

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 2.18
(ID # 25664)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 30, 2024

FROM : Riverside County Youth Commission

SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION: Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report

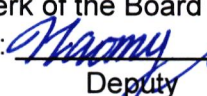
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Riverside County Youth Commission Annual Report for the 2023-2024 term, as required by Resolutions 98-032 the Youth Commission by-Laws (Article XIII).

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: July 30, 2024
xc: RCYC, COBLW

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On January 6, 1998, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the formation of a county-wide Youth Commission to advise the Board on issues relevant to the youth in the county. This commission was created to provide a platform for young people to address issues affecting them directly. To ensure comprehensive representation, five district-specific Youth Advisory Councils (YACs) were formed, each comprised of high school students from both public and private schools. The YACs serve as the voice of their respective districts, conveying student concerns to the Youth Commission. The ultimate goal of the Youth Commission is to empower young people to improve their lives and the lives of their peers throughout Riverside County.

This year, the Riverside County Youth Commission has focused on several key areas across the county. Each supervisorial district's YAC develops three key areas of focus for the year. They then plan and execute community service projects, webinars, workshops, and trainings aligned with these goals.

- **District 1** focused on Digital Addiction by promoting healthy digital habits and supporting students, Substance Abuse by conducting a digital campaign on addiction prevention, and Assistance for ESL Learners by providing academic resources and support. They completed 24 projects and dedicated 977.5 hours of community service.
- **District 2** prioritized Resource Awareness for Low-Income Families by distributing baskets of donated nonperishable food items. They collaborated with the Riverside University Health System (RUHS) on a social media campaign to help seniors transitioning into adulthood and recognized healthcare workers by encouraging students at Patriot High School to write gratitude cards, which were then distributed at RUHS. They completed 20 projects and contributed 629.5 hours of service.
- **District 3** focused on Mental Health Awareness by collaborating with RUHS to educate youth on managing stress and anxiety through social media posts. They promoted Environmental Wellness by launching a campaign on improving community environments and addressed Youth Homelessness by partnering with Project TOUCH to provide resources and services. They completed 12 projects and dedicated 300 hours to community service.

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- **District 4** focused on Childhood/Community Poverty Reduction by partnering with Martha's Village to host clothing drives and place donation boxes at local schools. They supported Educational/Professional Development by creating a brochure with information on applying for financial aid completing college applications. The YAC also promoted Youth Awareness by collaborating with RUHS to develop a presentation on coping with stress. They conducted 23 projects and completed 1,139 hours of community service.
- **District 5** focused on Low-Income Support by collaborating with Carol's Kitchen in Beaumont to provide food and clothing, and by continuing their annual HER Drive, which supplied over 200 bags of feminine hygiene products to local women's shelters. They promoted Environmental Wellness through waste reduction and green cleanup initiatives, and Mental Health Awareness by having students at Valley View High School write letters of encouragement and holiday cards for local senior centers. They participated in 43 projects and completed 855 hours of community service.

The YACs' dedication to Riverside County is truly inspiring. Collectively, they donated over 4,162 hours of their time this past year, which is equivalent to a substantial financial contribution. At California's minimum wage of \$16 per hour, their volunteer work would have amounted to more than \$66,000. According to the Independent Sector, the true value of their efforts exceeds \$140,000 based on an estimated rate of \$33.49 per volunteer hour.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This project supports and addresses the education and employment needs of the community by developing the legislative intern and young adult leadership program that will help support and inspire today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders. These services ensure that adolescents and young adults have the support needed to realize their education and career goals.

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Riverside County Youth Commission
County-Wide Events and Collaborations

2023-2024 Council Year

The Youth Commission engages in strategic partnerships with numerous organizations to bolster community support across the county. By unifying the efforts of all five Youth Advisory Councils, the Commission significantly enhances its capacity to effect positive change within the community and with partner organizations. Commissioners from each of the five Councils serve on the Youth Commission Board, facilitating representation and collective decision-making on behalf of all Councils. The following are the event hosted by the Youth Commission for collaborative engagement during the 2023-2024 council term:

Annual Youth Retreat

The 2023-2024 Youth Commission inaugurated the school year in August with its Annual Youth Retreat, held at the Carriage Room in Crestmore Manor, Jurupa Valley. This event was designed to equip, energize, and train council members for the forthcoming academic year. Celebrating its 25th iteration, the Youth Retreat aimed to prepare both new and returning council members for their roles.

The day featured a series of informative presentations, including "YAC 101" delivered by YAC coordinators and sessions on the Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedures led by County Counsel's Sarah Moore. Additionally, students benefited from presentations by District 3 Supervisor Washington, District 5 Supervisor Gutierrez, and District 2 Supervisor Spiegel.

In addition to the educational components, the retreat incorporated several team-building activities such as icebreakers, "What's in my pocket?", "Getting to Know You" bingo, and an outdoor water balloon toss. These activities facilitated interaction among council members from various districts, fostering camaraderie and collaboration.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, blending learning and enjoyment to effectively prepare YAC students for their responsibilities in the upcoming year.

Annual Youth in Government Day

Youth in Government Day provides council members with a valuable opportunity to engage in job shadowing alongside county employees aligned with their career interests and aspirations. This initiative requires meticulous planning and thoughtful pairing to ensure that participants can explore the diverse career opportunities available within Riverside County. The Human Resources Learning and Organizational Development Department of Riverside County supports the Youth Commission by administering a career assessment survey to participants, analyzing their results to identify their interests, strengths, and potential career matches. Subsequently, the HR department pairs students with registered county mentors who align with their identified interests.

During the event, students gain firsthand insight into the daily responsibilities of county employees, allowing them to explore and consider career paths that may be new to them. The 25th Annual Youth in Government Day was a resounding success, pairing over 45 county employees

with nearly 100 YAC members. The Youth Commission extends its gratitude to the 18 county departments and mentors who generously shared insights into their daily activities, educational journeys, and provided invaluable mentorship, fostering meaningful connections for participating YAC members.

Annual Youth Summit

The Youth Commission annually organizes a Youth Summit for high school students across Riverside County. This event provides a platform for youth to engage in discussions on important topics impacting their lives and communities. Topics are selected through a voting process by the Youth Commission Board, based on suggestions from each Youth Advisory Council.

