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This document describes the projects the Cupertino Teen Commission is planning to focus on during the 2018-2019 term. Each project is assigned one or more of the following categories: Teen Mental Health, Youth Involvement, Teen Commission Outreach and Involvement. Projects may change throughout the course of the year depending on community need or redirection of commission priorities.

Categories

Teen Mental Health

In recent years, teen stress and anxiety levels have become increasingly prevalent in the Silicon Valley and it appears this alarming trend will continue to rise. Cupertino teens have not been exempt and are experiencing varying levels of stress and anxiety which stem from academic and societal pressures. The Teen Commission is aware this is a multi-faceted issue, and is making efforts within their scope to be staunch advocates of promoting wellness in youth and teens.

Teen Commission Outreach & Involvement

The Teen Commission would like to continue preserving and expanding their connection with the community, spread awareness of the Teen Commission's purpose, and collaborate with partners to fulfill their community duties. To this end, the Commission is devoted to partnering with City staff, City commissions, and outside organizations to make lasting connections and resolve issues important to youth and teens.

Youth Involvement

The Teen Commission is focused on getting teens more involved in their community in different ways. Projects which fall under this category will utilize the passion and resourcefulness of youth to serve the Cupertino community.

Projects

I. Teen Workshops

The Teen Commission will continue their work on the Teen Workshop Program where teen volunteers may lead workshops for their fellow youth. This program will give students the opportunity to share knowledge with their peers and to learn about new skills or topics. Workshops will be held at the Cupertino Teen Center and other City facilities.

Categories: Youth Involvement

II. City of Cupertino & FUHSD Communication Bridge

The Teen Commission would like to further develop the positive relationship between the City of Cupertino and FUHSD to bring City services to teens and high school communities. The Teen Commission has identified a communication disconnect between services offered by the City of Cupertino and FUHSD, so they would like to investigate ways to bring awareness of the City's services to students.

2018-2019 Update: The Teen Commission has met with key administrative staff in FUHSD and will be working together to build this essential connection by collaborating with the FUHSD Intradistrict Council (IDC) and the Youth Public Policy Institute.

Categories: Teen Commission Outreach and Involvement, Teen Mental Health

III. Bobatino

On September 15, 2018, the Commission, in collaboration with the Recreation Department and the Mayor's Office, hosted Bobatino, a youth and teen event which provided Cupertino students ages 12-18 a platform to socialize with friends and enjoy a day out with various activities while drinking free milk tea. Bobatino was presented as a respite for teens from daily stresses and discover mental health resources.

Categories: Teen Mental Health, Teen Commission Outreach and Involvement

IV. Pizza and Politics 2018

On October 19, 2018, the Cupertino Teen Commission partnered with the Youth Commissions of the Cities of Saratoga and Campbell to host Pizza and Politics, a political forum for teens. The purpose of the event was to inspire political involvement in youth and interact directly with local representatives such as the mayors from each City and Assemblymember Evan Low to discuss issues that are important to teens.

Categories: Teen Commission Outreach and Involvement, Youth Involvement

V. <hack> Cupertino 2019

The Teen Commission is looking forward to partnering with Cupertino's Recreation and Community Services Department for the third year to organize <hack> Cupertino 2019, a 13-hour overnight hackathon for teens ages 13-18. We plan on making improvements to last year's event and bringing in more participants.

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VI. Creation of Youth Activity Board

In an effort to focus on higher level City-wide issues, the Cupertino Teen Commission worked with Recreation staff to develop the Cupertino Youth Activity Board (YAB), a youth leadership group who will focus on organizing events for youth and teens. The board will consist of 11 members who will meet with recreation staff to develop activities with the goals of providing enjoyment and opportunities to de-stress and socialize. The YAB will collaborate with the Teen Commission on identifying activities which will be fun for youth and teens.

Categories: Youth Involvement, Teen Mental Health

VII. Reviewing proposed laws and issues relating to youth and teens

The Teen Commission would like to begin focusing on local issues and state laws which may be of interest to current youth and the future of Cupertino. If there are any topics which the Commission would like to advocate for, they will work with staff to bring the issue to City Council meetings.

Categories: Teen Commission Involvement and Outreach

VIII. City Commission Outreach

The Teen Commission would like to discover ways to collaborate with other City commissions. Preliminary efforts include signing up to attend the different commission meetings and reporting back during regular meetings.

Categories: Teen Commission Involvement and Outreach

IX. Support Youth and Teen Services

The Teen Commission will continue to support the programming coming out of the Youth and Teen Services programs in the Recreation Department by providing feedback, promoting the programs, and volunteering wherever possible.

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