive impact on my community and I think the best way to have a direct impact is to join and be part of an organization that can make change happen.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I am hoping to gain knowledge in how to help my community address problems of local concern for teenagers such as use of drugs like vaping, housing instability and excessive social media use. I am also concerned about the impact of climate change on our county and would like to learn more about what can be done.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I have lived my entire life in Pinellas County and I love it here. I am in the International Baccalaureate program at Largo High and my favorite courses are history and language arts. My service project for volunteering after school involves working with the elderly. I am excited to learn more about the career opportunities available in local government because of the huge impact that can be made to help people.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Mental Health		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
Something to do with teenagers, maybe what can be done to address the use of vaping or housing insecurity.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
10-20 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Leah Wissing		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Seminole	School: Largo High	Grade: Junior
How did you hear about YAC?		
Peach Jar (school flyer)		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to be a part of YAC again this year because I enjoy collaborating with other students for the greater good of our community.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to be a part of YAC this year to gain more opportunity to become a leader by holding a position on the board. I hope to gain more experience and knowledge by working with my fellow board members on projects and building a team working towards improving our community.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I hope to pursue a career in Political Science and to improve efforts in protecting our fisheries.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	5 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
2 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	6 - Healthcare	
3 - Mental Health	7 - Economic Security	
4 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
10-20 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Kate Buchman		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St. Petersburg	School: dixie/hollns high school	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Social Media		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
i am interested in politics and want to become a politician		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
i want to learn more about how the government works		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
i want to become a politician and i do girl scouts		
<p>Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).</p>		
1 - Other	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Mental Health	6 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	7 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
i want to focus on sexual assault and rape culture in the education system and abortion		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
<p>YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):</p>		
Highest Priority		



Name: Griffin Franzese		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St. Petersburg	School: Hollins High School	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Peach Jar (school flyer)		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I am very interested in politics and government, have some limited experience in law, and want to expand my understanding and experience in these topics, while also participating in community service to help the area around us.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Career prep, connections, college application advantage, prior knowledge to prep for law in college, general experience		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
After attending UF (double major in poli sci and econ or finance) I want to go to Stetson law, and then become a lawyer. I am a part of the student council, academic team, the SAC, assistant EIC for the yearbook, senior leader of a boy scout troop, and I play guitar. I also volunteer with Suncoast hospice and the Sp Free Clinic.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Economic Security	
2 - Healthcare	6 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



GF

GRIFFIN FRANZESE

SOPHOMORE – HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS '24

BIO

Hello! My name is Griffin Franzese, and I am 15 years old. I push myself to achieve great things and I love challenging myself. I'm an avid hiker (hoping to hike the Appalachian Trail one day) and maintain a host of other activities to indulge in.

SKILLS

I have consistently shown the ability to lead a team. I act as the member of many clubs, including student council, academic team, and yearbook, as well as the complete leader of my boy scout troop of over 50 people. For my eagle scout service project, I led a group of over 25 boys to help better our community.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE

SOPHOMORE • HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL • CLASS '24

Currently the number one student in my class, I have a GPA of 4.5 and take AICE, AP, Honors, and Dual-Enrollment classes.

FILE MANAGER • LAW OFFICE OF TIM JESAITIS, P.A. • SUMMER 20-21

Manage the flow of documents in a professional work setting.

EXTRACURRICULARS AND AWARDS

YEARBOOK • ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF • 2021 -

Currently, I serve as the Assistant Editor-In-Chief of our yearbook at Hollins.

WRITER/EDITOR • MAGAZINE AND SCHOLASTIC PUBLICATIONS • 2020 -

Over my high school career, I have received an award via the Scholastic at and Writing Awards, as well as recognition for my writing in our schools' magazine.