Expert speakers are invited to conduct workshops where participants can delve into these topics, exchange ideas, and gain diverse perspectives. This year's summit covered themes such as "Unlocking Your Potential," "Elevating Mental Health," and "Generational Change." Hosted by the Third District, the event featured prominent speakers including Board of Supervisors Chair Chuck Washington, Second District Supervisor Karen Spiegel, California Senator Kelly Seyarto, and Youth Commission Coordinator Joseph Mathews.

In addition to the workshops, the summit featured exhibitor booths from youth-related resources, community partners, county programs, and local colleges. Participants engaged in activities such as a photo booth and games. The event successfully accommodated 21 vendors, including notable organizations like the Coalition to End Human Trafficking, California State University, San Bernardino, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Recruiting Unit.

Key speakers included Kimberly Smith Austin on "Unlocking Your Potential" and presentations by the Central Counseling Center on "Elevating Mental Health" and "Generational Change." The Youth Summit remains a crucial platform for fostering youth empowerment and community engagement in Riverside County.

First District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2023-2024

The First District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body comprising members who attend high schools within the First District of Riverside County, represented by Supervisor Kevin Jeffries. The First District includes various cities such as Perris and Riverside, as well as the unincorporated communities of Good Hope, Highgrove, Mead Valley, and Meadowbrook. Additionally, the district encompasses the March Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and the March Air Reserve Base.

Our Youth Advisory Council consists of students from over 21 high schools across the First District, working together to give back to our community through outreach and service projects. This year, the council has made significant strides in addressing digital addiction, substance abuse, and support for English as a Second Language (ESL) learners. These efforts have included a successful book drive, engaging school activities, and a comprehensive digital campaign.

Furthermore, our council has attended over 15 events, contributing more than 100 volunteer hours collectively. We have expanded our outreach beyond Riverside City, participating in city events and community support activities in Mead Valley and Lake Perris.

First District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2023-2024

In order to achieve our 2023-2024 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Digital Addiction**

Our council established a committee dedicated to addressing digital addiction among high school-aged youth. We recognized the importance of promoting healthy digital habits and raising awareness about the impacts of excessive screen time. Through the formation of this committee, our aim was to offer support and resources to individuals who may have been grappling with digital addiction. Our overarching goal was to foster balanced technology use and diminish digital dependency within our community.

Recently, our council collaborated with RUHS to conduct an educational initiative focused on digital addiction and its effects. As part of this effort, we organized a competition to incentivize reduced phone usage, offering prizes to those who demonstrated the lowest screen time. Additionally, we shared pertinent resources and statistics on our YAC D1 Instagram page to further inform and engage our peers.

- **Substance Abuse**

Our youth equity committee was dedicated to combating substance abuse among high school students. We believed that every young person deserved to feel safe,

respected, and valued. We were committed to creating a culture of inclusivity and support where everyone could thrive.

To promote substance abuse prevention, we organized activities at three high schools—Martin Luther King, STEM Academy, La Sierra, and Ramona High School. These activities included interactive games and educational booths that provided information on narcotics and the dangers of drug abuse. Additionally, we conducted a digital campaign covering facts on drug addiction and overdose in collaboration with RUHS.

- **Assistance for English as a Second Language Learners**

Our council established a committee to support English as a Second Language (ESL) learners. Recognizing the challenges faced by ESL students, we focused on providing resources and support to help them succeed academically.

We organized a successful book drive, donating over 50 bilingual and children's books to our local library specifically to support ESL learners. Our outreach efforts extended to visits at schools where we engaged students in activities designed to promote inclusivity and enhance language learning experiences.

In addition to these initiatives, we offered tutoring services, conducted language workshops, and facilitated cultural exchange programs. These efforts were aimed at fostering a more supportive and inclusive learning environment for ESL students within our community.

First District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2023-2024 First District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year:

Summer BBQ Gala – August 26, 2023

The Summer BBQ Gala was a wrap up of the Summer with the Riverside Medical Clinic (RMC) Charitable Foundation in Riverside. The event's goal was to exceed or reach last year's result of raising close to \$100,000 at their Gala. Our The First district YAC members assisted in live auctions and set up prior to event. The money raised allowed the RMC to continue to build on their commitment to improve health and the quality of life in Inland Southern California. Our volunteer's generosity provided the means to continue RMC's mission with bullying prevention, kindness programs, Traveling Triplets program, scholarship opportunities, and Riverside Project Heart. Overall, the event was a great opportunity to help in the community and be a part of a cause that further develops innovate progression.

TSAPP Training – September 6, 2023

The decision of Youth Advisory Council (YAC) members to undergo Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training is deeply rooted in their commitment to fostering a safe and supportive environment for high school students. This training equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify warning signs, offer support, and advocate for mental health awareness within their communities. Furthermore, it aligns with the YAC's mission to combat substance abuse among high school students, as outlined in their Substance Abuse commission.

Doors Open Riverside – September 9, 2023

District 1 YAC members had the incredible opportunity to lead tours of the Grier Pavilion in City Hall as part of the City of Riverside's Doors Open event. This event, organized in partnership with the Riverside Downtown Partnership and the Mission Inn Museum and Foundation, showcased the city's rich architectural heritage. Through our efforts, we aimed to raise awareness of Riverside's unique architectural treasures and foster a deeper appreciation for our community's shared history.

Latin Heritage Celebration – September 16, 2023

The District 1 YAC members aided in setup, ran education booths, and took on mascot duties during National Hispanic Heritage Month. Riverside's Latino community, deeply rooted in the city's history, is celebrated during this time, recognizing their vibrant culture and invaluable contributions to our community.

OAPP Training – September 27, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated in Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Training. This training equipped members with essential knowledge and skills to prevent overdoses and reduce harm associated with substance misuse. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, attendees gained valuable insights into recognizing signs of overdose, administering naloxone, and providing support to those in need. This training aligned with the council's commitment to addressing substance abuse issues and promoting the well-being of their community.

Riverside Citrus Classic – October 7, 2023

This event marked the inauguration of the Civil Rights Institute, where diverse individuals gathered to celebrate civil rights advocacy. Throughout the ceremony, impassioned speeches from leaders, activists, and advocates resonated, highlighting the struggles and triumphs of the civil rights movement. Attendees engaged with interactive exhibits and soul-stirring musical performances, deepening their understanding of civil rights history and contemporary issues. Volunteers played a pivotal role in ensuring the event's success, from warmly greeting guests to running essential stations like rest stops for bikers, embodying the community's commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. Overall, the ceremony served as a poignant reminder of the ongoing

journey towards a more just and equitable society, driven by education, awareness, and collective action.

