

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



**ITEM: 2.18
(ID # 30858)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

FROM : Riverside County Youth Commission

SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION: Receive and file the Riverside County Youth Advisory Council Annual Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2025–2026, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached FY 2025–2026 Riverside County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Annual Impact Report.

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Medina and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington and Perez
Date: July 14, 2026
xc: RCYC

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: NA	
			For Fiscal Year: 2025-2026	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO Use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Youth Commission serves as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and County departments on matters affecting youth throughout Riverside County. Through its five Youth Advisory Councils, the Commission promotes leadership development, civic engagement, workforce readiness, volunteerism, and community involvement while providing youth with opportunities to participate in local government and public service.

One of the Board of Supervisors' directives requires the Youth Commission to submit an annual report summarizing its activities and accomplishments. The 2025–2026 Annual Report highlights the achievements of the Youth Commission and its five Youth Advisory Councils, including countywide initiatives, leadership development activities, community service projects, and civic engagement efforts. During the program year, Youth Advisory Council members contributed approximately 8,996.5 hours of service and leadership activities throughout Riverside County, demonstrating their commitment to improving their communities and preparing for future leadership roles.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The Riverside County Youth Commission supports youth leadership development, civic engagement, workforce readiness, and community service opportunities for young people throughout all five (5) supervisorial districts. Through participation in Youth Advisory Councils, students develop valuable leadership, communication, and public service skills while contributing thousands of volunteer hours to community improvement efforts. These activities benefit Riverside County residents by promoting community involvement, encouraging civic participation, and preparing future leaders. Businesses and community organizations also benefit from a more engaged, skilled, and workforce-ready youth population that contributes to the County's long-term economic and community success.

Additional Fiscal Information

There is no fiscal impact associated with this receive and file item.

ATTACHMENT:

- FY 25–26 Riverside County Youth Advisory Council Annual Impact Report



Riverside County YOUTH COMMISSION Annual Report

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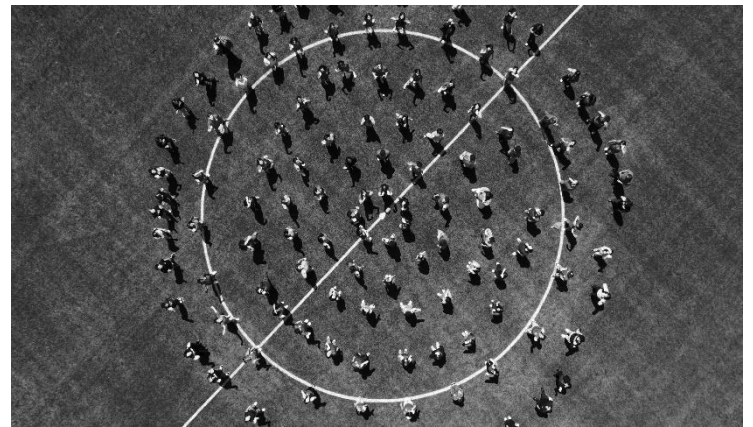


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Executive Summary

2025–2026 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Annual Impact Report

Riverside County Supervisorial Districts 1–5

This report highlights the accomplishments of the 2025–2026 Youth Advisory Councils (YACs) across Riverside County. Members from all five supervisorial districts collectively contributed more than 8,900 hours of leadership development, civic engagement, community service, and workforce readiness activities.

Through countywide initiatives, local volunteer projects, leadership trainings, and community partnerships, YAC members demonstrated a strong commitment to public service while developing the skills necessary to become future leaders in their communities. Their involvement in these experiences fostered leadership, communication, collaboration, and civic responsibility, while creating meaningful and lasting impacts throughout Riverside County. The dedication and service of YAC members reflect the Youth Commission’s mission to empower young people to lead with purpose, serve with integrity, and create positive changes in their communities.

District Highlights

First District

Focus Areas: Environmental Sustainability, Animal Awareness & Shelter Volunteering, Equity & Resources for All

Impact: 2,662 engagement hours

First District students participated in environmental stewardship projects, animal welfare initiatives, food distribution programs, leadership trainings, and community outreach activities that strengthened neighborhoods and increased access to resources for underserved residents.

Second District

Focus Areas: Literacy Promotion, Homeless Outreach, Community Inclusion

Impact: 1,484 engagement hours

Second District students focused on promoting literacy, supporting unhoused individuals and families, and fostering inclusive community engagement through volunteer service projects, outreach events, and student-led initiatives.

Third District

Focus Areas: Mental Health Awareness, Environmental Health, Youth Empowerment

Impact: 807 engagement hours

Third District students advanced mental health awareness, environmental stewardship, and youth leadership through educational campaigns, volunteer service projects, community events, and youth-focused programming.

Fourth District

Focus Areas: Low-Income Community Support, Public Health Awareness, Immigrant Education

Impact: 1,968 engagement hours

Fourth District students expanded access to educational support, public health resources, and community services while strengthening engagement with underserved and immigrant populations throughout the Coachella Valley.

Fifth District

Focus Areas: Mental Health Resources, Financial Literacy, College & Career Readiness

Impact: 2,075.5 engagement hours

Fifth District students promoted mental wellness, financial literacy, and post-secondary readiness through workshops, outreach campaigns, community partnerships, and leadership opportunities designed to prepare youth for future success.

Financial Support & Sustainability

The Riverside County Youth Commission continued to receive strong support from Riverside County and community partners during the 2025–2026 term year. Through Community Improvement Designation (CID) funding, special grants, sponsorships, and fundraising support, the Youth Commission secured approximately \$23,450 in supplemental program funding. These resources supported countywide initiatives including Youth Retreat, Youth in Government Day, Youth Summit, leadership development activities, and YAC programming throughout Riverside County.

The continued investment of Riverside County and community partners demonstrates a shared commitment to developing future leaders through civic engagement, workforce readiness, and community service opportunities.

Countywide Impact

In addition to their district-level accomplishments, YAC members played an active role in several countywide initiatives, including the Annual Youth Retreat, Youth in Government Day, and the Youth Summit. These experiences provided students with valuable opportunities to engage directly with local government leaders, explore workforce and career pathways, develop leadership skills, and gain a deeper understanding of public service. These events fostered collaboration and relationship-building among youth representing all five supervisorial districts, strengthening a shared commitment to serving Riverside County.

The collective impact of YAC members extended far beyond participation in countywide events. During the past year, students contributed more than 8,996.5 hours of community service throughout Riverside County. Based on California's minimum wage of \$16.90 per hour, this represents over \$152,040.85 in donated service to local communities. Using the Independent Sector's estimated value of volunteer time at \$34.79 per hour, the students' contributions equate to approximately \$312,988.23 in community benefit.

While the true value of their service cannot be measured solely in dollars, these figures illustrate the significant impact YAC members have across Riverside County. Through their volunteer efforts, civic engagement, and leadership development, these young people are addressing real community needs, gaining invaluable life skills, and helping to build a stronger, more connected county for all residents.

Looking Ahead

As the Riverside County Youth Commission looks toward the future, it remains committed to expanding opportunities for youth leadership, civic engagement, workforce readiness, and community service across all five supervisorial districts. Building upon the accomplishments of the 2025–2026 program year, the Commission will continue to strengthen programs that empower young people to develop leadership skills, engage in meaningful service, and contribute to positive change within their communities.

Future efforts will focus on increasing access to leadership development opportunities, strengthening partnerships with local government agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders, and creating additional pathways for youth participation in civic and workforce-related experiences. The Youth Commission will also continue to support initiatives that address emerging community needs while ensuring that youth voices remain represented in discussions that impact Riverside County.

Riverside County Youth Commission County-Wide Events and Collaborations

2025-2026 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 Youth 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 events hosted by the Youth Commission for collaborative engagement during the 2025-2026 council term.