SENIOR PATROL LEADER • TROOP 219 • 2021 -

I have been an avid member of scouting programs since second grade, recently culminating in my election as the highest member of my troop and my ability to lead a 100-mile 14-day backcountry trek.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

As an Eagle scout – the highest attainable award in a scouting program – I have conducted drives with both the Free Clinic and Kind Mouse food pantry. I have served over 100 service hours.



griffinfranzese@gmail.com



J5.C.3@pcsb.org



(727) 685-7385



Name: Matthew Lim		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Clearwater	School: Largo High School	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I have been looking for way to elevate my level of engagement and involvement in the community. I believe being part of Youth Advisory Committee will allow active involvement with like minded youth by addressing challenging issues youth is facing today.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I am planning on participating in YAC throughout my high school. I hope to gain leadership skills and fine tune ways of teamwork and collaboration skills. I hope to maintain these skills throughout my future endeavors.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
Please refer to uploaded resume.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	5 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
2 - Healthcare	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
3 - Mental Health	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
4 - Economic Security		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		

Matthew Lim

1761 Albemarle Road Clearwater, FL 33764 727-687-0161 matthewlim105@gmail.com

OBJECTIVE: To serve as Youth Advisory Committee member

EDUCATION:

Largo High School, International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Graduation Date: June 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Inspire Equine Therapy: May 2021 to present

- Participate in providing therapeutic riding and other equine related programs by assisting as weekly Side walker in Adaptive Riding Lessons and upkeep of the horse barn
- Improve lives of individuals with physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral special needs

Keep Pinellas Beautiful Youth Council: May 2021 to present

- Youth leaders in environmental stewardship
- Engage in beautification of community and educate to become environmentally conscious youth

Keep Pinellas Beautiful: Sep 2020 to present

- Adopt A Mile program – bi-monthly cleanup of local community
- Online Environmental Leadership course – completed and certified
- Involved in local cleanup leading to liter free community to environmental conservation

Suncoast Hospice/Empath Health: March 2021 to present

- Provide positive impact to hospice patient by baking goods and writing pen-pal letters

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY:

- ***IB Partners Student Board Representative*** for 9th grader: Aug 2020 to Present
- ***Robotics Club:*** Sept 2020 to present
- ***Largo Ultimate Frisbee Club:*** Sept 2020 to Present
- ***Pre-Med Club:*** Aug 2020 to present

SPOTS:

- ***Largo High Varsity Soccer:*** Aug 2020 to present – defense player
- ***Charger Soccer Club:*** Aug 2015 to present – defense center mid player



