

2022-2023



ANNUAL REPORT

GRANVILLE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

ABOUT US



Mission: To provide representation, opportunities and direct connections for Granville County youth by supporting and amplifying youth voices and focusing on causes that affect us and our peers through education, resources, community outreach and partnerships.

In partnership with the Granville County Board of Commissioners, NC Cooperative Extension Office and Youth Voice, the Granville County Youth Leadership Council (GCYLC) provides meaningful opportunities for youth in our community to get involved at the highest level. The purpose of this leadership program is to ensure that youth in our community have a voice, but most importantly, that their voices are heard, recognized and valued.

The GCYLC provides youth the opportunity to get hands-on experience as community leaders. The program consists of three components that enhance youth's leadership skills and opportunities.

- County Board Assignments
- Youth-Led Projects
- Leadership

Key Objectives

- Youth will be an active voice in the community and facilitate communication between young people and the community.
- Members will gain tangible leadership skills that will be beneficial to future endeavors and opportunities.
- Members will initiate programs and projects that are beneficial to Granville County youth and the community as a whole.
- Members will gain an understanding of civic leadership and community planning by serving on county boards.
- Youth will gain hands-on experience investing in their community and the advancement of it and youth voice.

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS



Jermaine Puryear Jr.
Chair



Elaina Eley
Co-Chair



Carissa Jackson
Secretary



Vashti Pearson
Social Media Chair



Jaden Easow
Treasurer



Chloe Hernandez
Social Events Chair



Cassie Peele
Media Relations Chair



Annie Drake
Board Liaison



Asia Abdul-Haqq
Board Liaison



Iesha Landis
Board Liaison



Joydan Johnson
Board Liaison



Elijah Griffin
Board Liaison



Amber Necessary
Board Liaison



Morocco Abdul-Haqq
Board Liaison



Brodie Winborne
Board Liaison

OUR ADVISORS



Charissa Puryear



Lina Howe



Tiana Jones

1ST QUARTER - OCTOBER 2022 - DECEMBER 2022

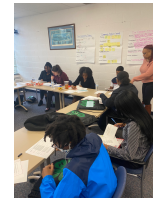


October Introductions - GCYLC Council Members formally introduced themselves to the Board of Commissioners and community at the October 17th commissioner meeting.

Leadership Retreat - Council members came together for a 2-day leadership retreat at Camp Oak Hill. Members were able to do various team building activities, while also enhancing their leadership skills through learning program development, parliamentary procedure and analyzing community data.



Official Council Meeting - The Council held its first official council meeting in December. Members went through the full agenda of items, got headshots taken, held elections, reviewed county boards and created their logo.



2ND QUARTER - JANUARY 2023 - MARCH 2023

School Board Presentation - GCYLC Chair, Jermaine Puryear Jr. along with Vice Chair, Elaina Eley made a public comment to the Granville County School Board to inform them of the council's purpose and the hope for future partnership.



Focus Group - The Council participated in a youth focus group with the Granville County Parks, Greenways and Recreation Advisory Committee to share their experiences in Granville County and ideas for the future.

Student Needs Survey - Council members created a needs assessment to help determine key priorities for their youth-led projects. The survey was geared toward high-school students and asked students of their ideas, challenges, and needs. Council members tabled at various local high schools and surveyed over 200 students. The survey indicated that mental health, substance use and fighting were key challenges facing high school students today.



Project Planning - The Council decided to prioritize and focus on teen mental health. A subcommittee of members began brainstorming ways to support and educate their peers on mental health.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through the partnership with the Granville County Board of County Commissioners and NC Cooperative Extension - Granville County Center, funding was provided to the council to support initiatives and projects.

Project / Purpose	Budgeted Funds	Expended Funds	Justification
Camp Oak Hill Leadership Retreat	\$2520.00	\$1,890	Funding provide lodging, food and ropes course activities for YLC members
Member Polos	\$260	\$329	Members received polos with the YLC logo to wear during community events, board meetings, etc.
Food & Supplies	\$350 *only food	\$534.13	Food/snacks were provided during 8 Saturday and weekday council meetings. Supplies include additional materials needed for youth-led projects (storage bins, table cloths, etc.)
Transportation	\$0	\$0	Provided by CES
Supplies (binders, printing, pens, etc.)	\$0	\$0	Provided by CES
Totals	\$3,130	\$2,753.13	Total of \$376.87 Unexpended

LOOKING FORWARD

OCTOBER 2023 - SEPTEMBER 2024

New Member Recruitment - GCYLC Council Members and advisors are excited to onboard new members to the council. Applications have been received and notices of acceptance have been sent out. The new and returning members will be participating in a leadership retreat in November.

Project Planning - Council members have outlined various projects and initiatives that they want to work on and explore in the upcoming year. Some of those ideas include:

- Teen Clothing Closet
- Teen Game Night/Open Mic
- Middle School - Student Outreach
- Community Service Projects
- Mary Potter Historical Restoration
- Granville County Mobile App
- Board Partnerships

MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

"During my first year in the YLC I learned that being a leader comes in many different ways and everyone has their own way in which they lead. I have also learned how you can have multiple leaders with different personalities, values, and styles successfully lead a group to a common goal. Leading me to a way. I realized I have grown to value everyone's opinion even if it differs from my own."

- *Vashti Pearson*

"My favorite part of YLC is working with and learning from the county boards and then definitely bonding with the people on the council and becoming friends."

- *Iesha Landis*

"I'm looking forward to ushering in a new generation of teens with bright new ideas and a innovative spirit. With that being said, I'm looking forward to helping bring a positive change to Granville County for teens."

- *Jermaine Puryear Jr.*

"I've learned about many resources provided by the county as well as many problems that people see with it. My favorite part is the new connections I make with people that give me an opportunity to bring these problems to the county's attention."

- *Amber Necessary*

CONTACT US

If you are interested in learning more about the Granville County Youth Leadership Council (GCYLC) or have questions on how to support or get involved, please reach out using one of the methods below.



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