Annual Youth Retreat

The Riverside County Youth Commission kicked off the council year with over 108 Youth Commission students attend the annual Youth Retreat at Crestmore Manor in Jurupa Valley. This event was intended to prepare, inform and excite new and returning council members for the upcoming YAC term. Students were informed on the purpose of YAC, the Brown Act and Parliamentary procedures by Ross Trindle. To encourage team bonding, council members had opportunities to participate in team building activities such as the ice breakers, relay races, and “Getting to Know You” bingo. Overall, it was a successful and fun event that prepared YAC students for their upcoming year.

Annual Youth in Government Day

Youth in Government (YIG) Day is an educational initiative designed to provide students with hands-on exposure to local government operations and career paths within Riverside County. Developed in collaboration with the County’s Human Resources (HR) Department, the program incorporates the Strong Interest Inventory Assessment, allowing students to explore their skills and career interests. Following this, students participate in a job-shadowing experience with mentors from various county departments, gaining real-world exposure and professional development opportunities.

The 2025-2026 Youth in Government Day featured two events:

1. **District 4 Event:** Held on January 15th at the California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) Palm Desert Campus, this event hosted 31 students, each paired with mentors from 14 county departments.
2. **Districts 1, 2, 3, & 5 Event:** On January 29th, the program took place in the Board Chambers at the County Administrative Center (CAC), with 101 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) students mentored by representatives from 24 county departments. This year students from Rising Stars Academy, City of Banning Youth Council, CFLC, and children of county employees were able to attend our annual event.

This program allowed students to engage with local government, explore potential career paths, and establish professional connections. The Riverside County Youth Commission is grateful to the Board of Supervisors, the Clerk of the Board, Human Resources, RivCo TV, and the HWS – Workforce Development Department for their support. A special thanks is also extended to the participating county departments and mentors for their time and commitment to investing in the future of Riverside County’s youth.

The initiative helped students discover careers they may not have considered by pairing them with county employees based on the results of a career assessment administered by the Human Resources Learning and Organizational Development Department. The event allowed students to gain insight into the responsibilities of county employees and helped them explore a range of career opportunities within Riverside County.

Annual Youth Summit

The Youth Commission organizes an annual Youth Summit for high school students across Riverside County, providing a platform for youth to engage in discussions on topics that impact their lives and communities. Topics are selected through a voting process by the Youth Commission Board, based on suggestions from each YAC.

The summit featured expert speakers who lead workshops, encouraging participants to explore these topics, exchange ideas, and gain diverse perspectives. This year’s summit focused on Financial Literacy, with a presentation by Natasha Rangel, Career Pathways & The Road to Success by Cynthia Covin, and a College and Career Forum featuring current college students, young entrepreneurs, and young adults who have entered the workforce. Hosted by the First District at the Mead Valley Community Center, the event featured prominent speakers, including Board of Supervisors Chair Second District Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington, and videos from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Fifth District Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez, and First District Supervisor Jose Medina’s Deputy Chief of Staff Cesar Gomez

In addition to the workshops, the summit included exhibitor booths showcasing youth-related resources, community partners, county programs, and local colleges. Participants also enjoyed activities such as a photo booth and games. The event successfully accommodated 20 vendors. The Youth Summit continues to be a vital platform for empowering youth and fostering community engagement across Riverside County.

Youth Commission Meetings

Dates volunteered

- ❖ September 11, 2025
- ❖ September 18, 2025
- ❖ November 20, 2025
- ❖ January 22, 2026
- ❖ March 20, 2026
- ❖ May 21, 2026

The Commissioners from each of the five Youth Advisory Councils, come together to form the Youth Commission (YC). They elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the year, who act as the officers and represent the entire YC. During the meetings, they discuss issues facing the youth, their goals and committees for the year, along with previous or upcoming events.

First District Youth Advisory Council Annual Report 2025-2026

The First District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a representative body of high school students who attend schools within Riverside County's First Supervisorial District, under the leadership of Supervisor Jose Medina. The First District encompasses the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, as well as several unincorporated communities, including Good Hope, Mead Valley, Meadowbrook, Tenaja, DeLuz, La Cresta, Highgrove, and the March Air Reserve Base.

Our YAC includes students from schools across the district who are committed to giving back through impactful outreach, leadership development, civic engagement, and community service. Throughout the 2025–2026 term year, the council focused on environmental sustainability, animal awareness and shelter volunteering, and equity and access to resources for underserved communities.

First District Youth Advisory Council Membership Overview

The First District YAC is composed of high school students representing communities throughout Riverside County's First Supervisorial District. Throughout the 2025–2026 term year, the council maintained approximately 45 registered members, with an average of 35 students actively participating in monthly meetings, leadership activities, community service projects, and countywide events.

First District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2025-2026

To achieve our 2025-2026 goals, the Council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

Environmental Sustainability

The Environmental Sustainability Committee focused on promoting eco-friendly practices and encouraging youth-led environmental stewardship across the First District. Members participated in clean-up, beautification, and gardening projects including Ryan Bonaminio Park improvements, community garden maintenance, and additional environmental outreach efforts. These opportunities educated youth on sustainability, fostered civic responsibility, and inspired action toward a cleaner and healthier community.

Animal Awareness and Shelter Volunteering

The Animal Awareness and Shelter Volunteering Committee focused on promoting empathy, responsibility, and humane treatment toward animals in need. Members participated in volunteer opportunities with the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, where they supported animal enrichment, walking, and shelter support activities while promoting responsible pet care and compassion through hands-on service.

Equity & Resources for All

The Equity & Resources for All Committee focused on addressing basic needs and

expanding access to essential resources for underserved communities. Through food distribution, community resource fairs, donation drives, and outreach efforts with partner organizations, students worked to reduce barriers, uplift vulnerable populations, and strengthen youth awareness of social responsibility.

First District Service Events and Projects Completed 2025-2026

Listed below are the key projects the 2025-2026 First District YAC accomplished throughout the year.

Jamil Dada Character Excellence Youth Awards – July 11, 2025

First District YAC students participated in the Jamil Dada Character Excellence Youth Awards, a recognition event celebrating youth who exemplify strong character, perseverance, leadership, and commitment to making a positive difference in their communities. Students supported the event while engaging with community leaders and celebrating the accomplishments of fellow youth.

Citrus Food Pantry Volunteer Service – 16 Sessions (July 12, 2025 – April 12, 2026)

Throughout the year, First District YAC students maintained a recurring volunteer partnership with the Citrus Food Pantry through sixteen separate service sessions. Students assisted with food distribution, organizing supplies, stocking shelves, supporting pantry operations, and helping provide essential resources to families in need. This consistent commitment became one of the council's strongest service partnerships and reflected the students' dedication to addressing food insecurity within the community.

Summer Picnic & Team Building Mixer – July 23, 2025

The First District YAC students launched the term year with a summer gathering focused on team building, relationship development, and introducing new and returning members to the expectations and culture of the council. This event helped establish a collaborative foundation for the year ahead.

Youth Leadership Conference – August 2, 2025

First District YAC students participated in a youth leadership conference that was centered on empowerment, advocacy, communication, storytelling, and leadership development. This helped expand their confidence and understanding of youth voice in community change.

DCSS Family Resource Fair – August 9, 2025

First District YAC students supported families by assisting with a community resource fair providing school supplies, backpacks, and essential family resources.

Summer Vibes Festival – August 23, 2025

First District YAC students supported outreach and public engagement activities at this community-centered event.

IECYJ Coalition Meeting – August 30, 2025

First District YAC students participated in youth advocacy discussions focused on justice, equity, and collaborative community engagement.

Women’s Resource Fair – September 13, 2025

First District YAC students supported community outreach connecting families with wellness and support resources.

Special Games – September 20, 2025

First District YAC students supported an inclusive recreation event promoting youth engagement and accessibility.

Financial Literacy Workshop Series – 4 Sessions (December 2025 – April 2026)

First District YAC students partnered with financial professionals to host a multi-session financial literacy workshop series covering budgeting, banking, credit, debt management, and borrowing basics. These workshops equipped students with practical life skills and financial awareness to support long-term success.