Name: Ava Newberg		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Largo	School: Osceola Fundamental High School	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to continue my membership in the Youth Advisory Committee because I really enjoyed it last year, and I want to continue to give back to the community of Pinellas County. I would also like to keep learning about the local government, so I can be knowledgeable about the way it works, and contribute my knowledge to the people of Pinellas County.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain experience in volunteering, knowledge about the local government, and create connections to people in the local government or even in the House or Senate. I also want to meet and interact with new people through YAC who have the same interests that I do.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
<p>Career Goals: My dream job is to become a Pediatrician because I love kids and want to help people.</p> <p>Extra-Curricular Activities: I have been in FBLA since the 6th grade, and I have placed in districts multiple times, as well as gained much experience about how to thrive in the business world. Furthermore, this upcoming year will be my second year in Key Club, where I have gained even more experience in volunteering, such as cleaning up trash in my community.</p> <p>Hobbies: I have been playing the piano since I was 8, and I really enjoy it. I am also on the swim team, I have been in Girl Scouts since I was five, and I enjoy reading.</p>		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Healthcare	
4 - Economic Security		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
10-20 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Mikayla Perez		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: East Lake High School	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I was a part of YAC last year and I loved getting to plan the mental health day. I enjoy being able to help my community and I think YAC is a great way to do that. I want to be able to be more involved with YAC this year and be able to help with more projects. I'm excited to further improve my leadership skills and learn more about the local government.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain better leadership skills and problem solving skills from YAC. I want to work on collaborating with people and how to have a good work ethic. I would also like to have more knowledge of who is running Pinellas County and the local government. I have become more interested in the local government this year so I want to learn more about our community leaders.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
My career goal is to be an elementary school teacher. I am responsible and creative so I think teaching would be a good job for me. My extra-curricular activity is I am a volunteer for East Lake Community Library. Additionally, my hobbies are acting and singing.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Healthcare	5 - Mental Health	
2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
I think inclusion and diversity would be a good topic to focus on this year. Over the years we have seen a lot of racial inequality. I think if we can spread awareness on equality and inclusion then we could help people feel like they are heard by their community in Pinellas County.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Brianna Perez		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: East Lake High School	Grade: Sophomore
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 was on it last year and I learned a lot. I learned a lot of information about mental health and was able to talk to a lot of people who new a lot about it. I want to be able to do another service project like this and be able to spread awareness for whatever topic is picked. I also was able to help with a beach clean up and I want to join the committee to be able to help my community even more.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain knowledge on various subjects such as mental health. That way I can use the information in my future for careers and just in general. Also, I hope to gain the information so I can help people. I hope to gain skills needed to interview people and skills related to working in a government position.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
My career goal is to become a Speech Pathologist. My hobbies include dancing and singing. I am not involved in any extra-curricular activities right now due to COVID-19, but I am planning on joining Mu Alpha Theta and the Debate Club.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health 2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion 3 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change 4 - Healthcare	5 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education 6 - Economic Security 7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Jazzlynn Prater		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Seminole	School: Hollins high school	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I'm looking for more activities to do around to better the county and to help others .		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to help others and learn more things about my county and how I can help, a better understanding about how the community works. I hope to gain knowledge about different topics about the community.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
My career goals are to get into cosmetology school and I like all things art, I really like mystery about crime and it's a passion of mine to look into crime scene. I'm a plant mom and plants and nature bring me joy helping the areas around me is also a big passion of mine.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
3 - Mental Health	7 - Economic Security	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
Covid 19 issues and topics about the new variant		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Elizabeth Schmick		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Clearwater	School: Osceola Fundamental High School	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to contribute and provide assistance to my community.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain team building skills and knowledge about current issues and how to solve them.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I am in key club at my school, which is a club that does volunteer work like helping around the school or other places, like parks.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Mental Health	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



Name: Arsh Shah		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: Palm Harbor University High	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
At first I heard from Niya and I was on YAC last year.		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I love giving back to the community and the environment that YAC provides is very welcoming.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain political knowledge.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I love dancing and am part of spinning canvas (team). I also love playing chess and all sorts of sports. I am also part of my school football team.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	5 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
2 - Healthcare	6 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
3 - Mental Health	7 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
4 - Economic Security		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
20 or more hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



Name: Sam Singh		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: Treasuer Island	School: Boca Ciega High School	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Peach Jar (school flyer)		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
To be a voice for the youth of Pinellas Cty		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
Knowledge of local government		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
Career goal is to be a writer/journalist. I love to read, write fiction, advocate for JDRF and I love to skateboard.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Economic Security	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
3 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	7 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		



Name: Cameron Temple		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St. Petersburg	School: St. Petersburg High School	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I have always held an interest in government, and my grandfather has always told me to stay well-informed about what is going on in my community.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I feel that joining the Youth Advisory Committee will give me knowledge about the inner-workings of local government.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
Resume attached		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	5 - Healthcare	
2 - Economic Security	6 - Mental Health	
3 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		

CAMERON TEMPLE

EDUCATION

ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL IB - CLASS OF 2024

GPA: 3.42 PSAT: 1110 (83rd percentile)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT OF MICE INTERNS, THE KIND MOUSE - 2020 - PRESENT

Host weekly zoom meetings, coordinate events and fundraisers, pantry work and food packing, mentoring youth volunteers

PRESIDENT OF MOUSEVISION, THE KIND MOUSE - 2018 - 2020

Create and produce childhood hunger awareness videos for social media

SUMMER INTERNSHIP, THE KIND MOUSE - JULY 2020 AND AUGUST 2021

Completed 40-hour internship working alongside the CEO of the Kind Mouse

VICE PRESIDENT OF MICE IN TRAINING, THE KIND MOUSE - 2018 - 2019

Worked alongside youth President as a mentor to younger volunteers and took minutes during meetings

The Kind Mouse is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that assists families and children in Pinellas County with food insecurities