RISE Training – October 11, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated in Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE) Training. This program focused on building resilience and empowering youth to overcome challenges they may face in their lives. Through interactive workshops and discussions, attendees learned practical strategies for coping with stress, developing healthy relationships, and building self-confidence. The RISE Training underscored the council's commitment to supporting the well-being and personal growth of its members, equipping them with valuable skills for navigating life's obstacles with resilience and strength.

City Wide Service Day – October 14, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated in City Wide Service Day. Members engaged in various community service activities, including planting, and harvesting crops to support local agriculture initiatives. Additionally, they contributed to animal welfare efforts by painting pens for animals, enhancing their living environments. Through these hands-on projects, the council demonstrated their commitment to making a positive impact on their city and promoting environmental sustainability and animal welfare.

Fall Festival – October 25, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council actively participated in the Fall Festival. Members assisted with setting up and breaking down the event, ensuring smooth logistics throughout. Additionally, they organized and ran the Lazer tag game, adding excitement and entertainment to the festival. Their enthusiastic involvement contributed to the festival's success, fostering community engagement, and creating memorable experiences for attendees.

Fall Festival – October 28, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council played a vital role in the Fall Festival. Members assisted in setting up and breaking down the event, ensuring smooth logistics throughout. Additionally, they ran engaging games, adding to the festive atmosphere, and enhancing the enjoyment of attendees. Their active involvement contributed to the success of the festival and fostering community spirit.

Riverside Purple Boat Float – November 12, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the Riverside Purple Boat Float. Members assisted with setting up and breaking down the event, managing parking control, and launching the purple boats. Their efforts ensured the smooth operation of the event, contributing to its success and enhancing community engagement.

Mead Valley Clean up – November 18, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the Mead Valley Clean Up. Members worked diligently to clean up the area from San Jacinto Avenue to Old Elsinore Road, collecting thirty bags of trash by the end of the event. Their efforts significantly contributed to the beautification and maintenance of the community, demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship and civic responsibility.

Festival of Trees – November 25, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council volunteered at the Festival of Trees event where individuals, businesses, and organizations donate and decorate Christmas trees for display. The decorated trees are then auctioned off and the proceeds go to benefit a local charity or non-profit organization. The students assisted with the set up the event, decorating the trees, serving as greeters and guides during the event, and helped with the auction. This festive and fun event helps to raise money for a good cause.

Breakfast with Santa – December 9, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the Breakfast with Santa event. Members assisted with setting up and breaking down the event space, preparing and serving food, acting as Santa's helpers, and distributing toys to children. This festive occasion not only spread holiday cheer but also strengthened community bonds by bringing joy to local families.

YAC Meeting: Christmas Cards – December 13, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council gathered to create handmade holiday cards. These heartfelt cards were then delivered to Raincross Senior Living in Riverside, bringing festive cheer and warm wishes to the residents. This activity not only showcased the council's creativity but also their commitment to spreading kindness and joy within the community.

Breakfast with Santa – December 16, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the breakfast with Santa event. Members helped with setting up and breaking down the event space, preparing and serving food, acting as Santa's helpers, and distributing toys to children. This festive occasion spread holiday cheer and strengthened community bonds by bringing joy to local families.

YAC Meeting: Teens and Money – January 10, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council held a "Teens and Money" workshop. This session focused on financial literacy, teaching participants essential money management skills, budgeting techniques, and the importance of saving. The workshop aimed to empower teens with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed financial decisions, fostering a sense of financial responsibility and independence.

Riverside Lunar Festival – January 27, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council assisted with the pre-event setup for the Riverside Lunar Festival. Members helped organize and arrange the event space, ensuring everything was ready for the celebrations. Their efforts contributed to the smooth running of the festival, which aimed to honor and celebrate the cultural significance of the Lunar New Year in the community.

Ward 2 Clean Up – February 3, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council participated in the Ward 2 Clean Up event. Members dedicated their time to cleaning up Dario Vasquez Park and the surrounding area, contributing to the beautification and maintenance of the community space. This effort demonstrated the council's commitment to environmental stewardship and fostering a cleaner, safer environment for residents to enjoy.

Resume Workshop – March 3, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council conducted a Resume Workshop. This event focused on teaching participants how to build a resume from scratch, covering essential components such as formatting, content selection, and effective language. The workshop aimed to equip teens with the skills needed to create professional resumes, enhancing their employment prospects and career readiness.

Easter Extravaganza – March 30, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council assisted with the Easter Extravaganza event. Members helped manage parking, facilitated various Easter-themed activities, cleaned up, and organized games to enhance community engagement. Their efforts ensured a smooth and enjoyable experience for all attendees, promoting community spirit and festive cheer.

-----Summary of the Year-----

Goals for the 2023-2024 YAC Term:

- Digital Addiction
- Substance Abuse
- Assistance for English as a Second Language (ESL) Learners

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council members delivered 24 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated 997.5 hours of community service to the First District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The First District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Second District Youth Advisory Council:
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The Second District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body composed of members who attend high school within Riverside County Second District. The Second District includes the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Home Gardens, Temescal Valley, Highgrove, as well as the cities of Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, Lake Elsinore, and Canyon Lake. As a team we are dedicated and motivated to give back to our community by participating in community service projects within our district.

Second District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2023-2024

In order to achieve our 2023-2024 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events related to their goals.

- **Resources awareness to Low Income Families**

The low-income committee felt compelled to bring more service to our less advantaged families and planned to make resource baskets in collaboration with a local non-profit. The committee planned for our council to donate items such as nonperishable food to create baskets filled with items that these families would need.

- **Transitioning into Adulthood**

In collaboration with Riverside University Health System (RUHS), the committee planned to inform youth about transitioning into adulthood by creating a social media campaign. This campaign would contain information for seniors to successfully adapt to changes in their environments as they transition to adulthood.

- **Recognizing Health Care Workers**

The Recognition Committee planned to recognize healthcare workers for all their time and dedication to serving our community. In collaboration with RUHS, students were able to set up a booth at Patriot High School and encourage classmates to write gratitude cards for healthcare workers. These cards were then dropped off at RUHS who distributed the cards to their healthcare workers.

Second District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2023-2024 Second District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year:

National Night Out – August 1, 2023

In partnership with Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District, our YAC students participated in the National Night Out alongside representatives from the cities of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco

local businesses, community organizations, and the Riverside County Sheriff Department. This event promotes police awareness in the community. Students set up a district booth to inform community members about the YAC and county resources.