Theater Leadership / Production Sessions – Multi-Session Series (September 16–26, 2025)

First District YAC students participated in a series of theater-based leadership development sessions that strengthened communication, collaboration, creativity, technical production awareness, and confidence in public speaking. These experiences helped broaden student leadership development beyond traditional civic programming.

October Community Outreach Series – 9 Events (October 6–29, 2025)

During October, First District YAC students participated in an extensive series of community outreach events including Moon Festival, National Night Out, Mead Valley Town Hall, Little Dresses/Little Pants for Africa, Spooktacular Festival, Boo Bash, Highgrove Trunk-or-Treat, Highgrove Festival, and Halloween Carnival. These opportunities allowed students to engage directly with residents, support family-friendly programming, and strengthen civic presence throughout the district.

Park Beautification & Community Improvement Projects – 10 Sessions (September 20, 2025 – April 18, 2026)

First District YAC students participated in recurring beautification efforts including park clean-up days, bench painting, pruning, landscaping, community garden maintenance, and neighborhood improvement activities. These projects promoted civic pride, environmental stewardship, and ownership of shared public spaces.

Holiday Community Service Series – 7 Events (December 5–21, 2025)

First District YAC students actively participated in numerous holiday events including Tree Lighting, Santa Express, Lunch with Santa, Santa Festival, Young Love Toy Giveaway, Cookies

with Santa, and additional community outreach opportunities. These activities allowed students to spread holiday cheer while serving families throughout the district.

A Day with the Supervisor – November 2, 2025

First District YAC students participated in a civic engagement experience providing direct exposure to district leadership and public service.

Veterans Celebration – November 8, 2025

First District YAC students supported a community event honoring veterans and recognizing service and sacrifice.

Explore Fair – February 21, 2026

First District YAC students engaged in educational and career exploration programming connecting youth with opportunities and community organizations.

A Day in Her Shoes – March 5, 2026

First District YAC students participated in an empowering leadership event exposing young women to diverse career pathways and professional mentors.

Animal Shelter Volunteer Service – February 14, 2026

First District YAC students volunteered with the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, assisting with animal enrichment and care while reinforcing the council's commitment to animal welfare and compassionate community service.

Rodeo for a Reason – May 17, 2026

First District YAC students concluded the term year by supporting this major community event through setup, family engagement activities, traffic support, and event logistics, demonstrating continued service leadership through the final weeks of the program.

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

Goals for the First District 2025–2026 YAC Term:

- Equity and Resources for All
- Animal Awareness & Shelter Volunteering
- Environmental Sustainability

Total number of community service projects and hours:

- Youth Advisory Council / Youth Commission Meetings: **787.5**
- Trainings, Community Service, Leadership Events & Special Activities: **1,874.5**
- Total Student Engagement Hours: **2,662**

Closing Summary

The First District Youth Advisory Council demonstrated exceptional commitment to leadership, civic engagement, workforce development, and community service throughout the 2025–2026 term year. Through Youth Advisory Council meetings, leadership trainings, countywide youth initiatives, community volunteer projects, and special events, First District YAC students actively strengthened their communities while developing valuable leadership and professional skills. Over the course of the term year, students contributed approximately 2,662 total engagement hours, including 787.5 hours in YAC and Youth Commission meetings, and 1,874.5 hours in trainings, leadership development, special events, and community service activities.

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 Annual Report 2025-2026

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, Lake Matthews, Home Gardens, Temescal Valley, Highgrove, Woodcrest, Warm Springs and Lakeland Village 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 Membership Overview

The Second District YAC is composed of high school students from communities throughout Riverside County's Second Supervisorial District. Throughout the 2025–2026 term year, the council maintained approximately 27 registered members, with an average of 25 students actively participating in monthly meetings, leadership development opportunities, community service projects, and Youth Commission activities.

Second District Youth Advisory Council Goals 2025-2026

In order to achieve our 2025-2026 goals, the Council formed two committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events related to their goals.

- **Homeless Committee-New Year Fresh Start**

The Homeless Committee felt compelled to help alleviate the economic burden faced by unhoused individuals by organizing a district-wide hygiene drive to create hygiene packages for donation to a local homeless shelter. Students also partnered with county departments, such as the Riverside County Department of Child Support Services, to help collect and provide additional supplies for the donation drive.

- **Literacy Launch**

This committee saw the impact AI has had on our community, particularly the decline in people reading physical books and visiting their local libraries. Students decided to create a fun-filled event called Literacy Launch to encourage students and families to visit their local library. The day featured fun games, live skits in which members of the Second District YAC acted out children's books, and engaging crafts. The event successfully encouraged families and students to sign up for library cards through the Riverside County Library System.

Second District Service Events and Projects Completed 2025-2026

Listed below are the key projects the 2025-2026 Second District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year:

Wellness & Resource Fair-August 24, 2025

Second District YAC students participated in this informative event hosted by the local nonprofit, ABC Hopes, with the goal of informing the community about available resources. Students assisted by preparing the location, greeting vendors and guests, checking in attendees, picking up trash, supporting vendors during the event, and helping with cleanup afterward.

River Road Tree Planting- August 16, 2025

The City of Corona hosted its monthly tree planting event on River Road, where Second District YAC students worked alongside community members to plant trees. Students were able to give back to the community by helping plant these trees, adding to the city's landscape and environmental beauty.

Inspire Life Skills Make A Difference Dinner-September 13, 2025

Second District YAC students met at the Victoria Club to help set up the program's banner to be used as a photo backdrop. While others assisted with decorating and creating center pieces for the raffle room and banquet room.

District 3 Special Games-September 20, 2025

Second District YAC students helped set up outdoor games across the field, along with a Third District YAC booth. Each student was assigned one of two roles. Some students were paired with a buddy, spending two hours playing games and dancing with them. They enjoyed activities like cornhole, badminton, volleyball, bounce houses, and more. Buddies also had a dance-off and decorated capes together. Students who were not paired with a buddy were assigned to manage a game station demonstrating how to play, setting up equipment, and encouraging participation from the buddy pairs.

Eastvale Fall Festival- October 4, 2025

Second District YAC students assisted the office by setting up Supervisor Karen Spiegel's booth, where they passed out candy to children, shared information on public services, and helped recruit new YAC members.

Deleo Park Trunk-of-Treat- October 11, 2025

During this event, Second District YAC students handed out candy to attendees, while others helped manage the pumpkin patch and monitored the line for the haunted house. Students rotated out for lunch, generously provided by the event coordinators and returned to help distribute the remaining candy. At the end of the event, students helped clean up the area and assisted in packing supplies into the coordinators' vehicles.

Jurupa Valley Fall Festival- October 11, 2025

Second District YAC students helped set up Supervisor Karen Spiegel's booth and assisted in managing it throughout the event. They handed out informational materials to the public and recruited high school students to join the YAC. Additionally, they distributed candy and helped take down the booth at the end of the event.

Eek Vale- October 11, 2025

Second District YAC students helped set up Supervisor Karen Spiegel's booth and assisted in managing it throughout the event. They handed out informational materials to the public and recruited high school students to join the YAC. Additionally, they distributed candy and helped take down the booth at the end of the event.

School Supply Drive- October, 2025

Second District YAC students graciously donated to a special education teacher in the area who needed classroom supplies. A YAC-wide supply drive was held in each district, during which many students generously donated classroom materials and decorations.

Spooktacular- October 25, 2025

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

Dia De Los Muertos- November 1, 2025

In collaboration with the City of Lake Elsinore, Second District YAC students helped decorate the park for Día de los Muertos by hanging *papel picado* from light posts, threading felt decorations onto string, and tying lanterns to trees.