ORGANIZATIONS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AKA AKADEMY PATHFINDERS PROGRAM - 2018 - PRESENT

Member of the Debate Team and the Global Leadership Program

POYNTER INSTITUTE'S WRITE FIELD PROGRAM - 2017- PRESENT

POYNTER INSTITUTE'S HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM PROGRAM - 2020 AND 2021

NATIONAL ACHIEVER'S SOCIETY - 2017 - PRESENT

ACHIEVEMENTS

Organized fundraiser event and raised over \$3,200 to benefit The Kind Mouse

2021 National Achievers Society Voice State Finalists

Jack and Jill of America Inc Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

St Petersburg High School Honor Roll

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Self-motivated to work independently or as part of a team

Proficient in time management, organizational skills, and public speaking

Enjoy playing drums and bass guitar with my band

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



Name: Judson Vann		Past YAC Member: Yes
Residence: St. Petersburg	School: Clearwater Central Catholic	Grade: Sophomore
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to join the Youth Advisory committee again because it helps me understand my surroundings better. I say this because over the course of last year I really learned about who interacted with the places around me behind the scenes. I also learned about how they did their job, and even got to meet with some of them. I am also interested in joining, because of the friendships and lifetime connections that can be made in such an environment.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain a lot in my YAC experience. First I hope to gain leadership skills to help with my leadership roles at school, and in my community. I also hope to widen my field of career knowledge and prep. I say this because in life I want to be prepared for whatever comes my way. I also love interacting with those who I might need to reach out to in the future. I think that YAC can accomplish all of this in my experience there.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I hope to maintain straight As through my high school career while accomplishing many other things, and helping others accomplish their goals. I enjoy being apart of a large variety of activities. Some extra-curricular activities that I participate in are baseball, Leadership Pinellas, and president of the CCC sophomore class. I also enjoy doing other activities such as basketball and spending time with friends.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	5 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
2 - Mental Health	6 - Healthcare	
3 - Economic Security	7 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
4 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
10-20 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		

1112 Tortuga Circle NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
727-318-8610
Judsonvann18@gmail.com

Judson D. Vann

MOTIVATION

I am committed to being a servant leader in my school and community, one who strives to help those who cannot help themselves. I bring passion, vibrant enthusiasm, and bold dedication to all of my work. My leadership skills, county government experience, STEM knowledge and strict discipline aid my efforts to help others, find justice, and create change.

SERVICE

- November 2017 – Present – I am the co-founder and coordinator of BatsFlips4Kids, a nonprofit established in 2017. We are dedicated to providing sports equipment to youth in need. We collect bats and used baseball equipment at Pinellas and Hillsborough County Little Leagues as well as youth sports clinics. We ship and provide delivery of donations to players in areas such as Central Florida, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Kenya. I coordinate with the Tampa Bay Rays and First United Methodist Church to fund shipments. Since 2017, we have collected over 400 bats: 60 sent to Central Florida, 100 sent to Dominican Republic, 40 to Kenya and approximately 150 additional donated bats in process for Cuba delivery in April 2021.
- September 2020 - Present - Contributed in excess of 73 student volunteer hours to date since starting high school in Sept 2020. I have worked as an advisor to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, a volunteer umpire for Little League, volunteer coach for Northeast Little League 11u baseball and Clearwater Central Catholic School Ambassador.
- October 2020 - Present - Pinellas Youth Advisory Committee – Appointed by Pinellas County Board of Commissioners – Service group committed to better understanding how youth can impact county government and agencies to improve the inner workings of Pinellas County, FL. Committee is focused on improving adolescents' access to Pinellas County resources for mental health needs. Committee delivered a 4 course mental health series to youth in Pinellas County with each topic having a local expert presenter via Zoom (Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse, LGBTQ, Mental Health during Quarantine).
- October 2020 – Present – Certified Mental Health First Aider – Public education program which offers role playing and simulations to learn how to assess mental health crises. Allows for early detection and intervention by learning the signs and symptoms of illnesses such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders, bipolar disorder and addictions.
- May 2021 – Present – Selected by leadership of Clearwater Central Catholic to serve on the Water 4 Mercy service committee. Water 4 Mercy is a volunteer organization committed to providing clean water, agricultural technologies and modernized educational solutions to remote African Villages.