Superhero Family Training – September 9, 2023

This fun event hosted by the city of Canyon Lake provided a fun event for families. Parents brought their children in superhero costumes for a night filled with arts and crafts, a costume contest, and games. Our council had the privilege of being the superhero's sidekick by helping at the game booth.

Latin Heritage Celebration – September 16, 2023

The Latin Heritage celebration is hosted in Jurupa Valley and offers the opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate Latin American culture and Mexican Independence Day. Council members volunteered to set up, clean the event, and hosted a painting station for attendees.

Preparation for District Trunk of Treats

Throughout the month of September and October, one hour was set aside during our monthly meetings to help make candy bags. These bags prepared for various events throughout the district such as the Temescal Valley Fall Festival, Dia De Los Muertos in Jurupa Valley and the Lake Elsinore Trunk or Treat.

Woodcrest National Night Out – October 3, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council was asked to host a booth to provide information about YAC and county resources to the community. Students also assisted at various booth around the event including the hamburger and hotdog station.

Temescal Valley Fall Festival and Trunk -or-Treat – October 14, 2023

YAC participated in several events throughout the district this day. Council members provided community resources and assisted in preparing for the Haunted House and crafting activities for the youth.

Lake Elsinore Trunk-or-Treat – October 14, 2023

YAC had the opportunity to participate in a Trunk-or-Treat event in Lake Elsinore. Council members provided information to residents about community resources and assisted in preparation for the haunted house and crafts for the youth.

Dia De Los Muertos – October 21, 2023

The Dia de Los Muertos is a Mexican Holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes a celebration involving food, drinks, and music. The event was coordinated by We-Reach Out in the City of Jurupa Valley. This event involved

many other organizations and vendors within the community. The council was assigned to help keep the cleanliness of the location by picking up any trash left behind by attendees.

Annual Youth in Government Day – October 25, 2023

Youth in Government Day provides an opportunity for council members to be paired with county employees based on their interests and career aspirations for a day of job shadowing. Youth in Government Day takes rigorous planning and pairing to allow council members to explore the various career paths the county provides. Riverside County Human Resources (HR) Learning and Organizational Development Department assist the Youth Commission by providing a career assessment survey to our participants and analyzing their results to determine their interest, strengths, and possible career matches. The HR department then pairs our students with a registered county mentor as they see fit. Students were able to see firsthand what a day in the life of a county employee is like. This allows them to explore their career interest and consider career paths they have not been exposed to. The 25th Annual Youth in Government Day was successful having paired over 45 County employees with nearly 100 YAC members. The Youth Commission is especially grateful to the 18 county departments and mentors who answered questions regarding their daily activities, education, mentorship, and created meaningful connections for participating YAC members.

Spooktacular – October 28, 2023

This annual event hosted Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District started off with a pumpkin race that allowed families to decorate pumpkins and compete with one another. The community offered several booths with fun activities, games, and candy for the children. The event included vendors and performances for the community to enjoy. YAC was responsible for managing game booths and keeping the event clean by picking up trash.

Veterans Celebration & Parade – November 11, 2023

YAC volunteered at the Veterans Celebration and Festival hosted by the City of Jurupa Valley. Council members helped to direct incoming traffic as well as clean up trash. We had the opportunity to interact with the community and show our appreciation to our veterans for their courage, strength, and dedication to our country.

RUHS Festival of Trees – November 25, 2023

This event provided the perfect opportunity for our students to create a meaningful impact in the lives of children. Dressed as Santa's Helpers, YAC helped to direct families to the activity booths and assist at the craft booth.

Christmas Festival & Parade of Lights – December 9, 2023

Breakfast with Santa was held in the city of Norco. To kick off the holiday spirit, YAC members were asked to help with the event by setting up tables, chairs, and decorations. After the breakfast was over, YAC helped in cleaning the venue.

Miracle on Citrus Street – December 16, 2023

The council had the opportunity to attend the Third Annual Miracle on Citrus St. event in the City of Eastvale. YAC had a wonderful time decorating the entertainment booth with Christmas themed decorations and had the privilege of hosting the Kids Craft booth.

Promenade Park Tree Planting – February 3, 2024

This event took place in Promenade Park, located in the city of Corona. The council members had the opportunity to plant trees in the surrounding parkway, helping to dig holes, transport dirt, and distribute equipment.

Eastvale Lantern Festival – February 17, 2024

This cultural event pays homage to the Lunar New Year with traditional dances, delicious food, vendors, and activities. It was an amazing experience for our students to learn about different cultures and traditions. The council assisted the festival by maintaining cleanliness at the location, directing dignitaries to the event, and helping children at the craft booth.

Spring Festival – March 16, 2024

This event was hosted in partnership with the Temescal Valley community at Deleo Regional Park. YAC members had the opportunity to help with the easter egg hunt, crafts, activities and clean up.

City of Norco Easter Egg Hunt – March 30, 2024

This event invited children aged 1-12 to participate in an Easter egg hunt and enjoy giveaways, balloon artists, face painting, vendors, and much more. YAC helped direct families to the correct fields for each age group just in time for the egg hunt, while others helped clean up trash.

Temescal Valley Faire – May 18, 2024

The annual Temescal Valley Faire took place at Tom's Farm. This event was an amazing opportunity to inform constituents about YAC and recruit potential members. YAC engaged with parents and students informing them about the many benefits of the council while also enjoying the exhibitor booths.

-----Summary of the Year-----

Goals for the 2023-2024 YAC Term:

- Resource Awareness to Low-Income Families
 - Transitioning into Adulthood
 - Recognizing Healthcare Workers
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Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members delivered 20 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated 876.5 hours of community service to the Second district of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The Second District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Third District Youth Advisory Council
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The Third District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the Third District of Riverside County. Communities within the Third District include the unincorporated communities of Aguanga, Anza Valley, De Luz, East Hemet, French Valley, Green Acres, Homeland, La Cresta, Lake Riverside, Romoland, Sage, Tenaja and Winchester, parts of Valle Vista and the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee and Wildomar.

