

“I accept the office of Youth Commissioner, including all the duties and responsibilities therein.

I commit faithfully; and diligently represent the voices of the young people of Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

I will work to make the City & County a great place for everyone to grow up and live.”



Multnomah Youth Commission Swearing-In Ceremony



October 29, 2019 • 5:30 PM

Multnomah Building
Reception to follow



Welcome from the 2019-20 MYC Co-Chairs

Hello and welcome to the 2019-2020 Multnomah Youth Commission Swearing-In Ceremony! We are pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the Commission and welcome our new Youth Commissioners. We look forward to a great evening and a great year. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. Thank you and join us as we celebrate the Youth Commission!

Jordan McElroy and Linb Oliver

Hola y bienvenidos a la ceremonia de juramento para la comisión de jóvenes del condado de Multnomah del año 2018-2019. Hoy tendremos el gusto de celebrar los logros de la comisión y dar la bienvenida a los nuevos jóvenes. Esperamos que sea una gran noche y un buen año. Al terminar la ceremonia tendremos comida ligera. Nuevamente, gracias por su presencia y por celebrar la nueva comisión.

Jordan McElroy y Linb Oliver

Youth Commission Staff

City of Portland

Andrea Márquez, Youth Development Coordinator

Multnomah County

Erika Molina Rodriguez, Youth Development Coordinator

Thank you to all our contributors

Thank you to the **Multnomah County Office of Diversity and Equity** and the **City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life** for housing and staffing the Youth Commission.

The Youth Commission is grateful for all of the family, friends, and supporters who help advocate for the voices of youth in our community.

MYC Committees 2019-2020

Education/Youth Voice Committee
Sustainability Committee
Youth Against Violence Committee

MYC Norms 2019-2020

- Equity over equality.
- Acknowledge intent, prioritize impact.
- Take space, make space.
- Understand your privilege, and know how and when to use it.
- Empower and challenge each other and yourself while respecting hard boundaries.
- Listen to understand, not just to respond.
- Be open to meeting new people and deepening relationships.
- Be open-minded, respectful, and collaborative during discussion.
- Speak for yourself. Use “I” statements.
- Hold yourself accountable. Show up and show out.

Multnomah Youth Commission Meetings

The Multnomah Youth Commission typically meets two Sundays every month from 4:30-7:30 pm. Our meetings alternate between Portland City Hall, (1221 SW 4th Ave., Portland) and the Gresham Schools Building (1331 NW Eastman Pkwy., Gresham)

These are public meetings and all youth are invited and encouraged to attend

For an up-to-date calendar and more information about the Multnomah Youth Commission, please visit our website:

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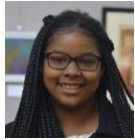
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Meron Semere (16) **3rd Year**
Grant High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I joined the MYC because I wanted to collaborate and create meaningful solutions to issues in my community.



Lane Shaffer (14) **2nd Year**
Madison High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I am passionate about transit access, specifically for youth, seniors, and people with disabilities.



Jada Stanton (14) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I joined the MYC to help and learn more about what is going around in the world around me.



Clea Thomas (17) **2nd Year**
St. Mary's Academy *Ed/YV Committee*
 I joined because I love seeing how the MYC works in real time to support youth using tangible change.



Danielle Weinberger (19) **2nd Year**
Portland Community College *Sustainability Committee*
 One issue that I care about is getting clean water and resources to all people.

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Anya Anand (17) **2nd Year**
Lincoln High School *Ed/YV Committee*
 A youth I really admire is Malala Yousafzai because she fought for change when there were many barriers.



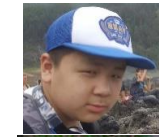
Emily Avendaño (15) **2nd Year**
Cleveland High School *YAV Committee*
 The MYC helps me have a voice in solving the issues I see in community.



Anika Becker (17) **1st Year**
Cleveland High School *Sustainability Committee*
 Greta Thunberg is an activist I admire greatly. She is shattering false stereotypes around ableism and ageism.



Joliesse Carmona (14) **2nd Year**
Wilson High School *YAV Committee*
 I joined the MYC because I wanted to be a part of the change in my community.



Alvin Chan (14) **2nd Year**
Hosford Middle School *Ed/YV Committee*
 I admire Parkland School youth, because they banded together to make the world better at a time of tragedy.



Kevin Do (16) **1st Year**
Clackamas High School *YAV Committee*
 I joined the MYC because I want to get involved within my community and make friends.



Deitriq Flores (15) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I joined the MYC to make a difference. I wanted to step up and change the world like other youth are doing.

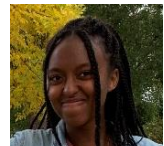
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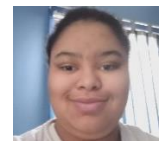
Maria Garcia (15) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *YAV Committee*
 I joined the MYC because I like to know what is going on around me and how I can help.



Milen Gebreamlak (18) **3rd Year**
Portland Community College *Sustainability Committee*
 I admire every youth that is doing great work on advocating for themselves and their peers.



Tsiyon Geremew (17) **1st Year**
Portland Christian High School *YAV Committee*
 My inspiration to get more involved is my parents and the current world that I live in.



Adrianna Hayes (16) **1st Year**
Grant High School *YAV Committee*
 What inspires me to get involved is working on making students of color more comfortable and having a voice.