LEADERSHIP

- President of the Clearwater Central Catholic Sophomore Class – 2021- 2022 – currently serve on the Sophomore class executive council as well as participate in the overall school student council.
- May 2021 – Present - Clearwater Central Catholic Student Ambassadors – students selected by school leaders to represent CCC to middle schoolers and groups outside of CCC for admissions and school advancement events.

SCHOLARSHIP

- GPA 4.0
- Freshman Honors Curriculum, Sophomore IB and AP curriculum
- Summer 2021 – Participant in Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (TBFBA) Law Summer Camp – Opportunity to learn about the legal system and develop advocacy skills from federal judges, prosecutors, public defenders and explore their respective roles within the court system

SPORTS or ACTIVITIES

- September 2020 – Present - Varsity and JV Baseball Team Clearwater Central Catholic High
- Top Tier Baseball Team for summer and fall baseball 2020 and summer 2021
- Angels Baseball Team ball baseball 2021



CLEARWATER CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
2750 Haines Bayshore Road, Clearwater, FL 33760-1435
(727) 531-1449 Fax (727)451-0102



August 29, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Judson Vann to you to be a member of the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. Judson is young man who is responsible, inquisitive, intelligent and is someone who genuinely desires to make a difference.

Judson was one of my Honors Algebra 2 students in his freshman year and is currently one of my International Baccalaureate Mathematics Analysis and Approaches students. This course is designed for juniors so as a sophomore, this illustrates Judson's level of critical thinking and intelligence. In class, Judson is always engaged in the lesson and asks questions to clarify understanding. When opportunities arise for collaborative problem-solving projects, Judson is a leader in his group, but I have also observed him in the way that he also lets others share their ideas and incorporates those ideas into his own.

Outside of class, among other activities, Judson plays baseball. This illustrates his ability to be part of a team in social areas rather than strictly academic areas. Judson plays hard for himself, and his team and this commitment is one that is a catalyst for his teammates. Finally, Judson is personable, polite, and respected by his peers, myself, and my colleagues. He is a quiet leader at times, but also is not afraid to speak up when that his necessary. I am extremely confident that Judson Vann will be an integral addition to the Pinellas Youth Advisory Committee. He will be a committed member and during his time on the committee, I am confident that he will learn, collaborate for good with his fellow members and continue to develop as a leader for today and for the tomorrow that lies ahead.

If there are any questions that I have left unanswered, please contact me via email at gnoyes@ccchs.org.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle I. Noyes,

Mathematics Teacher, Clearwater Central
Catholic High School



Name: Nysa Dhamani		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: Palm Harbor University High School	Grade: Freshman
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I would like to join YAC so I can be further involved in the youth community of my county. In doing so I may be able to take my experiences and help others grow better as a person themselves. I also want to learn more about how the county works to help their youth groups.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain more knowledge on how I can be able to help others using different forms of outreach such as YAC. I also hope to gain new skills in working with others and being able to comfortably talk to new people as well.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I started my own cake decorating business at the age of 13, in which 25% of my proceeds go to NUHA Foundation: a foundation that supports education in Kenya. I love to paint, swim, and take photos. I also serve as a youth leader in my church and we bring awareness to the importance of mental health in teens.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Mental Health	5 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Other	
4 - Healthcare		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
I think something that really needs to be focused on is kids that have knowledge but not the right direction. For example, there are so many kids in school that are so smart and have so much potential however, they were not put in the right environment therefore they don't have the ability to excel or get a higher knowledge and help.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Second Highest Priority		

August 28, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for Ms. Nysa Dhamani as she seeks appointment to the Youth Advisory Committee. I have known Nysa and her family for a number of years as she and her older sister participated in our Center for Gifted Studies at Dunedin Highland Middle School. Mrs. Dhamani was always a valued parent leader in our center, as well.