Third District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2023-2024

In order to achieve our 2023-2024 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Mental Health Committee**

The Mental Health Committee in collaboration with Riverside University Health System, agreed to focus on the mental health of students. The goal was to inform and educate youth about different ways to manage mental health, stress and anxiety. In order to meet this goal, the committee created a series of slides to post on social media. These posts gave tips to high school students on different ways to manage stress and handle anxiety from home. Our Youth committee also distributed stress balls at our outreach event at the French Valley Community Fair to offer a different method to alleviate stress.

- **Environmental Committee**

The Environmental Committee agreed to focus on the environmental health of our community. The goal was to inform and educate youth about different ways they can contribute to improve our environment. In order to meet this goal, the committee launched a social media campaign. Our committee filmed a video as media that included our YAC members explaining small changes students can make daily to help protect our planet and lead the way to a brighter, greener future.

- **Youth Outreach Committee**

The Outreach Committee was inspired to help with homelessness in our community. The goal of this committee was to educate and provide resources and services to unhoused individuals in our district. Our Youth Outreach committee was able to partner with a local non-profit Project TOUCH to achieve these goals. The committee was able to volunteer at the shelter located in Murrieta and help maintain the facilities for the residents. The Committee was also able to raise funds for Project TOUCH at the Veterans Park Opening Ceremony.

Third District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2023-2024 Third District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year:

College & Vocational Fair – September 23, 2023

The Third District Youth Advisory Council hosted a table at Temecula's annual College and Vocational fair. This event brings together over 200 colleges, trade schools, U.S forces, and local organizations to promote their programs. Third District YAC was able to promote the Youth Commission to over 500 attendees. We received over 20+ names of students interested in hearing more about the 3rd district council. This event was located at the Temecula Promenade mall and was a successful event.

Winchester Days Community Fair – October 7, 2023

3rd District YAC volunteered at Winchester Days Community Fair. At this event YAC members participated by directing traffic and parking control for attendees of the event. Additionally, students were able to assist with 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington's booth by distributing pamphlets and brochures. This event was a great turn out and gave the students the opportunity to interact with the public.

Animal Friends of the Valley Spooktacular – October 28, 2023

Just before Halloween, the 3rd District YAC had the opportunity to volunteer for a local non-profit, Animal Friends of the Valley. They were hosting their annual Spooktacular event at the Temecula promenade mall. During this event YAC members led the dog costume parade that walked through the mall to promote humane care of animals through education and a humane, proactive animal services program and prevent the suffering of animals. YAC members collected gift baskets for raffles, and distributed prize plaques for the animal costume contest. The students mentioned this as being one of their favorite events of the year due to the high animal presence.

VSSN Winter Wonderland – December 7, 2023

Third District Youth Advisory council volunteered for VSSN's Winter Wonderland, hosted at the Temecula Promenade mall. This event was established to give veteran and active-duty families an opportunity to come together as a community. YAC members assisted by distributing Cinnabon's out to those in attendance. After that task was completed, YAC members were able to assist other volunteers, which included: supervising the slide area for children and obstacle courses for all in attendance. Finally, they ended the night by assisting with event closure and take-down.

Youth Court – December 14, 2023

In collaboration with southwest county youth court, YAC students had the opportunity to participate in trial activities and be a juror for over 10 cases. Youth Court programs are structured to allow youth to actively learn the roles and responsibilities of the various parts of the judicial system. It provides positive alternative sanctions that allows young people to take responsibility, be held accountable for their actions, and make restitution.

City of Murrieta Valentines Ball – February 9, 2024

The city of Murrieta hosted their alternative recreation Valentines Ball and YAC was able to volunteer their time. During the event YAC students cheered on guests entering the ballroom to build up excitement for the evening and assisted with all the needs for event closure. Additionally, they participated at the photobooth by handing out props and guiding guests to the booth.

Project T.O.U.C.H. Clean up – February 23, 2024

Third District YAC described this event as being one of the most rewarding of the year. Project T.O.U.C.H is a local non-profit shelter for those that are currently experiencing homelessness and in need of assistance with resources. YAC students had the opportunity to volunteer at the shelter located in Murrieta and helped to maintain the facilities for the residents.

French Valley Community Fair – March 2, 2024

At the French Valley Community Fair D3 YAC hosted a booth to inform youth about different ways to manage mental health through stress management, social media posts, and education. In addition, they were able to spread word about YAC to all in attendance. This event hosted by Supervisor Chuck Washington was our most attended community service event and was extremely successful.

Shamrock Steps 5K Hobby Joggers – March 16, 2024

Hobby Joggers hosted a 5K running event to raise funds for G.A.I.T. GAIT is a local non-profit that plays a crucial role by harnessing the connection between horses, small farm animals, and students to effectively address the unique learning, developmental, emotional, and physical challenges associated with disabilities. During this 5K, the YAC members assisted in directing all the runners on the course and with parking navigation as well.

MilVet Teen Community Service Night – April 12, 2024

MilVet Teen Community Service Night was a successful event. MilVet is a local non-profit that provides resource information, veteran assistance, and military care packages to deployed troops. During this event the community donated food, hygiene and various products to be shipped to those currently deployed. YAC students participated in compiling and organization of the donated items for shipment.

Giddy Up 5K Hobby Joggers – May 4, 2024

Hobby Joggers hosted a 5K running event to raise funds for Project GAIT. The funds raised from this event were donated to GAIT, a local non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals through innovative therapy riding programs. District 3 YAC Members helped guide runners through the track to help them stay on course and cheered on runners to keep them motivated.

Veterans Park Opening Ceremony – May 18, 2024

District 3 Youth Advisory Council was in attendance for the grand opening ceremony of the new Veterans Park in Menifee, California. At this event, our Third District YAC was able to connect

with the community, hand out items on behalf of District 3, and recruit new possible members for the next year. Also, our YAC Outreach Committee were in attendance to collect funds to donate to Project Touch, a local non-profit which helps with homelessness in our community.

-----Summary of the Year-----

Goals for the 2023-2024 YAC Term:

Mental Health Awareness

Environmental Wellness

Youth Outreach

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members participated in 12 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated 300 hours of community service to the Third district of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The Third District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Fourth District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2023-2024

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high schools within the Fourth District of Riverside County represented by Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. The Fourth District comprises the beautiful cities of Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, and surrounding unincorporated communities. Our Youth Advisory Council is composed of students from high schools across the Fourth District. As a team we strive to give back to our community by participating in outreach and community service projects within our district.

