



Keep Calm and YAC On

March for Homeless Children

By: Naomi Aaron

This year the Youth Advisory Council was fortunate enough to be able to be afforded with the opportunity to participate in March for Homeless Children. This march had been going on in the city of Winston-Salem for 13 years now. This year and last year the members of YAC were able to participate. This walk was held December 5th of 2015. During the walk members of YAC held signs and walked along the H. O. P. E truck. Not only were YAC members present but also our sister board, the College Advisory Board. Also a large number of community leaders were present. This showed the true support the City of Winston- Salem has around the issue of homelessness and homeless children.

The H. O. P. E truck in Winston- Salem helps give meals on Sunday's to children that might not have food when they are at home over the weekend. YAC being able to partner with such a great organization showed the deeply rooted ties the children on YAC and the Human Relations of Winston-Salem have in and throughout the city. 🐾



By: Zach Skillings

On Thursday, March 3rd, I returned to Paisley as an alumni in the hopes of rediscovering the excitement of Fine Arts Night that I had enjoyed so much every year as a student. I was not disappointed. I was immediately greeted by the sound of Paisley's powerful orchestra resonating from the auditorium as I walked through the front doors. After stopping by the Scholastic book fair, I made my way into the gym where all the action was. I reminisced with former teachers while examining the tables that lined the edge of the gym. With exhibits that ranged from robotics to student artwork to handmade bead necklaces, there was no lack of entertainment. Meanwhile, the Paisley dance team performed in the middle of the gym. I would definitely recommend a visit to Paisley next year for Fine Arts Night. With two current Paisley students on the Youth Advisory Council and a host of council members that have come out of Paisley, including myself, I can say with confidence that Paisley cannot only put on a great show, but also excels at producing quality students. 🐾

Paisley's Fine Arts Night



2015-2016 Youth Advisory Council Members pose with Council Member Vivian H. Burke.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Allen Joines; Vivian H. Burke, Mayor Pro Tempore, Northeast Ward; Denise D. Adams, North Ward; Dan Besse, Southwest Ward; Robert C. Clark, West Ward; Molly Leight, South Ward; Jeff MacIntosh, Northwest Ward; Derwin L. Montgomery, East Ward; James Taylor, Jr., Southeast Ward;

City Manager: Lee D. Garrity HUMAN RELATIONS STAFF

Wanda Allen-Abraha, JD, Human Relations Department Director; Tonya McPhatter, Administrative Assistant/Intake Specialist; Jayme Waldeck, Specialist/Outreach; Adolfo Briceño, Specialist/Hispanic Outreach; Jelani Biggs, Specialist

Annual Project

Everyone Matters Day

By: Aditi Pilani

This year's Winston Salem Youth Advisory Council members have been hard at work preparing for the "Everyone Matters Day" festival next month. The "Everyone Matters Day" Winston-Salem celebration will be on April 2nd from 11 am to 1 pm at Corpening Plaza in downtown Winston-Salem. Along with local leaders, a few youth council members will speak about the "Everyone Matters" national initiative.

The festival will also be an opportunity for small, local businesses to find a chance to promote themselves. For example, the council has asked the newly founded To Your Health Bakery to offer free sample goods during the festival. This bakery specializes in gluten-free, allergy-free pastries, and gourmet, wholesome baked goods. There will also be a few local food trucks around the plaza during the festival.

The youth council has scheduled a number of raffles to take place during the festival to raffle off gift cards for local stores and restaurants. The council also decided to raffle off "Everyone Matters Day" T-shirts during the event to continue to promote the campaign even after April 2nd.



36th Annual Student Awards Banquet

By: Robert Ganzert

The 36th Annual Student Human Relations Awards Banquet was held this year on February 18th, at the Embassy Suites in the Grand Pavilion. The program honors students who show outstanding responsibility, good work habits, and work in the community. These students are handed an award along with a description of their services. The city officials then congratulate these inspiring students for their work in the community. This year, one of the recipients was one of our own from the Youth Advisory Council, Devika Ghosh. Others from the Youth Advisory Council helped out by ushering and coordinating the program. They helped the event run smoothly by directing the awardees to their needed places. Also, Isabelle Rieco represented the Youth Advisory Council and spoke about the inspiring awardees. She had also announced the Everyone Matters Day project. We appreciate these words and all of the award recipients for their service.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL 15-16 OFFICERS:

Isabella Rico, Chair; Victoria Rivera, Vice-Chair; Ross Hickman, Secretary; Abdull Mosley, Historian

15-16 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS: Devika Ghosh, Atkins; Robert Ganzert, Bishop; Ross Hickman, Calvary Baptist Day School; Logan Short, Calvary Baptist Day School; Dakota Pinckney, Carver; Harley Magno, Early College; Isabella Rico, Early College; Victoria Rivera, East Forsyth; Jack Dew, Forsyth Country Day; Nuri Park, Glenn; Abdull Mosley, Kennedy; Makiya Stewart, Kennedy; Jaya Mishra, Mt. Tabor; Jacquelyn Sullivan, Mt. Tabor; Marc Bertoni, Paisley; Avionna Burns, Paisley; Zach Skillings, Parkland; Kirsten Smith, Parkland; Aditi Pilani, Reagan; Naomi Aaron, Salem Academy; Omsai Meka, West Forsyth; Natalia Ortiz, West Forsyth; Jalisa Lumpkin, W-S Prep