Rose Parade- November 22, 2025

Second District YAC students were invited to help decorate One Legacy's float for the Rose Parade. Some students took this opportunity to practice their driving skills, while others received a ride from the Youth Coordinator. Upon arrival, students chose whether they wanted to stay on the ground to help prepare floral water tubes for the roses or take on the role of a "scalper." Scalpers climbed the scaffolding to assist in decorating the top of the float, contributing to the stunning final display. This year's float theme was "Let Your Life Soar," and Second District YAC students were proud to be part of bringing that vision to life

Giving is Living- November 23, 2025

Second District YAC students partnered with the local nonprofit Giving is Living to support individuals and families in need during the holiday season. Students assisted in assembling and

packaging bags of food for low-income families, helping ensure they could also enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

Jurupa Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony- December 5, 2025

Second District YAC students supported this event by assisting office staff with manning the booth, passing out candy and resources, and running activities and games. Students also supported local vendors with set-up and breakdown, while helping maintain cleanliness by picking up any trash left behind by attendees.

Gingerbread Building with Santa- December 6, 2025

Second District YAC students helped spread holiday cheer by assisting at Norco's annual gingerbread-building event with Santa. Students were responsible for cleaning tables between shifts, providing families with candy decorations, and serving drinks.

Winter Fest at Lake Elsinore-December 6, 2025

Second District YAC students supported this event by organizing and directing the Christmas Parade, ensuring that all participants were in their designated locations. Afterward, they had the privilege of walking in the parade alongside the Baseball Resource Group!

Winter Festival at Temescal Valley-December 12, 2025

At the start of the event, the Second District YAC students helped set up Supervisor Spiegel's booth, arranging flyers and information that would be of interest to attendees. During the event, students managed the sled line, ensuring each child waited patiently for their turn, while others oversaw the cookie decorating station, helping kids create festive treats.

Reach Out- January 6, 2026

Second District YAC students kicked off the new year by engaging with the Jurupa Valley Reach Out organization and sharing information about YAC's mission and activities. Students also reflected on their experiences in YAC, highlighting the events they attended and the skills they developed through their participation.

Mondale Street Clean Up and Tree Planting- January 24, 2026

The city of Corona hosted its monthly tree planting event on River Road, where Second District YAC students worked alongside community members to plant trees. Students were able to give back to the community by helping plant these trees, adding to the city's landscape and environmental beauty.

Underage Drinking and Prevention Presentation-January 27, 2026

This online presentation, hosted by RUHS, educated students on the dangers of drunk driving and underage drinking. Second District YAC students also learned about alcohol poisoning and the Good Samaritan Law, which protects individuals who seek help during an alcohol-related emergency. While the presentation was highly informative, students had the opportunity to provide feedback to the presenters to help improve future versions tailored for school audiences.

Committee Meetings-January through March 2026

To ensure committees were effectively planning their events and communicating with one another, Second District YAC students held online meetings during weeks when in-person meetings were not scheduled. During these sessions, students collaborated to plan and finalize the details of their upcoming events.

New Year Fresh Start- February 23, 2026

Second District YAC students created hygiene packets using donations collected from their high school and county departments. Students assembled 200 bags filled with items such as shirts, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and lotion, which were then delivered to The Anchor, a homeless shelter in Lake Elsinore.

Youth Summit Flyers- February 10, 2026

To ensure students were as involved as possible in the Youth Summit decision-making process, Second District YAC students were encouraged to use their creativity to design this year's Youth Summit flyer. Students who submitted a flyer were awarded community service hours.

Fire N Ice Chili Cookoff- February 28, 2026

Second District YAC students had the privilege of assisting the Corona Rotary with their annual Chili Cook-Off in the Crossings. Bright and early in the morning, students helped chili competitors unload and find their designated areas, while others assisted with setting up workstations for the cooks. Students also assisted with serving cookies and brownies to attendees before getting to enjoy some delicious chili.

Day in Her Shoes- March 6, 2026

Second District YAC students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Day in Her Shoes Women's Conference. These young ladies heard from exceptional female business owners who shared how they launched their professional careers, as well as discussed urgent topics that have inspired action within their communities.

Fathers and Family Day- March 14, 2026

Riverside County Department of Child Support Services held its first annual *Fathers and Family Day* at the YMCA in Eastvale in collaboration with Supervisor Karen Spiegel. Second District YAC students were assigned to sport activities where they kept records of the highest scores and participants. They helped families connect and engage in friendly competition, contributing to a positive and community-centered event experience.

Spring Festival -March 21, 2026

This event was hosted in partnership with the Temescal Valley community at Deleo Regional Park. Second District YAC students had the opportunity to assist with the Easter egg hunt, crafts, activities, and clean-up. Students also helped advertise the upcoming Unity Games and Youth Summit by sharing information with attendees. At the cupcake station, students served kids candy,

frosting, and sprinkles so they could decorate their own cupcakes. One student acted as the Easter Bunny's helper, while others supported the craft section, helping children with hands-on activities.

Literacy Launch- March 28, 2026

Second District YAC students helped set up the event at the Eastvale Public Library, arranging the craft booths and snack area. Students led games such as Four Corners and Simon Says, performed skits from children's books such as The Magic Tree House, and assisted with teaching activities at the craft stations. Students also helped children make slime and paper rockets and supported cleanup efforts throughout the event.

Lake Elsinore Bunny Hop Truck- April 4, 2026

Second District YAC students assisted office staff with manning the booth, providing resources, and passing out candy to students. They also supported recruitment efforts by distributing YAC flyers to promote the program and engage potential new members. Through these efforts, students helped increase awareness of YAC's mission and encouraged greater student involvement in community service initiatives.

World Kindness Carnival- April 12, 2026

Second District YAC students oversaw setting up the game booths. They helped build tents, placed tables and chairs, set up trash bins, and administered games once the event started.

Health Kids at YMCA- April 18, 2026

Second District YAC students were able to represent the office of Supervisor Karen Spiegel as they hosted her booth at this event. Students connected the community of Eastvale with resources and program offered by the county.

Relay for Life- May 16, 2026

This annual event focused on raising awareness for cancer. Second District YAC students helped set up Supervisor Spiegel's booth, as well as game and snack stations for members of the RivCo Cancer Crushers team. Students also rotated responsibilities by walking the course, supporting participants throughout the event.

Rodeo for a Reason- May 17, 2026

To end the year, Second District YAC students attended a county-wide event for the Employee Campaign. Students assisted vendors with setting up their booths while also managing the craft booth. They also supported event operations by helping direct attendees, distributing materials, and ensuring activities ran smoothly throughout the day. Through their involvement, students contributed to the overall success of the event and helped create a welcoming and organized environment for participants

Meeting Summaries:

Michael Ruiz with RUHS-

Michael Ruiz attended three of our meetings and presented on the following topics: Healthy Relationships, Be Wiser Training, and Teen Dating Violence. Through these presentations, Second District YAC students were provided with valuable information and resources designed to promote healthy communication, personal safety, and awareness of the warning signs of unhealthy relationships. These discussions also encouraged students to engage in meaningful conversations about building respectful and supportive relationships within their communities.

Kelly Smith with RUHS-

Assistant Nurse Manager Kelly Smith attended the December 3rd YAC meeting to share her journey in the medical field and answer questions from students. Her presentation provided Second District YAC students interested in healthcare careers with valuable insight into the nursing profession, including the education, experiences, and dedication required to become a nurse.

District Attorney Crime Prevention Presentation-

Representatives from the District Attorney's Crime Prevention Unit attended three of the YAC meetings to educate students on the following topics: cyberbullying and internet safety, human trafficking, and hate crimes. These presentations provided Second District YAC students with important information on recognizing potential dangers, staying safe online and in their communities, and understanding the impact these issues can have on individuals and society.

DCSS Presentation-

Riverside County Department of Child Support Services attended the May 7 YAC meeting to showcase the work their department does to support the community. During the meeting, they also recognized Second District YAC students for their participation and important contributions to the Fathers and Family Day event held in March by presenting them with certificates and food in appreciation of their service.

