



Monthly Newsletter

MINNESOTA
YOUTH COUNCIL



MYC Spring Retreat

The MYC's spring retreat was fun, productive, and overall amazing!

We started off at the Minnesota Department of Education, where about a dozen departments, ranging in topics from nutrition to PSEO, displayed the summary of what they do, their goals, mission, and more. At the end, we participated

Member Spotlight



Jacob Just
Senior at Morris
Area High School

I love my community
because it is so
connected. Everyone

in a fun Kahoot trivia game, going over what we'd learned!

After visiting MDE, we headed over to the Minnesota Senate Building, where we heard four bills (see below for bill details). We voted to pass every single one!

We then left for the hotel, where we had a great time during "Forced Family Fun," with several unique games, and ended the night with a viewing of "Get Out." The next day was spent at Educators for Excellence, where we had very productive committee time, where we crafted feedback letters to the authors of the bills we heard the previous day. We closed the retreat with a positive affirmation circle, which was a great closing exercise.

All-in-all, it was a fantastic retreat, and we can't wait for the next one in June!

- Raina Meyer, MYC member and Junior at Minnesota Online High School



April Legislative Committee Hearing

[HF 1027](#) - Appropriation for AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, presented by Kori Redepenny, CEO of MN Alliance With Youth (passed, 16-0)

can connect with someone one way or another. My community also has a mix of political views. Although this blend of political views exists, it almost never gets in the way of accomplishing things.

This is my first year on the MYC. The most surprising thing about the MYC has been how welcoming and friendly everyone is. When stepping in with a new group, you really don't know what to expect, and there is never a dull moment with this AMAZING group.

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[HF 3594](#) - Increase Teachers of Color Act strengthened, presented by Rep. Carlos Mariani (passed, 16-0)

[SF 1691](#) - Homeless families support services system redesign authorization and appropriation, presented by Senator Clausen [D] (passed, 16-0)

[HF 2768](#) - Child sexual abuse, trafficking prevention, presented by Rep. Jessup [R] (passed, 16-0)

**MYC Applications
for 2018-19**

Due May 1st
[Youth Apply HERE!](#)



Alumni D'Andre: Capitol Pathways Intern

Minnesota Youth Council alumni D'Andre Gordon made headlines as a [Citizens League Capitol Pathways Intern](#) this semester.

D'Andre D'Andre is a 2nd year student at Hamline University. Originally from Montego Bay, Jamaica. D'Andre is interning at the [Minnesota Citizens for the Arts](#).

"Since I've lived in the United States, I've developed an interest in public policy and research. Participating in *Capitol Pathways* has further grounded my interest in public policy and research. For example, I am actively seeking opportunities to become more involved in politics and keeping up to date with current event issues that

affect my community and the state. In addition, I've been helping to organize various political campaigns and educate members of the community about candidates, their qualifications and stances on issues. I see myself running for an elected office in the future and working to get more youth engaged in the political process."

[See D'Andre's full Citizens League Capitol Pathways spotlight HERE!](#)



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