

# City of North Richland Hills Youth Advisory Committee

## 2022-2023 End of Year Report

This year was the first Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) since COVID derailed the program in 2020. For YAC's return the program was composed of 11 students from Birdville High School, Richland High School, Keller High School, Fort Worth Christian, the Oakridge School, and the Colligate Academy of Birdville. Despite the challenge of starting off a program from scratch, YAC managed to organize a fundraiser with the Community Enrichment Center (CEC), learn about many departments within the city, and network with other regional youth advisory groups on lessons learned in their communities.

The main community project this year was assisting the CEC with fundraising for their annual Refresh program which benefits families in need within BISD. YAC members solicited donations from residents, businesses, and school organizations throughout the city. The YAC also received presentations by many city departments on their roles and responsibilities. These speakers deepened YAC members' understanding of the city they live in and led several members to consider pursuing a career in government.

Chair Katie Beckman and Vice Chair Joseph Ray attended the regional YAC conference in Dallas during the school year. They met members from many regional youth advisory programs and heard presentations from other students. Both chairs enjoyed this opportunity and learned a great deal from their peers at this event.

For the next school year YAC will have 10 of the 11 members from this year returning. We would like to thank Chair Katie Beckman for her service and wish her well as she begins college in the fall. Officers for the 2023-2024 school year will be Chair Joseph Ray, Vice Chair Nolan Iordanescu, Secretary Margaret Upchurch, and Treasurer Ally Creecy.

### 2022-2023 Youth Advisory Committee Members

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