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

Goals for the Second District 2025-2026 YAC Term:

Literacy Committee- Literacy Launch

Homeless Committee- New Year Fresh Start

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Total Community Service Hours: 1025 hours

Total Meeting Hours: 459 hours

Total Hours: 1484 hours

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Council Members delivered 33 projects, webinars, workshops, and trainings while contributing 1,484 hours of community service throughout the Second Supervisorial District of Riverside County. Through these efforts, students expanded educational opportunities, promoted civic engagement, and addressed community needs, demonstrating a strong commitment to service and leadership. Second District YAC members reported that they successfully achieved and often exceeded the goals they established for the year, reflecting both their dedication and the meaningful impact of their work within the district.

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 Annual Report 2025-2026

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 Membership Overview

The Third District YAC is composed of high school students from throughout Riverside County's Third Supervisorial District. Throughout the 2025–2026 term year, the council maintained approximately 30 registered members, with an average of 14 students actively participating in monthly meetings, civic engagement initiatives, leadership training opportunities, and community-based projects.

Third District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2025-2026

In order to achieve our 2025-2026 goals, the YAC 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 dedicated themselves to bringing awareness on mental health issues throughout the year and how to resolve issues individuals might be silently facing. This was done through social media posts, community events, and most recently a Youth Symposium. Students from this Committee hosted workshops at the Youth Symposium, educating youth in attendance on breathwork and how to use it as a form of meditation.

- **Environmental Health Committee**

The Environmental Health Committee worked to promote environmental awareness and community stewardship throughout the year. Committee members created social media content to educate the public on environmental issues and encourage sustainable practices. In recognition of Earth Day, students participated in a local park cleanup, helping beautify public spaces and demonstrate their commitment to protecting the environment.

- **Youth Empowerment Committee**

The Youth Empowerment Committee focused on increasing youth engagement and awareness throughout the community. Members educated local youth about government, shared information on colleges across California, and connected students with valuable resources and opportunities. The committee also volunteered at a local thrift shop, helping prepare the store before opening and ensuring it was ready for customers. These efforts highlighted the committee's dedication to service, leadership, and community involvement.

Third District Service Events and Projects Completed 2025-2026

Listed below are the key projects the 2025-2026 Third District Youth Advisory Council accomplished throughout the year.

Homeland Community Fair – August 30, 2025

The Third District YAC students attended the Homeland Community Fair and hosted an outreach booth for community members in attendance. This event gave students the opportunity to connect with residents, distribute promotional items, and spread awareness about who we are and what we represent. Students also assisted with setup and teardown, helping make the event a success.

The 17th Annual Temecula College and Vocational Fair – September 20, 2025

Third District YAC students hosted an outreach booth at the 16th Annual College and Vocational Fair at the Temecula Promenade. At this event, students from the surrounding area come and meet with different colleges in attendance. This gave Third District YAC students an amazing opportunity to recruit all the local students in attendance and spread awareness on what our council does and what we represent. This event was a success and was our first official event of the new year.

Third District Special Games – September 20, 2025

YAC students from the Third District joined forces with fellow Third District Office to support the first annual Third District Special Games held at Veterans Park in Menifee. Each student was paired up with a buddy and helped guide them through the series of outdoor games laid out throughout the park. At the end of the day students and buddies danced together and shared a heartwarming memory.

Temecula Family Resource Center – September 28, 2025

Third District YAC students attended an event hosted by the Temecula Family Resource Center, where YAC members volunteered throughout the day to support event activities. Students assisted with face painting, distributed water to attendees, and helped monitor activity booths. This event provided an opportunity for our council to give back to the community while promoting youth involvement and service.

Riverside County PAL/SAFE Spooktacular Trunk or Treat – October 21, 2025

The Third District YAC continued to participate in the Riverside County PAL / SAFE Spooktacular Trunk or Treat for another year. Students had the opportunity to have booth where we handed out candy to the youth in attendance as well as hosting a mini golf game. Third District YAC students assisted the youth in attendance to play a round of mini golf for a chance to win extra candy. This was a great opportunity for the YAC to strengthen our relationship with the Riverside County PAL / Safe organization as well as getting out in the community and contributing to a great cause.

ABLE Futures Picnic – November 8, 2025

The Ables Future picnic was a great event in which the that our council played an important part in executing. Students from the Third District came together to host this picnic aimed at giving youth with disabilities the chance to have fun and play games while our YAC students assisted them.

Hobby Joggers Doggy Jogger 5K – December 6, 2025

The Third District Youth Advisory Council was happy to assist the Hobby Joggers Non-Profit at their Doggy Jogger event. Students assisted by handing out water along the course not only to runners, but also to their dogs who participated in the 5k run. Students also helped guide runners along the course and handed out raffle items to winners at the end of the run. The students enjoyed spending time with the dogs and collaborating once again with this great non-profit.

VSSN Winter Wonderland – December 12, 2025

At this event, students from the Third District Youth Advisory Council joined together with the Veterans Supplemental support Network to bring a fun family night to life. Students assisted the VSSN by handing out candy, food, and giveaway items to raffle winners. Throughout the event the students connected with the community and created a fun, family-friendly environment for all in attendance.

RUHS Teen Dating Violence Training – January 13, 2026

At this special meeting, RUHS came and gave our Third District YAC students a presentation on teen dating violence. The presentation focused on different ways teens might face violence or toxicity in a relationship at a young age and how to avoid and navigate it. This information is vital for the youth as teens often face these issues and don't know what they experience. Being aware and informed helps students make better decisions in their relationships.

A Day in Her Shoes – March 6, 2026

Third District YAC students participated in an empowering leadership event exposing young women to diverse career pathways and professional mentors.

Project TOUCH Thrift Shop Opening – March 7, 2026

Students from the Third District YAC volunteered with Project TOUCH to assist them in the opening of their local thrift store in Temecula. The students managed inventory, placed prices on items, and moved items around the store to prepare for opening.

Tour de Murrieta – March 28, 2026

At the Tour De Murrieta, the students assisted in many parts of the race. Students started the day by keeping bystanders off the course and kept the course clean as competitors were actively racing on the track. Third District YAC students then assisted by helping launch the kid's race. Students sent off the kids race in different waves, separated by age groups ensuring that kids had a fun and safe experience.

Earth day Park Cleanup – April 22, 2026

For Earth Day, Third District YAC students organized and participated in a cleanup at Los Alamos Hills Sports Park. Students collected litter throughout the park, helping to improve the local environment while demonstrating teamwork, responsibility, and community involvement.

NAMI Temecula Valley Youth Symposium – May 2, 2026

The Third District YAC students partnered with NAMI of Temecula Valley to host the Youth Symposium at the Temecula Hospital. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness on Mental Health issues among the youth, as well as providing different ways to alleviate stress related to mental health. High school students from the Third District attended this event and practiced yoga, participated in workshops, and did art activities. Sami Nadimi from our Council was also able to host his own breath work meditation workshop for all students and staff in attendance.

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

Goals for the Third District 2025-2026 YAC Term:

Mental Health Awareness

Environmental Wellness

Youth Empowerment

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Total Community Service Hours: 509

Total Meeting Hours: 298

Total Hours: 807

Third District YAC students participated in 14 projects, webinars, workshops, and training as well as dedicated over 807 hours of community service to the Third District of Riverside County. The Third District Youth Advisory Council had an exceptional year of service, leadership, and community engagement. Through volunteerism, advocacy, leadership development, and outreach efforts, students made a positive impact throughout the Third District and Riverside County while strengthening their skills as leaders and active community members. Their dedication exemplifies the mission of the Youth Advisory Council, empowering the next generation of civic leaders through service, education, and meaningful involvement in their communities.

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 2025-2026

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.

Fourth District Youth Advisory Council Membership Overview

The Fourth District YAC is composed of high school students from communities throughout the Coachella Valley and Riverside County's eastern desert region. Throughout the 2025–2026 term year, the council maintained approximately 30 registered members, with an average of 25 students actively participating in monthly meetings, leadership development activities, community service projects, and regional outreach efforts.

