

## Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs



MYAC members held a carnival at the Glendale Family Development Center....



The mosaic was unveiled....



The children made a thank you card and presented it to MYAC...



We all enjoyed food, games and fun.



The Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) was created as a way of fostering leadership and community pride among high school age citizens of Glendale by providing them with the opportunity to take an active role in local government. Over the years, I have been able to get a first-hand perspective of the abilities and talents of Glendale's youth by spending time with MYAC members. Each year I am inspired by their fresh insights and perspectives and encouraged by their determination.

MYAC is a working group of 50 high school students with representatives from public and private schools both in Glendale and surrounding cities. MYAC offers teens the unique ability to express their views and share their ideas about youth-related issues with each other as well as with me and other community leaders. Each MYAC member completes numerous community service projects, attends City Council meetings and serves on a MYAC subcommittee.

One annual MYAC event is Student Government Day, where each member has the opportunity to shadow a city department head or elected official. MYAC has its own monthly television show called *Teens Today* that is produced by Glendale Channel 11 and focuses on positive contributions that teens make to their schools, neighborhoods and communities. This year, I was able to join several of the MYAC members at the State Capitol for the first annual *Youth Leadership Day*, where they met their legislators and networked with other youth commissions from around the state.

Each and every year I am amazed by the energy and accomplishments of this group. This year, members of MYAC were determined to build a partnership with the Glendale Family Development Center to help enrich the lives of Glendale families. They decided that they wanted to build an outdoor mosaic at the playground of the Center. The members of MYAC took it upon themselves to learn the technical details of building a mosaic out of ceramic tile and the finished product is very impressive. MYAC members organized an unveiling festival where all of the families that belong to the Center joined us for an afternoon of games, food and entertainment.

Applications for next year's commission are currently available on the city's website ([Click here](#)). Any high school student that resides within Glendale's corporate boundaries is eligible to apply. You can obtain more information about MYAC by calling the Office of the Mayor at 623-930-

2260. Please tell your friends and family about this exciting opportunity.

*Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or [mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com), if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.*

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