

# Youth Commission: 2025 Annual Update

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# Youth Commission Members

Aliyah Acevedo  
Thiara Harjas  
Christiana Wickersheim  
Cobe Koonce  
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Alejandra Guardiola  
Serrianna Safieh  
Adam Day  
Christopher Suazo  
Anna Saia  
Maria Marentes  
Diana C Juarez-Malagon  
Vania Ledezma  
Harjas Thiara  
Remigio Arellano

## **Adult Members:**

Councilmember Douglas  
Councilmember Kim  
Travis Watkins  
Robert Grandinetti  
Melissa Sessions

**\*1 Student Vacancy, 0 Adult Vacancy**



# About Youth Commission

- Youth Commission consists of adult members and student members between 13-19 years old
- Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Eagle Pointe Rec Center in the Community Rooms at 6:30 p.m.
- Youth Commission Duties & Actions:
  - Advise the City Council on youth matters
  - Community Service Projects
  - Volunteer
  - Advise PRG on future programming and activities
  - Professional Development & Team Bonding Activities
  - Learn Bob's Rules of Order

# 2024-2025 Goals

**Goal #1: By June 2025, the Youth Commision will volunteer seven times for different events or organizations, as well as complete three service learning projects.**

Volunteer Event	# of Volunteers	Total Hours
Cereal with Santa (3 Hours)	1	3
Fall Fest (6 Hours)	2	12
Project Present Wrapping Event (3 Hours)	4	12
Tree Lighting (2.5 Hours)	2	5
KSA Conference (7 Hours)	12	84
Daddy Daughter Dance (3 Hours)	4	12
Earth Day Event (4.5 Hours)	5	22.5
Total 2024-2025 Volunteer Hours		150.5

# Goal #1 Continued

2025 Service Projects planned :

- AnyThink Library - Reading to kids with a craft.
- Hosted a craft table at the Earth Day Event
- Animal Shelter

# 2024 – 2025 Goal #2

**Goal #2: By June 2025, the Youth Commision will have planned and started marketing their second Youth Conference with the hopes of having 150 attendees.**

- A new subcommittee is established
- Date, location, and transportation will be secured
- Guest speakers and workshop leader will be secured

# Goal #3

**Goal #3: By June 2025, the Youth Commision will have completed at least 3 career development workshops conducted by various professionals**

- The commission would like to complete workshops that assist them in college admission essays, resume building, cover letter writing, starting a business, getting into medical/pharmacy school, and more. They would like these professionals to conduct a workshop in place of a regular meeting.

# Tampa, Florida

- Six Commissioners participated in the NLC youth which focused on issues in their cities.



*Commissioners at Conference Day 2.*



*Went to the Florida Aquarium for an NLC Youth social.*



# Washington D.C.

Six youth commissioners joined NLC in D.C. They worked in groups with other youth commissioners.



# Other Accomplishments

- From May 2024 – June 2025, filled all vacancies
- Updated the Youth Commission By-Laws and approved a 2025 budget
- Hosted outreach tables at the 2024 Music in the Park to spread awareness about Youth Commission
- Hosted first KSA conference, 45 students attended

# Questions?