

Youth Advisory Board Initial Interview

Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
Joshi, Ishanvi	Palo Verde	<p>Graduation: 2026 / BASIS Peoria / Affiliation: I don't know any employees working at the City of Peoria, but I do know a member of YAB, her name is Ana Shrivastava.</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in this program because I want to know how the Peoria Council works. I hope to gain experience how the Peoria Council works and get to know some of the council members.</p> <p>Extracurricular: SVO-Student volunteer organization where we volunteer at different such as desert tables to farms, or St. Mary donations food drive, we also decorated lunch bags with motivation quotes for the needy, FHILA-Future leaders of America, TA-teacher's assistance for Spanish teacher at my school, applying for west mec veterinary science program, part of animal equality nonprofit organization helping animals live a better and cruel free live, passed my civics exam, I have taken the AP Government and Politics exam, I love dogs, I love to be creative, I have auditioned for the speech and debate team at my school, I am part of the peer mentoring program at my school, role: mentor, I am part of NSHSS-National Society of High School Scholars, I also got an invitation to attend the NSLC-National Studnet Leadership Conference this coming summer.</p> <p>Qualities: Qualities I would bring to the Youth Advisory Board: I have passed my civics exam giving me more credibility to join this great program, I have taken AP Government and Politics exam providing with the all the knowledge I would need to understand how the US government and politics work, I am passionate about the things that I love to do, specifically animals, equality. I try to volunteer as much as I can and give back to my community. Moreover, my artistic abilities allow me to be creative, enabling me to come with way to unique ideas and solutions to different problems in our community, as well as come up ways to improve my community. Meaning of civic engagement: In my eyes, to be civically engaged is to be actively involved in the betterment of the community. In my mission of providing everyone with an equal and fair environment, I try to be civically engaged by participating in extracurriculars that better my community, engaging in the issues such as the extreme animal abuse happening all around us. I have been actively working to improve this issue by trying to spread awareness of how animal abuse happens when no veterinary care is provided to severely injured or dying animals, or about the unethical practices used when slaughtering animals. In order to able to be civically engaged, one must be aware of the problems and state of their community. With my creativity and artistic way of finding unique solutions to many problems, not only can I be civically engaged, but I can also enable my community to be engaged with the issues that are happening around us, allowing for everybody as a community to better society.</p>

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Adamsha, Sarah	Willow	<p>Graduation: 5/2027 / BASIS Peoria</p> <p>Interest: I'm interested in the Youth Advisory Board because I want to make a difference and help our community. I also want to gain leadership skills, provide insight to the activities provided for the youth of Peoria, and be a part of the solution to city wide problems. I hope that serving on the board will allow me to be a leader, participate in projects, and change our community for the better.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. I was in robotics club during the school year. I play basketball. I was in the Youth Citizen Police Academy. I participated in NAHS where we started a food bank and made cards or sick children in the hospital. I also sew.</p> <p>Qualities: I am a hard worker and once I set my mind on something I won't stop until I reach that goal. I love helping the community it gives me that wonderful feeling inside of me. I'm friendly and willing to stand up for others. I love experiencing new things and tackling problems, and helping others makes me feel good inside.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement means serving the community and helping your city to become a better place for you to stay. It means making the city aware of important things that benefit a community or helping the city solve issues of public concern. It means volunteering to help our city and it means helping increase public values.</p>
Holly, Felicia	Pine	<p>Graduation: 5/1/2027 / Centennial High School</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in helping kids that cannot voice there own voice. It is important for all opinions to be shared, and I want to help with that. Another reason is to give more children education opportunities. It is important for children to not only get to school on time but they also need certain materials that they may not be able to get.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: Student council, NJHS, L.I.T (program at the boys and girls club), Torch club (program at boys and girls club). Jr <esa (program at phs for mathematics engineering science achievement), Math AASA award</p> <p>Qualities; Leadership, Honesty, Bravery, Integrity</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Working with the community and helping to make it better such as community service. The exact definition of civic is, "relating to a city or town especially its administration; municipal" Civic engagement allows us as youth advisors to help out our community even more.</p>
Houg, Jacob	Ironwood	<p>Graduation: 5/2026 / Sunrise Mountain High School</p> <p>Interest: I am interested in serving on the YAB because I want to help communicate what Peoria's youth needs and wants. I enjoy planning and volunteering at events. I enjoy interacting with my peers and meeting new people. I hope to gain knowledge on the community's issues and concerns. I look forward to learning more about the city of Peoria and how to make a difference in my school and my community.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I served on the Frontier Elementary School Student Council for two years. The second year I was elected as the Secretary, and served this position by listening and taking meeting minutes. I also served on the Frontier Junior Honor Society (FJHS) for two years. The second year I was elected as the Vice-President. I attended all meetings and assisted with planning drives and events. In addition, I volunteered the last 30 minutes of each school day to assist a Kindergarten teacher and her class with reading and other activities. Last summer I also volunteered my time to help a neighbor, with health issues, by providing weekly yard work and trash clean up.</p> <p>Qualities: My previous work on the Student Council and FJHS have prepared me for this position. My qualities include listening, speaking up, being honest, and showing kindness and respect to others. I have experience working together with a Council to plan events and volunteering my time to attend and support all activities and events.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement means to listen and understand the needs of the youth in our community, to get involved to make a positive impact, and leave a mark.</p>

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Solano, Olivia	Pine	<p>Graduation: 2028 / Peoria Elementary School</p> <p>Interest: I want to make a difference in my community and also have better leadership skills.</p> <p>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities: I've done STUCO and Torch Club which is a program from Boys and Girls Club for leaders where we focus on volunteer work. Also, I've been apart of LIT which stands for "Leader in Training" where we learn how to be a staff. Some other things I've been apart of are Read Better Be Better and Girl Scouts. RBBB is a program that pairs middle schoolers and third graders together to learn how to read. Girl Scouts does countless acts of service for our community, such as helping the elderly and building small libraries.</p> <p>Qualities: I would bring qualities such as communication, integrity, creativity, leadership, honesty, problem solving, patience, flexibility and reliability.</p> <p>Civic Engagement Meaning: Civic engagement means to me communication of citizens and the discussion of issues between citizens and community.</p>