

YOUTH TASK FORCE

A Year in Review August 2021-August 2022



FROM THE YOUTH TASK FORCE PRESIDENT

I have served both as the president of the San Marcos Youth Task Force and as a member of the San Marcos Youth Commission, which it sprouted from. It has been a privilege to watch and lead the transition of this board and to work with the other founding members to build it from the ground up. Through serving in this unique role, I have been able to partake in meaningful service projects, meet amazing students in the Greater San Marcos Area,

have important conversations with elected officials, and lead real change in my community. The Youth Task Force has given me opportunities to improve my communication, planning, and networking skills, and I know these abilities will serve me in both my academic and professional careers. I am so proud of the group we have created and am excited to see what the Youth Task Force accomplishes under the leadership of Ruby Wilsford and the other officers!

Catarnia Adelaida Vazquez,
San Marcos Academy Class of 2022
Will Attend Tulane University in Fall of 2022

YOUTH TASK FORCE OFFICERS

AUGUST 2021-AUGUST 2022

Catarnia Adelaida Vazquez
President

Kayla Jordyn Livingston
Vice President

AUGUST 2022-AUGUST 2023

Ruby Myrlene Wilsford
President

Katelyn Marie Seebeck
Vice President

Khatin Morgan Raymond
Secretary

Citlali Itzel Salinas
Marketing Chair

EVENTS/PROJECTS

- Keep San Marcos Beautiful- Monthly Hot Spot Clean Up
- Farmer Fred's Fall and Spring Carnivals
- Themed Loteria at Stone Brook Senior Center
- SMTX Hometown Holiday Shoe Parade



YOUTH LED DISCUSSIONS: SCHOOL SAFETY, SUPPORT SYSTEMS, & PREPAREDNESS

Supported by Communities in Schools

Conversation Highlights

- Students enjoy social aspect of school
- Students feel they cannot show up as their authentic selves
- Need for authentic relationships between the student body and school
- Should invest resources in lifeskill workshops that include: Financial Literacy (Banking, Insurance, Taxes, Renting/Purchasing Home), Career Preparedness, & Sexual Health and Wellness
- Provide training for staff on Diversity, Inclusivity, and Equity
- Create Mental Health Peer Support Group
- Students concerned about the presence of drugs and weapons on campus

LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE CONFERENCE: SPLASHING INTO SUMMER SERVICE

- Keynote, Dr. Erika Nielson Vargas
 - Empowerment & Healthy Boundaries
- Workshops:
 - Mental Health- School Stress, & Anxiety
 - Provided by Cenikor Foundation
 - What are you passionate about?
 - Provided by HCWC
 - Mapping Your Journey
 - Provided by TRIO Texas State University
 - Resource & Recovery- Keep San Marcos Beautiful
- Clean Up at City Park



YOUTH TASK FORCE OUTREACH

- Commissioner's Court August 2021
- City Council Public Comment in August 2021
- Presentation at San Marcos Academy
- Presentation at San Marcos High School



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FROM THE INCOMING YOUTH TASK FORCE PRESIDENT

Going into my junior year as a student attending San Marcos High School, I can say with quite certainty that the list of items and events for this year is quite promising. Each was selected and discussed by our voting members until we could reach a consensus on which items we thought best aligned with not only the Youth Task Force goals but our personal desires to provide aid to our community. Having lived in San Marcos for my whole life I have seen how the town has changed over the years and watched many people come to love our city. Stepping up into this position is an exciting feat for me as I have been able to watch how the Youth Task Force has grown this past year, and now I will be able to help facilitate that development. I look forward to this coming year and I hope to see the Task Force flourish during that time.

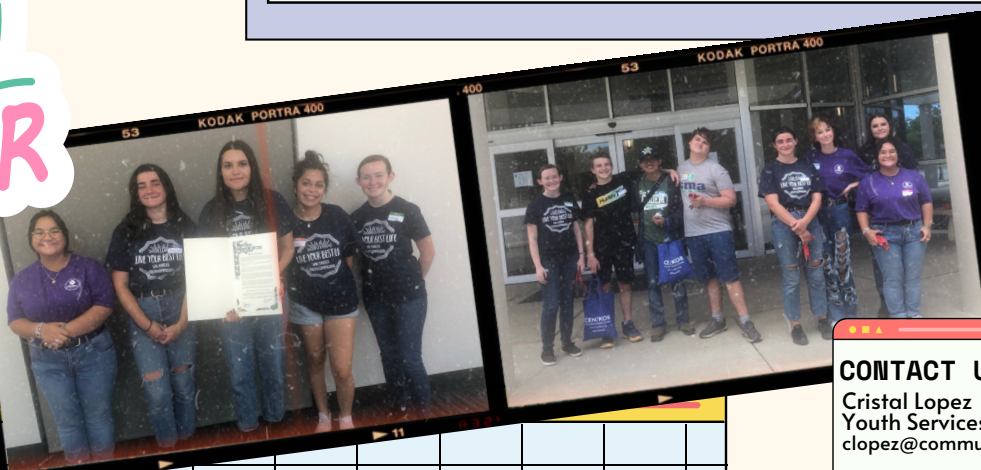
Ruby Myrelene Wilsford
San Marcos High School
Class of 2024



YOUTH TASK FORCE GOALS FOR 2022-2023

- Recruitment
 - Expanding participation to 8th Grade and partnering with National Junior Honor Society
 - Strengthen High School membership and participation
- Curating a Volunteer Opportunity List on a monthly basis for Youth and sharing it with local youth organizations
- Establishing a stronger social media presence
- Expanding and strengthening Youth Task Force partnerships
 - Keep San Marcos Beautiful
 - Stone Brook Senior Center
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Establish new partnerships
- Annual Youth Task Force Events
 - Host Live Your Best Life Conference 2023
 - Attend Texas Municipal League Youth Advisory Council Conference

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE YOUTH TASK FORCE AUGUST 2022-AUGUST 2023

- Recruitment
- Community Outreach
- Quarterly Loteria at Stone Brook
- Farmer Fred's Fall/Spring Carnival
- Resource Drive for HCWC
- Quarterly Teen Youth Nights: Starting the Conversation
- Mermaid Parade in partnership with the SMTX Mental Health Coalition
- Quarterly Hot Spot Cleanups in partnership with Keep San Marcos Beautiful
- SMTX Hometown Holiday Shoebox Parade
- Live Your Best Life Conference
- Youth Task Force Annual Retreat

COMMUNITY MATTERS TO US!



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Application opens
September 5, 2022

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