Fourth District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2025-2026

In order to achieve our 2025-2026 goals, the council formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Aiding Local Low-Income Communities**

The goal of this committee was to assist low-income individuals in finding essential resources such as shelter, food, and other necessities. The committee successfully completed a clothes drive at three different high school in the Coachella valley from December to April and were able to donate over 100 pounds of clothes to the galilee center in Mecca to aid the low-income community.

- **Immigrant Education Committee**

This committee was designed to assist students from unincorporated areas in finding an educational support system through their peers in the Coachella Valley. The Fourth District YAC launched a homework assistance program at the Boys and Girls Club in Mecca, providing support to students with their homework as well as assisting them with any questions and resources.

- **Public Health Awareness Initiative:**

The committee's primary goals were to raise awareness about the importance of both physical and mental health, and to provide accessible resources for individuals and families who may face barriers to care whether due to affordability, accessibility, or fear of seeking help. In addition to promoting health and wellness, the committee expanded its focus to include environmental factors that contribute to health disparities in the Coachella Valley. To address this, the group compiled and shared educational resources highlighting the impact of environmental issues through a tabling campaign at a local high school.

Fourth District Service Events and Projects Completed

Listed below are the key projects the 2025-2026 Fourth District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) accomplished throughout the year.

District 3's Annual Special Games – September 20, 2025

Fourth District YAC students volunteered at the District 3 Annual Special Games in Menifee. At this event our students were paired with a child with special needs and assisted them through various activities while building their spirits and creating an exciting environment filled with community organizations promoting various types of public assistance.

Variety Children's Charity of the Desert Art Gallery Event – September 25, 2025

Fourth District YAC students volunteered at Variety Children's Charity of the Desert Art Gallery Event. At this event, our students assisted in the process of raising funds for this charity where the public was able to purchase various art paintings made by children with special needs.

Carver Tract Neighborhood Clean Up – October 18, 2025

Fourth District YAC students volunteered to clean up the unincorporated Carver tract neighborhood that recently received the addition of sidewalks and paved roads. Students spent over 6 hours beautifying the community and making this neighborhood an increasingly hospitable living environment while also inviting the local residents to outreach in their local county office.

Raising the Future Event – October 25, 2025

Fourth District YAC students had the opportunity to participate in volunteering at the Raising the Future Event at the University of California Riverside Palm Desert campus alongside various community organizations such as the Riverside County Probation department, the office of Fourth district Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, the exception organization, and the RAP Foundation. At this event, students were able to assist with a celebration of unity between county and community organizations, working hand in hand to uplift opportunities for youth and their families. Through engaging workshops, creative activities, and shared experiences, students assisted with shining a light on hope, connection and possibility by strengthening the network of support that helps our youth thrive in society.

Mecca Library Grand Re-Opening – November 1, 2025

Fourth District YAC students volunteered for the Mecca Library grand re-opening event where they were able to collaborate with the Fourth District office to provide resources and flyers to the community as well as other duties needed throughout the event.

RUHS Public Health, Injury Prevention Services - SOAR Collaboration

Fourth District YAC students partnered with the RUHS Department to participate in the recently expanded SOAR Program (Suicide, Overdose, Awareness to Resilience, HR 101), which consisted of three targeted trainings addressing critical issues youth face today.

These trainings included:

- Teen Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program (TSAPP) – November 5, 2025
- Overdose Awareness and Prevention Program (OAPP) – November 19, 2025
- HR 101 – December 2, 2025

After completing these workshops, Fourth District YAC students launched an awareness campaign to share what they learned and inform their communities. Councils had the freedom to get creative with their approach and hosted a resource table at a local high school. This initiative not only provided valuable education on youth-centered issues but also empowered council members to lead, organize, and implement their own outreach effort from start to finish.

Lake Cahuilla Veteran's Regional Park Ribbon Cutting – November 8, 2025

Fourth District YAC students supported this community event honoring veterans and recognizing service and sacrifice by volunteering at the ribbon cutting for this Veteran's Regional Park. Students were able to interact with the community as well as partner with the Fourth District Office to provide resources for the community at this great event.

Holiday Community Service Series – 4 Events (December 6–18, 2025)

Fourth District YAC students actively participated in numerous holiday events including volunteering at the International Tamale Festival in Indio for two days, Desert Recreational District's Candy Cane Lane event in Oasis, and the Cathedral City Boys & Girls Club's Christmas posada and toy giveaway, all of which revolved around extensive community outreach opportunities. These activities allowed students to spread holiday cheer while serving the community throughout the district.

Boys & Girls Club Volunteer Service – 3 Sessions (January 28, 2026 – March 11, 2026)

For several months, Fourth District YAC students maintained a recurring volunteer partnership with the Indio Boys & Girls Club through three separate service sessions. Students assisted with after school activities, mentorship, homework assistance, arts and crafts, sports, and youth engagement. This consistent commitment became one of the council's strongest service partnerships and reflected the students' dedication to assisting youth in our community.

High School Madness – February 12, 2026

Fourth District YAC students along with Pickering Events hosted High School Madness at the Indio Fairgrounds. This event featured multiple Fourth District high schools competing in a variety of events, that included team building games, dance offs, and band competitions. The schools and students were extremely engaged, had a great time at the event and are looking forward to attending next year.

Riverside County Date Festival Parade – February 16, 2026

The Fourth District YAC students joined Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and staff by walking in the Riverside County Fair & Date Festival parade. Students enjoyed waving, chanting, and interacting with the crowd and community while representing our county.

DCSS Resource Fair – March 7, 2026

Fourth District YAC students partnered with DCSS as they hosted a resource fair in the Fourth District. The students assisted DCSS with passing out information about Child Support and various other duties as needed throughout this great event. The students enjoyed interacting with the community while also representing their group as well as the county.

34th Annual Senior Inspiration Awards – March 27, 2026

Fourth District YAC students volunteered with the Fourth District Office at this amazing event in which outstanding senior citizens who volunteer countless hours of their time are honored with a community recognition. Students were able to help by ushering guests, leading activities, and cleaning up the event.

Desert Rodeo – April 25, 2026

Fourth District YAC students partnered with Variety Children's Charity of the Desert to volunteer for the second annual Desert Rodeo event in Thermal. Students assisted and directed guests towards seating, booths, and other activities happening within the event while also representing our county.

Soccer Clinic – May 16, 2026

Fourth District YAC students partnered with the Fourth District Office to provide volunteer service at a local soccer clinic in which they handed out uniforms, were involved in directory guidance, and actively engaged with the community.

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

Goals for the Fourth District 2025-2026 YAC Term:

1. Helping Children of Farm Workers
2. Homeless Drug Committee
3. Public Health Initiative

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Youth Advisory Council / Youth Commission Meetings: 558.5

Trainings, Community Service, Leadership Events & Special Activities: 1,409.5

Total Student Engagement Hours: 1,968

Council members delivered 17 projects, workshops, and collaborations as well as dedicated 1,968 hours of community service to the Fourth District of Riverside County. The Fourth District Youth Advisory Council had an outstanding year of service, leadership, and civic engagement. Through thousands of hours of community service, advocacy, leadership training, and public engagement, students made a meaningful impact throughout the Fourth District and Riverside County while growing as leaders, advocates, and changemakers. Their dedication reflects the true purpose of the Youth Advisory Council, developing the next generation of civic-minded leaders through service, leadership, and meaningful community impact.

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 2025-2026

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 The cities within the Fifth District are Moreno Valley, City of San Jacinto, City of Hemet, City of Calimesa, City of Beaumont, City of Banning. Unincorporated areas include the Community 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 Membership Overview

The Fifth District YAC is composed of high school students from across Riverside County's Fifth Supervisorial District. Throughout the 2025–2026 term year, the council maintained approximately 40 registered members, with an average of 30 students actively participating in monthly meetings and events.