Nysa took English 1 Honors with me last year while we functioned in a simultaneous teaching environment. Nysa attended daily and quickly became a classroom leader in social skills and work habits. Her sense of humor and winning ways were infectious and brightened our lives daily. She is an excellent baker, as well.

Nysa functioned as a strong student, also -- neat, complete, accurate, and thoughtful in her written assignments. She was highly organized, creative, and timely with deadlines and set a great example for others.

Students like Nysa Dhamani represent the very best kind of investment we can make in today youth. Opportunities for students like Nysa will pay huge dividends. She deserves your most serious consideration.

Bob Milo,

English 1 Honors

Center for Gifted Studies

Dunedin Highland Middle School

Milor@pcsb.org

Mrs. Teresa Bergstrom, Ph.D.
Pre-AP World History Teacher
Center for Gifted Studies
Dunedin Highland Middle School
70 Patricia Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34698
(727) 692-9271
bergstromt@pcsb.org

September 1, 2021

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,

Mrs. Teresa Bergstrom, Ph.D.
Advanced US History Teacher
Center for Gifted Studies
Dunedin Highland Middle School
(727) 692-9271
bergstromt@pcsb.org



Name: Breckin Edwards		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Palm Harbor	School: Palm Harbor University	Grade: Freshman
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to get into politics and learn more about the local government because that's typically where you start in politics.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I feel like learning more about how government works on a local level would benefit me by just giving me more of a general knowledge and education about the subject of politics.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
As far as career goals go, I'd like to pursue either a career in politics such as congress, which YAC would help with, or something completely unrelated in nature such as a marine biologist, I'm not fully sure on what I'd like to pursue. I used to play soccer and now I've applied for a job at Publix. I've tried to stray away from most other time-consuming extra curricular activities to make room for my job but the application is still pending.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Economic Security	5 - Mental Health	
2 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
4 - Healthcare		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
None		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Not applicable/YAC would be my only extracurricular		



Name: Robert Madden		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Seminole	School: Largo High School IB	Grade: Freshman
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to learn more about local government, to participate in serving my community, and develop speaking skills to speak with confidence and professionalism in a group environment.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain an understanding of careers in the political wheelhouse, learn new skills on how a committee works and what their meetings are like, and finally I hope to possibly gain connections that in the future I could use on my college applications and other opportunities as well.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I am currently a member of the USAF Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol. I am interested in aviation, the military, and government. My career goal is to fly as a pilot for the USAF someday. Some of my hobbies include playing sports (baseball and soccer), playing instruments (piano, guitar), and playing with my new dog, Maggie.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	5 - Economic Security	
2 - Healthcare	6 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	7 - Mental Health	
4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
Maybe doing a service projects for all of the veterans who served in the Afghanistan War.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
20 or more hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Mid-level Priority		



Name: Tristan Mitchell		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St. Petersburg	School: Sanders	Grade: Freshman
How did you hear about YAC?		
Peach Jar (school flyer)		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I'm very interested in politics and want to learn more about our local government. I want to meet people and be involved in making a difference in my community.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I would like to learn more about politics and government. And I also think this will be a good experience on deciding what I want to do when I enter the workplace. I hope to make more friends because I don't really have that many.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I don't have any career goals at the moment. My extra-curricular activities are Boy Scouts and tutoring. My hobbies are video games, shooting hoops and dungeons and dragons.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	5 - Mental Health	
2 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Economic Security	
3 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	7 - Healthcare	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
The housing market is very overpriced and we need to help people buy houses.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		

To whom it may concern,

As Tristan's father you may rightfully expect some bias in this matter. I will do my best to provide an honest and frank recommendation of my son for the program.

Tristan has been raised in a family that has been active in politics and government as voters, activists, campaigners and active citizens. His exposure to all these influences has given him a deep interest in how governments work. He and I have discussed many times the roles of federal, state and local governments. He understands that change begins at the local level. And that local government has the most impact on him as a citizen. He is excited to learn more.

Secondly, Tristan has a keen intellect and sharp wit which makes him an outspoken member of any discussion. He has no fear of speaking his mind and/or reconsidering his position. I think you would find him to be a lively participant.