Fourth District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2023-2024

In order to achieve our 2023-2024 goals, the council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Educational/Professional Development**

The Educational/Professional Development Committee was created to share information that isn't easily accessible to high school students. Therefore, this committee worked on creating resources that could be available to students out of school as well. Together, they worked on creating a brochure that will be handed out to upcoming students that are applying to universities. This brochure contains useful information such as steps on how to apply for aid and tips on the application process. Students also posted scholarships and educational information on social media for their peers to be view.

- **Youth Awareness**

The Youth Awareness Committee was a general committee that focused on the well-being of young students. Students felt that their peers go through stressful and difficult situations that affect their mental health, which is why they wanted to make a change by spreading awareness. Students collaborated with RUHS on creating a presentation that could be presented to students. The presentation included helpful tactics on how to cope in stressful situations and what young students can do when they are feeling overwhelmed. Students handed out slime and calming coloring books for students to practice different methods that tend to help thousands of people deal with stress.

- **Childhood/Community Poverty Reduction**

The Childhood/Community Poverty Reduction committee had the goal of helping those in our community that do not have the same resources that we do. Their goal was for them to feel safe and comfortable, which is why students decided to host a clothing drive. Students collaborated with Martha's Village and place donations boxes at their

local schools and chosen centers. After the bins were full, students took them back to Martha's Village for them hand the clothing to those who needed them at their center.

Fourth District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2023-2024 Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

FIND Food Bank – September 9, 2023

We volunteered at FIND Food Bank on Saturday September 9th. There were 9 students in total to help pack boxes for the senior citizens in the Coachella Valley. We began the day by making the boxes that the food was going to go into. After an explanation by Dustin Hay, who is the FIND Food Bank Coordinator on where each food item belongs, we began our goal of 4 pallets. Each student oversaw a specific section in the boxes and a specific item of food. We packaged beans, cereal, milk, and other canned goods. After two hours of hard work, we finished a total of 4 pallets, which was over 200 boxes of food going towards the senior citizens of the community. After two hours of hard work, we cleaned up all of the boxes and plastic waste and were grateful for the opportunity to help those in our community.

Volunteer Appreciation Event with Variety the Children's Charity of the Desert – September 14, 2023

We were grateful to receive an invitation to attend a volunteer appreciation event being held by Variety the Childrens Charity of the Desert on September 14th. Two students attended this event for two hours. As we ate goodies, we watched a presentation on upcoming event they would be having for the upcoming year. The presentation showed amazing photos from last year's events. This made the students very intrigued, wanting to be a part of these amazing events. We quickly signed up for upcoming events, such as the Fall Carnival that will be held in October. After the presentation was over, we were all gifted with goodie bags.

Fall Carnival – October 14, 2023

The Fall Carnival was hosted by Variety-The Childrens Charity of the Desert. A total of 14 YAC members helped the team of Variety by setting up before the carnival began and by cleaning up after the event was finished which totaled to 5 hours. Throughout the event, students were greeting guests by having them sign in and giving away raffle tickets and swag bags. Everyone had their own task throughout the event, and they were responsible for doing their part. The best part of the event was seeing the families and kids that attended leaving with a smile on their face due to a great turnout.

Economic Pre-Summit – October 10, 2023

On this afternoon, 6 YAC students had the opportunity to attend the Economic Pre-Summit. They had a great time networking with other young leaders from the community. They enjoyed the panel discussion the most since the panel was of four young speakers who help their community. Overall, it was a great event!

Mecca Park Grand Opening – October 28, 2023

The Mecca Park was having its Grand Opening, and this was a very exciting event to the community and for YAC to help in. It was exciting to have a new improvement to Mecca, especially since it is on the Eastern side of the Coachella Valley. There were 11 students who attended alongside Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's office staff for the 7-hour event. The students were helping other organizations set up as well as helping the coordinators of the event. There was one student who was the photographer for the entire event and took amazing photos throughout the day. Students also heard amazing speakers such as Steven Hernandez, the Mayor of the City of Coachella. As the day began wrapping up, students began to help clean up and help the other organizations load up.

Run with Los Muertos – November 4, 2023

We had a student assist at the Run with Los Muertos tenth annual event. Our student took a large role by being one of the judges to rate the performances by different schools in the Coachella Valley. She states that it was a different experience, but she had an amazing time viewing and listening to the different performances. Her two hours as a judge were exciting and is something she looks forward to again.

Radiothon Day 1 – November 7, 2023

Our friends from Variety-The Childrens Charity of the Desert invited us to be a part of a lovely event. We had one student take a shift at a radio station answering phone calls from callers who wanted to donate money. This money is going towards 300 bikes that will be given to children of the Coachella Valley. These children are chosen by their teachers due to their excellent performance. Each shift was two hours long so after they were finished, volunteers from other organizations took their place.

Radiothon Day 2 – November 8, 2023

It was the second day of the Radiothon, and we had one more student who wanted to donate a couple of hours of her time to help. She was also in charge of taking calls for the donations that were going to go towards the 300 bikes to students of the Coachella Valley. We were very happy that we could help.

Veterans Day Parade – November 11, 2023

Students had the opportunity to volunteer with the city of Palm Springs at the Veterans Day Parade. Three students marched their way around the city to show their support and appreciation for their local veterans for four hours. Students walked while holding a customized banner for the Supervisor Perez Youth Advisory Council. Students enjoyed watching the smiling faces of the hundreds of veterans who attended to watch the parade that was dedicated for them.

Galilee Center - November 20, 2024

YAC students volunteered at the Galilee Center because they knew the importance of everyone deserving a warm meal, especially since the holidays were getting closer. This was an eye opener

for students to learn that basic needs such as food and water isn't easily accessible to everyone in the community. The 5 YAC students left grateful to give back to their community, especially those in need.

Galilee Center – November 21, 2023

One member of our Youth Advisory Council was able to make it to the second day of volunteering at the Galilee Center to represent our council. Our member drove out from Palm Spring to the unincorporated area of Mecca to help those in need for two hours.

Zoom Webinar by Katie and Tess- November 20, 2023

Our Commissioner and Co-Commissioner hosted their very own webinar. This was a UC / CSU webinar that was meant for answering questions for those who are interested in attending college. We had a total of seven speakers, including a presentation from one of the speakers. This event was open to all students of the Coachella Valley, which a few of them joined and 21 of our YAC students for 1.5 hours. Students had the opportunity to ask the speakers questions about the college application process and their experience at college, including their hardships. We had speakers from UCLA, UC Davis, SDSU, and CSUSM.