Fifth District Youth Advisory Council Committees 2025-2026

In order to achieve 2025-2026 goals, the Fifth District YAC formed three committees. Each committee worked to coordinate and volunteer at events which were related to their goals.

- **Youth for Climate Action Committee**

Organized and participated in park cleanup events throughout the district to promote environmental stewardship, enhance public spaces, and encourage community involvement. In addition, members designed and distributed educational infographics through social media platforms to raise awareness about environmental issues, sustainability practices, and the importance of maintaining clean and healthy community spaces. These efforts helped engage residents, increase awareness of local environmental initiatives, and inspire community members to take an active role in protecting and preserving the environment.

- **Public Outreach Committee**

Promoted collaboration and strengthened connections among residents, community organizations, and local stakeholders through outreach efforts designed to encourage participation, communication, and shared community involvement. These initiatives created opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to engage with one another, build meaningful relationships, and contribute to community-focused solutions. By fostering greater awareness of local resources and encouraging active civic participation, these outreach efforts helped spark meaningful engagement, support innovative service initiatives, and strengthen the overall sense of community throughout the district.

- **Public Health Committee**

An initiative launched early in the program year at Valley View High School brought students together to create handwritten letters of encouragement, Valentine's Day cards, and holiday greeting cards for residents of local senior centers. The project was designed to foster intergenerational connection, promote kindness, and combat social isolation among older adults in the community. Through thoughtful messages and personalized cards, students expressed appreciation, support, and well wishes to seniors, helping to brighten their days and strengthen community connections. The initiative also provided students with an opportunity to engage in meaningful service, develop empathy, and recognize the value of giving back to community members across generations.

Fifth District Service Events and Projects Completed 2025-2026

Listed below are the key projects the 2025-2026 Fifth District Youth YAC accomplished throughout the year.

Fourth of July Community Parade Moreno Valley– August 14, 2025

Fifth District YAC students participated in the parade as youth ambassadors, engaging with community members and representing the Youth Advisory Council throughout the event. Students assisted the Supervisor and staff with event-related activities, supported outreach efforts, and helped foster positive interactions with residents in attendance. Their participation provided an opportunity to connect with the community, promote youth involvement in local government, and demonstrate a commitment to civic engagement and public service.

Adopt A Road Clean Up Moreno Valley – August 30, 2025

Fifteen students YAC students participated in a community Adopt-A-Road clean-up initiative in Moreno Valley, demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship and community pride. Working together, students collected litter and debris along local roadways, helping to improve the appearance, cleanliness, and safety of public spaces for residents and visitors. The project provided participants with a hands-on opportunity to contribute to their community while raising awareness about the importance of environmental responsibility and reducing litter.

Beaumont Hispanic Heritage Day – September 20, 2025

Fifth District YAC students contributed to the City of Beaumont's inaugural Hispanic Heritage Day celebration. The event featured music, food, lucha libre, and cultural dancing to honor and educate the public about Hispanic heritage. Students assisted with event setup and breakdown, and also had the opportunity to engage in the festivities.

District 3 Special Games – September 20, 2025

Fifth District YAC students joined forces with all of the other YAC Districts to support the first annual Third District Special Games held at Veterans Park in Menifee. Each student was paired up with a buddy and helped guide them through the series of outdoor games laid out throughout the park. At the end of the day students and buddies had a danced together and shared a heartwarming memory.

RUHS Trainings Series- October 1st, 2025 & February 4th, 2026

Fifth District YAC students participated in RUHS-led trainings focused on suicide prevention and healthy relationships. Students also received activity boxes containing mental health resources to help support community outreach throughout the year.

Keep MoVal Beautiful- October 11, 2025

Fourteen of the Fifth District YAC students joined the City of Moreno Valley and staff from Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez's office to help beautify a local park through cleanup efforts, painting, mulching, and other hands-on maintenance work.

Beaumont Moster Mash- October 18, 2025

Eleven of the Fifth District YAC students volunteered at the event by assisting with game booths, engaging with children, and supporting general event operations to help ensure a fun and smooth community celebration.

Banning Community Day- October 18, 2025

Fifth District YAC students attended Banning Community Day, engaging with community booths and exploring opportunities for future collaboration and partnerships for the council. Students connected with local organizations, businesses, and community leaders to learn about available resources and initiatives, helping to identify potential partnerships that could support future YAC projects and enhance community engagement efforts throughout the district.

Voices for Change Forum at the Cheech- October 24, 2025

The Youth Commissioner attended the forum, engaging with student leaders from across the county and returning to the council with new insights and ideas to support ongoing youth initiatives. Through discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities, the Commissioner gained valuable perspectives on youth leadership, community engagement, and emerging issues affecting young people.

Pumkin Festival/ Movie night- October 25, 2025

The Fifth District YAC students assisted the Beaumont/Cherry Valley Parks District with their annual movie night and pumpkin festival event that was held at Noble Creek Park. Students helped children decorate pumpkins, handed out popcorn bags, and supported the BCVPD with whatever needs arose during the event, while engaging with community members.

Veterans Day Parade- November 11, 2025

Fifth District YAC students supported Supervisor Gutierrez at the Veterans Day Parade and ceremony in downtown Beaumont, helping honor and recognize those who have served.

YAC Meeting, Blue Zones Collaboration- November 25, 2025

Fifth District YAC students invited a guest speaker from blue zones Banning, students learned about the intersection of policy and health inspiring them on their ability to create change for themselves and their community.

Moreno Valley Color Run with DCSS- December 6, 2025

Fifth District YAC students volunteered at the Moreno Valley Color Run in collaboration with the DCSS booth, assisting with event activities and engaging with community members while encouraging participants throughout the event.

UCR Latino Youth Conference- December 7, 2025

Fifth District YAC students attended the UCR Latino Youth Conference to engage in workshops, connect with peers, and learn about educational and community resources available to them. The conference focused on empowering student voices, leadership development, and expanding awareness of opportunities in higher education and civic engagement.

Blizzard Bash- December 13, 2025

Fifth District YAC students supported Beaumont Parks and Recreation in kicking off the holiday season at Beaumont Nights, held at Town Center and transformed into a festive Holiday Market featuring local vendors, handmade crafts, food vendors, and an artificial ice rink. Students participated in the event by supporting the Beaumont Light Parade, assisting in the Kids Zone, and helping with various event activities to ensure a fun and engaging experience for community members.

Justice Symposium- December 17, 2025

Fifth District YAC students joined Supervisor Gutierrez at a symposium held at the Hemet Library, focused on decision-making, direction, and civic awareness. The event featured impactful stories, practical insights, and community resources aimed at strengthening understanding of justice-related topics and community engagement.

Longest Night of the Year Hemet- December 17, 2025

Fifth District YAC students supported the Office of Homeless Services at a candlelight memorial honoring individuals who lost their lives while experiencing homelessness. Students assisted with setup, food service, speaking participation, and event cleanup.

Power Speaks Louder Holiday Toy Distribution, Moreno Valley- December 18, 2025

Fifth District YAC students collaborated with PSL to support community needs and assist in toy drive through for the community.

Power Speaks Louder 5k Run Club- January 7, 2026

Fifth District YAC students supported the PSL Run Club by assisting with setup and breakdown, participating in warm-ups, cheering on runners, and helping encourage participants throughout the course. Students also supported finishers at the end of the run and assisted staff along the route as needed.

YAC Meeting UCR Ph.D. Panel- January 18, 2026

The College Committee hosted a panel featuring UCR Ph.D. students who shared insights on the intersection of policy, research, and graduate school pathways. Fifth District YAC students engaged in discussion around post-graduate experiences and available academic resources.

YAC Meeting collaboration with Chase Bank on Credit 101- March 4, 2026

In alignment with the Financial Literacy Committee, the Council invited a representative from Chase Bank to present on credit basics and foundational financial knowledge. The session helped prepare students to expand financial awareness and share practical resources within their communities through future initiatives.