Finally, I believe that he would benefit from participating in a program that would by its nature immerse him into the world of compromise. The push and pull of issues and public opinion to create policy, statutes and laws in our democracy would be good for him to better understand and aid him in becoming the best citizen he can be.

Sincerely,

Lawson Charles Mitchell

To Whom It May Concern:

Please let this letter stand as my whole-hearted recommendation of Tristan Mitchell for the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee.

Tristan is an extremely bright young man who is very excited about this opportunity. Covid has been pretty hard on our family - Tristan's father and I (his mom) were both laid off due to covid and I took a job in Alabama to keep us afloat. We moved there but six months later I was offered a job back in St. Pete so we moved back to the city that has been our home for the last 20 years. The moving was hard on Tristan, on top of the covid isolation, and he is struggling to make friends at his new school. He has never been one for sports but has natural talents in art, theater, music and comedy. He particularly likes history, politics and current events. When he was at pinellas park middle school he participated in the Florida YMCA Youth In Government 58th Annual State Assembly and he really enjoyed it. Because Tristan has high functioning autism sometimes he feels isolated and left out, so programs like this where he can participate and belong to a group are so important for his development and self-esteem.

When I received the peach jar flyer in my email about this opportunity I knew right away that Tristan would be thrilled about it and he is. He and his private tutor have been working on his application and attended the zoom meeting last week. Since Tristan doesn't have any other extracurricular activities at school (Sanders does not offer them) he would have lots of time to devote to this program and I sincerely believe it would not only be a wonderful opportunity for him, but also that he would bring so much to the table.

I hope you will give Tristan a chance to take advantage of this and I promise I will help him and support him in his involvement in every way possible.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Angela Mitchell, Tristan's mom

To Whom It May Concern:

Please let this letter stand as my recommendation for Tristan Mitchell for the Youth Advisory Committee for Pinellas County.

I've known Tristan for several years as he is a friend of my son, Felipe. Tristan is interested in history and learning about the local government.

Tristan is smart and is able to learn very fast which allows him to adapt to new challenges. When given the chance he can speak very eloquently and become the moderator of any conversation.

I think the program would be a great opportunity for Tristan and he would be an exceptional youth advisor.

Please feel free to call me at 727-385-4762 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Luis F. Navas

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard T. Ruggiero
2027 Alison Street
Carthage, MO., 64836

August 30, 2021

To Whom it May Concern
Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee
Clearwater, FL

Dear Committee Members:

We are the maternal grandparents of Tristan Mitchell, an applicant for the Youth Advisory Innovation program. We have known and spent a considerable amount of time with Tristan since his birth.

We believe Tristan is a very bright child with interests in meeting other students and helping with local community programs.

Further, Tristan has expressed a strong interest in attending the program.

We hope you will give him serious consideration for entry into the program.

Sincerely,

Leonard T. Ruggiero

Mary E. Ruggiero

8-25-21

To Whom It May Concern:

Tristan Mitchell would be an asset to the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. Tristan is knowledgeable of current events and is interested in County government. He looks forward to authentic experiences and is excited to meet some new friends. Tristan is creative and can bring a diverse viewpoint to the YAC.

Sincerely,

usa Regnen

Lisa Ruggiero Eaton



Name: Ava-Marie Rollins		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St.petersburg	School: East lake highschool	Grade: Freshman
How did you hear about YAC?		
Friends or Family		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I would like to join because i think it will help me in the future.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain good communication skills.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I would like to work in the medical field.		
<p>Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).</p>		
1 - Healthcare 2 - Mental Health 3 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education 4 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	5 - Economic Security 6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education 7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
no		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
0-5 hours		
<p>YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):</p>		
Highest Priority		