Galilee Center – November 22, 2023

YAC students volunteered at the Galilee Center because they knew the importance of everyone deserving a warm meal, especially since the holidays were getting closer. On this day, three students helped the staff preparing and packing meals for 2.5 hours.

Goodie Bags with Variety- The Children's Charity of the Desert – December 7, 2023

After school, four YAC students volunteered to go help the staff at Variety make goodie bags for two hours. Everything was set up for us to get to work when we arrived, and we quickly got to it. Working as a team made the process go smoother and even finished earlier than they expected.

Bike Giveaway – December 10, 2023

We began our day bright and early at Acrisure Arena to help our friends from Variety- The Children's Charity of the Desert. 13 YAC students were there to help assist the crowd of third graders with their families from all over the Coachella Valley for four hours. The winning third graders were there to collect their brand-new bicycles due to their excellent schoolwork. Each student was hand chosen by their teachers. We finalized the day helping everyone gather the remaining supplies.

Oasis Toy Drive – December 16, 2023

We had the pleasure of meeting our friend from the Desert Recreation District at Oasis Elementary School in Thermal. Six students spent two hours loading canned goods into cars as donations and gifting prizes to the little ones in the cars.

Express PGA Tour Day 1 – January 19, 2024

YAC attended a golf tournament and assisted in any way they could for the 7.5 hours that they were there for. Five students had the opportunity to experience what it was to have a real job as there was a lot of interaction with customers but was overall a great opportunity.

Express PGA Tour Day 2 – January 20, 2024

It was second day of the golf tournament and students were excited to volunteer. These two students had similar experiences to those in the first day and also had lots of fun for 6.5 hours.

FIND Food Bank – February 3, 2024

We volunteered at FIND Food Bank on Saturday, February 3rd. There were four students' day by making the boxes that the food was going to go into. Each student was in charge of a specific section in the boxes and a specific item of food. After two hours of working alongside other local students, we cleaned up all the boxes and plastic waste and were grateful for the opportunity to help those in our community.

Riverside County Date Festival Parade – February 19, 2024

Nine members of the YAC joined Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and staff walk the parade. Students enjoyed waving and saying hello to the crowd. It was a four-hour event and students loved it.

Eggstravaganza- March 30, 2024

Ten YAC students had the pleasure of joining a wonderful community event for four hours. We saw local families bring their little ones to play games and fun activities, which our students took initiative in taking charge of. We helped children make bracelets, color, play tossing games, and even paint a trash bin! We ended our day early due to a rainstorm but had so much fun helping our friends from Desert Recreation District.

Mental Health Awareness Resource Fair – April 13, 2024

Four of our YAC students attended a local mental health resource fair for three hours. They enjoyed learning more about mental health, as well as learning tactics to reduce stress. The council especially liked how interactive it was and loved spending time with locals who also care about mental health.

Career Development Day – May 1, 2024

Career Development Day was an event that was hosted by us! It was our first time hosting this event and we had a great turnout with 15 YAC students in attendance. We had local speakers give career advice to local Coachella Valley students from different schools. Students participated in a fun activity to help everyone get to know each other. After enjoying lunch from subway and listening to all the speakers, we ended the 5-hour day with raffles from merch from Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and our local Firebirds.

-----Summary of the Year-----

Goals for the 4th District 2023-2024 YAC Term:

1. Childhood/Community Poverty Reduction
2. Educational/Professional Development
3. Youth Awareness

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council members delivered 23 projects, workshops, and collaborations as well as dedicated 1,139 hours of community service to the Fourth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that even though they faced limitations through the year, they were able to become more involved in their community within person events towards the end of the year which helped them accomplish their goals.

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Fifth District Youth Advisory Council
Annual Report 2023-2024

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative student body of members who attend high school within the Fifth District of Riverside County. Communities within the Fifth District include the cities of Moreno Valley, City of San Jacinto, City of Hemet, City of Calimesa, City of Beaumont, City of Banning and the unincorporated communities of Banning Bench, Cherry Valley, Community of Cabazon, Community of Nuevo, Community of Lakeview, Community of Reche Canyon, Potts Flats and Community of San Timoteo.

Fifth District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2023-2024

In order to achieve our 2023-2024 goals, the Fifth District Youth Advisory Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Pay It Forward Committee**

Collaborated with Carol's Kitchen in Beaumont throughout the year giving back to those in need of food and clothing and with Power Speaks Louder putting together food packages. The students also continued their annual HER Drive where they packed over 200 bags of feminine hygiene products, sanitation items, and self-care products and distributed them to a local women's shelter.

- **We Mean Green Committee**

The students looked to address the community's environmental needs through waste reduction and green cleanup.

- **Mental Health Committee a.k.a Healing Hearts**

An initiative created early in the year at Valley View High school, gathering students to make letters of encouragement, Valentine's Cards, and Christmas Cards to distribute them to local senior centers.

Beautify MoVal – August 12, 2023 & February 10, 2024

Throughout the school year, the 5th District YAC joined with City-employee volunteers to clean up a park, street segment, trail, or other area in the City of Moreno Valley, that needed care. The students met at City Hall for coffee and pastries and headed out from there to make Moreno Valley even more beautiful.

Nuevo Movie Night – August 25, 2023

Students assisted in the first ever Nuevo Movie Night, sponsored by Supervisor Gutierrez. The YAC students assisted by acting as Gate Attendees who scanned QR codes for guests, handed out popcorn voucher to other youth, and as site safety officers who observed the event to ensure everyone was participating in a safe manner.

Banning Stagecoach Days Parade – September 9, 2023

The Youth Advisory Council participated by walking in the annual Stagecoach Days Parade and representing the 5th District in Banning, CA. The Stagecoach Days Association is an annual celebration featuring three days of rodeo, rodeo queens, a parade with a stagecoach, concerts by top artists, and more exciting activities for the local community.

Cabazon Community Park Clean Up – September 30, 2023

Our students participated in the annual Cabazon Community Clean-Up that was held at the James A. Venable Community Center, 50390 Carmen Ave in Cabazon. The students assisted community members as they disposed of tires, e-waste, and appliances into large disposal bins.

Valley View Elementary Movie Night – October 13, 2023

Students assisted with the Valley View High School movie night, sponsored by Supervisor Gutierrez. The YAC students assisted with the set up and tear down of the event, handled concession and guest relations, along with cleaning up after the event was completed.