A Day in her Shoes - March 06, 2026

Nine members of the Fifth District YAC were invited back to the A Day in Her Shoes event in Murrieta, where they had the opportunity to hear from a panel of inspiring female entrepreneurs and leaders. The event focused on empowering young women by sharing personal stories of resilience, success, and overcoming challenges in professional spaces. Fifth District YAC students engaged in meaningful conversations, networked with professionals from various industries, and gained valuable insight into what it takes to become a strong leader and changemaker. It was an uplifting and empowering experience that encouraged youth to dream big and build connections for their future.

Power Speaks Louder 5K - March 07, 2026

Fifth District YAC students volunteered at the Power Speaks Louder 5K held at the Riverside Historical Citrus Park, assisting with event logistics, directing participants along the course, and encouraging runners at key points along the route and at the start/finish areas.

S.O.N.G Concert- March 21, 2026

Twelve students from the Fifth District YAC supported the Fifth District Office at the S.O.N.G Concert in collaboration with the Andy Vargas Foundation, assisting with event logistics and on-site support. The event also featured a performance by a YAC student, highlighting youth talent and providing exposure to opportunities, resources, and potential career pathways in music and the arts.

ACCBE Student Panel- April 10, 2026

Commissioner Andrea served as a student panelist, engaging with local and statewide education leaders and sharing youth perspectives on key issues affecting students. The panel also included representatives from the Statewide Student Advisory Council under Governor Gavin Newsom, further elevating student voice and reinforcing the mission of youth civic engagement.

Statewide Youth Commission Forum – April 13, 2026

Fifth District YAC students participated in the Statewide Youth Commission Forum, co-hosted by the Youth Empowerment Commission and UC Berkeley Possibility Lab. The virtual event focused on strengthening youth voice in policy through leadership development sessions on civic engagement, public comment, and building effective relationships with decision-makers. Students also engaged in discussions on increasing outreach to underrepresented youth and explored strategies to turn youth perspectives into meaningful policy impact, alongside statewide youth leaders.

YAC Meeting, Collaboration with Riverside County District Attorney Crime Prevention Unit & Dinah the Service Dog- April 15, 2026

Fifth District YAC students participated in a Mental Health Committee-focused YAC meeting featuring a collaboration with the Riverside County District Attorney's Crime Prevention Unit and Dinah, a certified service dog. The session highlighted the role of mental health support in professional environments and introduced students to how service animals are utilized within public safety and community support roles. The activity helped students better understand accessible mental health resources while reinforcing the importance of wellness in both personal and professional settings.

Hemet Clean Up- April 25, 2026

Fifth District YAC students partnered with the City of Hemet to support a community clean-up and beautification effort. Their work included assisting with landscaping tasks such as moving and distributing gravel onto sidewalks and nearby streets to improve overall safety and appearance. The project helped enhance local public spaces while encouraging civic responsibility and community pride among participating students.

Healthcare Clinics – April 25–26, 2026

Fifth District YAC students volunteered at a free community health clinic hosted in collaboration with the Fifth District Office and Bienestar at Vista del Lago High School. The clinic provided free dental care, vision services, haircuts, and basic general health screenings to community members. Students supported multiple service areas throughout the event, assisting with check-in and registration, translating for attendees, taking vitals, and helping with basic computer and administrative tasks. Their efforts helped ensure smooth operations and improved access to essential services for residents throughout the two-day event.

Alumni Night – April 29, 2026

Nineteen students from the Fifth District YAC participated in Alumni Night, engaging with former YAC members and learning from their experiences in college, career pathways, and continued civic involvement. The meeting provided an opportunity for networking, mentorship, and reflection on the impact of youth leadership within the program.

Beaumont Nights, Mental Health Committee Painting Booth- May 7, 2026

Fifth District YAC students participated in this event hosted by the YAC Mental Health Committee, this interactive booth utilized community-donated supplies to engage residents in a creative wellness activity at the Beaumont Nights night market. The event supported over 100 community members, providing a space for relaxation, stress relief, and creative expression as part of the committee's ongoing efforts to promote mental wellness and balance in daily life.

College Commitment Day Meeting – May 13, 2026

Thirty-two students attended a YAC meeting focused on college commitment celebrations and student transitions to post-secondary pathways. The session also featured a guest speaker from UCR, providing insight into higher education opportunities and student success strategies. Additionally, students participated in animal shelter donation efforts supporting local community needs.

District 5 YAC Banquet – May 14, 2026

The Fifth District YAC hosted its annual recognition banquet at the Edward-Dean Museum & Gardens, celebrating a year of service, leadership, and community impact. Students were recognized for their accomplishments and contributions to the council throughout the year. Graduating seniors were honored with YAC stoles after completing capstone-style senior projects, which required them to present their YAC experiences at their respective school sites to promote civic engagement, youth leadership, and program awareness. The stoles recognized their service, leadership, and commitment to the program. The event was supported by generous donations from local businesses, including Nothing Bundt Cakes, Baskin-Robbins, Sky Zone, Dave & Buster's, Target, Sprouts, and Glo Mini Golf, helping create a memorable celebration for students and their families while recognizing the positive impact they made throughout the community.

San Jacinto Animal Shelter, Adopt-A-Dog Event- May 16, 2026

In collaboration with RUHS and the YAC Mental Health Committee, seven students from the Fifth District YAC volunteered at the San Jacinto Animal Shelter Adopt-A-Dog event, combining mental health outreach with animal welfare service. Students distributed mental health resources to community members, promoted and contributed to shelter donation efforts, and assembled foster and adoption kits for animals in need. Throughout the event, students also assisted with kitten adoption activities, helped groom and socialize adoptable dogs in play pens, and engaged with visitors to encourage animal adoption and community involvement. The event highlighted the connection between animal companionship, community service, and mental wellness while supporting both residents and shelter animals.

District 5 Recognition Luncheon – May 21, 2026

Hosted by the Fifth District Office of Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez at the Riverside Crestmore Manor, the Fifth District Recognition Luncheon celebrated individuals who demonstrated outstanding service and leadership within their communities. Several YAC members were recognized for their dedication, volunteerism, and positive impact throughout the year. The event highlighted the contributions of youth leaders and reinforced the importance of civic engagement and community service across the Fifth District.

Banning High School Financial Literacy Booth – May 27, 2026

In collaboration with Chase Bank and the YAC Financial Literacy Committee, six students from the Fifth District YAC students hosted an outreach booth at Banning High School focused on promoting financial literacy and responsible money management. Students engaged their peers in conversations about credit, budgeting, and financial awareness while sharing resources and information designed to help youth make informed financial decisions. The event also provided an opportunity to promote YAC initiatives and encourage student involvement in community leadership and service.

Skate Jam, Banning- May 2026

Three students from the Fifth District YAC volunteered at Skate Jam, assisting with event support and participant engagement during a community skate event. Students helped ensure a safe and organized experience for attendees.

Cherry Festival Financial Literacy Booth – May 2026

Four students from the Fifth District YAC students supported a financial literacy booth at the Cherry Festival, engaging community members in educational activities focused on credit, budgeting, and financial awareness in partnership with Chase Bank.

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

Goals for the Fifth District 2025-2026 YAC Term:

Mental Health Resources

Financial Literacy

College Exploration and Readiness Committee

Total number of community service projects and hours:

Total Service Hours Completed: 1,529.5

Total YAC Meeting Engagement: 546

Total Student Engagement Hours: 2,075.5

The Fifth District Youth Advisory Council demonstrated consistent growth in leadership development, civic engagement, and community service throughout the 2025–2026 term. Students contributed over 2,075 total engagement hours through meetings, trainings, service events, and leadership programming. Through structured committees and expanded community partnerships, Youth Advisory Council members actively supported initiatives focused on mental health, financial literacy, and college and career readiness while strengthening youth voice across Riverside County.

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