Name: Philip Skorewicz		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: St. Petersburg	School: Clearwater Central Catholic	Grade: Freshman
How did you hear about YAC?		
Dillon and Judson Vann		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I want to participate in the Youth Advisory Committee to better understand local government and learn how to make a difference in my hometown. I am also looking forward to meeting with government leaders, and hopefully help address the persistent issues in our town. You will be receiving a recommendation letter from Mrs. Jen Probst my 8th grade Humanities teacher via email to Ms Alyssa Bowers.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I hope to gain from my experience with the YAC is to strengthen my communication skills and creative problem solving skills. I hope to make a difference in the community that I call home.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
As a high school freshman, I hope to continue my education with college, and graduate school. I enjoy math, science and history and as I get older I hope to find a career to match my skills. I enjoy working with children, I play competitive baseball, and I enjoy sailing. I love my hometown, I am a quiet leader and I hope to make a difference if given the chance to participate in YAC.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Healthcare	5 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	
2 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education	6 - Mental Health	
3 - Economic Security	7 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	
4 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education		
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
It may be too big of an issue to tackle, but I know from reading local news that housing and food security are issues that need attention. I am certain that a dedicated YAC class could make a difference. I would appreciate the opportunity to participate.		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
20 or more hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		



August 30, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of Philip Skorewicz, a candidate for the 2021-2022 Pinellas County Florida Youth Advisory Committee. I have known Philip for one year, and have had the opportunity to teach him Humanities in his 8th grade year at Country Day World School. Philip was not only a leader in the classroom, but a leader in various capacities of the school community.

In the classroom, Philip was always well prepared and ready to learn. He kept himself involved in class through his participation. Philip was always ready to share his opinion of an historical or current event topic, and wasn't afraid to question what is right and wrong. He strives for excellence in all tasks, assignments, and assessments, and has demonstrated his phenomenal work ethic daily. Philip has high expectations for himself, and because of this drive, I truly believe that he is capable of whatever he sets his mind to.

When I asked Philip why he was interested in participating in the Youth Advisory Committee, he shared his desire to learn more about local issues in his own community. Philip remarked that "learning about local government and meeting with government officials" was important to him to understand more about how government works on the local level. Topics that were of the utmost importance to him were issues of economic disparity, health care, and mental health resources in our region. For a young man, Philip is well aware of the need for the community to come together to address these inequalities.

Philip Skorewicz is a dedicated young man with a drive to succeed in life. He is caring, devoted, and ready to lend a helping hand. His peers look up to him and his friendly smile can make anyone comfortable. In closing, I am honored to support Philip as a candidate for the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee. He is an amazing individual with unlimited potential.

Sincerely,
Jennifer N. Probst
Middle School Humanities Faculty
Country Day World School
11499 131st St. North
Largo, FL 33774
www.countrydaylargo.com



Name: Aaditya Srivastava		Past YAC Member: No
Residence: Saint Petersburg	School: Osceola Fundamental High School	Grade: Freshman
How did you hear about YAC?		
Peach Jar (school flyer)		
Why do you want to join YAC?		
I would like to have a voice in the decisions that are made. I think everyone should be a part of YAC at least once so that we can understand the operations of our government in real life. I hope to use this experience to educate my friends so that we can be more educated about the happenings and how to bring about changes.		
What do you hope to gain from participating in YAC?		
I am hoping to learn and also meet new friends who have the same outlook as me.		
What are your career goals, extra-curricular activities, hobbies?		
I would like to become a physician. I am very passionate about football and am on my high school's football team. I have been learning piano since I was 5 and am guild certified. I like to volunteer with Rotary Club in my spare time.		
Each year, YAC selects a service project theme based on a need in the community. For example, YAC focused its efforts on youth mental health needs from 2019-2021. What are some needs you see facing youth in your community that you would be interested in focusing on this year? Rank the issues below to most important (1) to least important (7).		
1 - Environmental Issues/Climate Change	2 - Mental Health	3 - Economic Security
4 - Healthcare	5 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	6 - Civic Engagement/Public Service Education
	7 - Workforce Preparation/Higher Education	
Additional thoughts/ ideas:		
How much time do you typically spend on extracurricular activities/ hobbies/ sports each week?		
6-10 hours		
YAC is a competitive program that thrives off of student participation—it's made better when youth can dedicate more time to it. If selected, please rate how you would likely prioritize your involvement in YAC (out of your extracurricular activities):		
Highest Priority		