Power Speaks Louder (PSL) – November 10 & 23, 2023, December 28 & 29, 2023, February 9 & 23, 2024 March 29, 2024, April 12 & 26, 2024, May 7 & 24, 2024

The 5th District Youth Advisory Council collaborated with Power Speaks Louder to assist with their bi-weekly packing events, that included packing care packages for homeless, hygiene products for women, lunches for street outreach distribution, and home supplies for drive-thru outreach events.

Cabazon Movie Night – December 2, 2023

Students assisted in the first ever Cabazon Community Movie Night, sponsored by Supervisor Gutierrez. The YAC students assisted by acting as Gate Attendees who scanned QR codes for guests, handed out popcorn voucher to other youth, and as site safety officers who observed the event to ensure everyone was participating in a safe manner.

Winterfest at Noble Creek Regional Park – December 1, 2023

The students participated in Noble Creek's annual Winter Fest event in Beaumont, CA. During the event the students assisted with various craft booths in the Kid Zone and took pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Winter Christmas Cards for Seniors – December 18, 2023

The YAC students spent an evening hosting a potluck for their friends, and making Christmas Cards that were distributed at a local senior center.

Virtual Webinar Series – December 8, 11 & 20, 2024, January 3 & 29, 2024, February 2, 2024

The students organized a series of virtual webinars, designed to introduce students to local government officials and leaders from within the community. Special guest speakers included YAC Alumni Lauren Ochoa, Moreno Valley Mayor Cabrera, college success coordinators, and panels of current college students who provided a student's perspective into the college experience.

Carol's Kitchen Outreach – January 4, 2024

The Poverty Committee collaborated with Carol's Kitchen to feed the hungry by serving hot meals at the Carol's Kitchen Beaumont location.

Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors – February 7, 2024

The YAC students spent an evening hosting a potluck for their friends, and making Valentine's Day Cards that were distributed at a local senior center.

RUHS TSAPP Training – February 22, 2024

The YAC students participated in the Riverside University Health System's (RUHS) Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP) program that focused on positive mental health and reducing the stigma placed on seeking help. This program is designed to train youth how to address the issues of suicide with their peers. The program focus is to bring awareness and offer resources to youth in need. This includes coordinating two (2) awareness campaigns throughout the year helping to reduce the stigma surrounding seeking mental health services.

RUHS OAPP Training – February 23, 2024

Youth Advisory Council participated in Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Training. This training equipped members with essential knowledge and skills to prevent overdoses and reduce harm associated with substance misuse. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, attendees gained valuable insights into recognizing signs of overdose, administering naloxone, and providing support to those in need. This training aligned with the council's commitment to addressing substance abuse issues and promoting the well-being of their community.

RUHS RISE Training – March 6, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council participated in Resilience Initiative through Support and Empowerment (RISE) Training. This program focused on building resilience and empowering youth to overcome challenges they may face in their lives. Through interactive workshops and discussions, attendees learned practical strategies for coping with stress, developing healthy

relationships, and building self-confidence. The RISE Training underscored the council's commitment to supporting the well-being and personal growth of its members, equipping them with valuable skills for navigating life's obstacles with resilience and strength.

A Day in Her Shoes Conference – March 8, 2024

The YACs high school Jr's and Sr's were invited to participate in the A Day in Her Shoes Conference in Murrieta. The focus of the event was to bring talented women of the greater Inland Empire area together in a day-long immersive experience that exposes them to employment and career opportunities they may have never considered. Science, engineering, hospitality, medical, culinary, agriculture, viniculture, public service, first responders, elected officials – all these careers provide different shoes and paths to success. Over the course of the day, the students interacted with women from many different backgrounds and professions, and had the opportunity meet many of the presenters.

Tack Sale at the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center – March 9, 2024

The Youth Advisory Council assisted the TrailSeekers of Moreno Valley with their annual Used Tack Sale event. This event focused on vendors selling used Tack, which is a term for horse riding equipment, and featured equestrian demonstrations. The students were tasked with directing traffic and assisting with the horses, once the event fully started.

The Her Drive Packing Event – March 15, 2024

Over the course of the school year, the YAC students held small hygiene collection events at their schools to donate those items to the local UCR Women's Shelter. Once they collected the supplies, the students met up and packed up over 200 small bags to be donated to the shelter.

Springtastic with City of Moreno Valley – March 23, 2024

Our students participated in Moreno Valley's Annual Springtastic event at the Sunnymead Park. The students assisted with the free Easter egg hunt, Youth Fun Zone, and as safety observers in support of the event staff.

Carol's Kitchen Food Outreach – March 21, 2024, April 1, 2024

Our YAC students stayed busy during their Spring Break time, by collaborating with Carol's Kitchen once again, to serve hot lunch to the local community members in need.

Spring Fest with City of Moreno Valley – April 6, 2024

YAC students participated in the Moreno Valley Unified School District's Spring Fest '24. The event consisted of an Easter Egg hunt along with Community Resource Booths. During this event, the students manned the District 5 outreach booth.

Moreno Valley Horse Show – April 13, 2024

The YAC partnered with the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center for their Itty-Bitty Horse Show. The students participated in the event by handing out award ribbons and directing traffic, along with various other tasks throughout the day.

Super Mario Movie Night at Valley View Elementary – April 19, 2024

The YAC students supported the 5th District Supervisor’s Office at the Valley View Movie Night. The students operated the outreach and informational booth, along with passing out popcorn vouchers and directing people to the correct locations.

We Mean Green Committee Event at Towngate Park – May 18, 2024

The students partnered with the City of Moreno Valley, to host their very own We Mean Green Park clean up. The students organized and executed the event under the supervision of city staff.

-----Summary of the Year-----

Goals for the 2023-2024 YAC Term:

- Low Income Support
- Environmental Wellness
- Mental Health Awareness and Uplifting

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members participated in 43 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated 855 hours of community service to the Fifth District of Riverside County. YAC members felt that they excelled in accomplishing their expectations and goals for the year.

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Cumulatively, they volunteered for over 4,162 hours of community service during the past year. If those students were paid California’s minimum wage of \$16/hour, they donated the equivalent of over \$66,000 in free services to their communities. The website “Independent Sector” places a value of over \$33.49 per hour for volunteer work and using this figure the YAC donated nearly \$140,000 this year. While it is not possible to place a dollar value on the services they provide, it is important to understand that they are accomplishing real goals, learning incredibly valuable life lessons, and making Riverside County a better place for all of us.