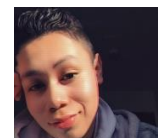
Remonda Hanna (18) **2nd Year**
Reynolds High School *YAV Committee*
 One issue that is important to me are all the immigration policies and bans in the US.



David Hoang (18) **3rd Year**
Portland State University *Ed/YV Committee*
 I knew that joining the MYC was the right choice because of the struggles that youth face in our society.

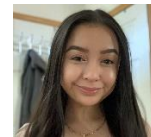


Farrah Husyn (16) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *Ed/YV Committee*
 I want to inspire those who are afraid to stand up for themselves and have a good influence.



Daniel Interian (15) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *Ed/YV Committee*
 After seeing that the MYC takes part in big decisions in the community, I decided to share my voice and join.

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Gabrielle Phan (17) **2nd Year**
Reynolds High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I want to represent my community to make impactful and positive change for youth.



DesSmen Pooler (18) **1st Year**
Portland Community College *Sustainability Committee*
 What inspires me to be part of the MYC is the issues I see. I want to play a role in helping houseless people.



Emily Rangel (17) **1st Year**
Lincoln High School *Ed/YV Committee*
 I joined the MYC because I am passionate about youth empowerment and having youth voices be heard.



Evan Reynolds (16) **1st Year**
Lincoln High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I'm inspired to get involved by the people who refuse to give up on their lives despite working against systems.



Genesis De Saligan De Los Santos (14) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *Sustainability Committee*
 One issue that is important to me is youth transportation to get to school.



Berlyn Santos Alvarado (14) **1st Year**
H.B. Lee Middle School *Ed/YV Committee*
 A youth I admire is my older sister. She tells me to try new things and tells me it's okay if you make mistakes.



Dalia Santos Alvarado (16) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I joined the MYC to get more involved in my community and share my ideas to make a difference.



Kendy Schwing (17) **1st Year**
Reynolds High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I admire the Green New Deal movement because it addresses climate change and socioeconomic inequality.

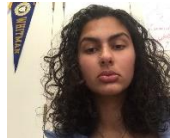
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Rakeb Mekonnen (16) 2nd Year
Reynolds High School *Sustainability Committee*
 I joined the MYC because I want to know what is happening in my community and help make a difference



Suehay Mercado (15) 2nd Year
Centennial High School *YAV Committee*
 I joined the MYC to get my voice to be heard. No one else is going to take care of issues I care about but me.



Alana Nayak (16) 2nd Year
St. Mary's Academy *YAV Committee*
 I'm really passionate about social justice work and making our world more equitable for all.



Linh Oliver (17) 2nd Year
Franklin High School *YAV Committee*
 I joined the MYC to become a better advocate and a source of empowerment for other youth in my life.



Ahlam Osman (18) 4th Year
Portland Community College *YAV Committee*
 My inspiration is rooted from youth who share similar stories as me and are passionate about doing this work.



Kothan Perez (14) 2nd Year
Reynolds High School *YAV Committee*
 I joined the MYC to help in issues related to youth violence in my community.



Arianna Perez Garcia (17) 1st Year
Milwaukie High School *YAV Committee*
 I joined the MYC because I want to learn new things and give back to my community.

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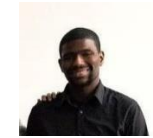
Deasia Kennedy (16) 1st Year
Benson High School *Ed/YV Committee*
 An issue that is important to me is the school system, because youth are an important part of our future.



Stephen Liu (16) 3rd Year
Franklin High School *Ed/YV Committee*
 I joined the MYC because it was an amazing opportunity to get more involved in my community.



Britton Masback (18) 3rd Year
Catlin Gabel *YAV Committee*
 There is no better way to channel my positive energy and drive than through collaboration with my fellow MYCers.



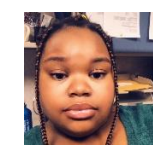
LaShawn McCarthy, Jr. (20) 8th Year
Warner Pacific College *Ed/YV Committee*
 MYC has given me something to advocate for, a way to make a positive difference. This is what brings back.



Jordan McElroy (18) 3rd Year
Riverdale High School *Ed/YV Committee*
 One youth I admire is Antonia from the MYC. She has a passion for advocacy that is truly inspiring.



Maddie McIntyre (17) 1st Year
Riverdale High School *YAV Committee*
 I'm passionate about being a catalyst for change, especially concerning equity, in my community.



Antonia McSwain (19) 3rd Year
Portland Community College *YAV Committee*
 I joined MYC to find a productive way to use my passion and drive for issues plaguing my community.

Agenda

Welcome 5:30 PM

Call to Order by Multnomah County Vice Chair Sharon Meieran

Introduction & Overview 5:35 PM

Emcees Jordan McElroy and Linh Oliver, MYC Co-Chairs

MYC Youth Engagement Report 5:40 PM

Introduction by MYC co-chairs. Presentations by MYC committee representatives: Anya Anand, Suehay Mercado, and Lane Shaffer.

Impacts of MYC 5:50 PM

Community Impacts

Britney Reblud, Xander Zipp, and Audrey Shaw, *Madison High School Students*

MYCer Stories

Two MYCers share the impact that the MYC has had on their lives, their personal growth, and their communities

Gabrielle Phan, *Sustainability Committee*, 2nd Year

Joliesse Carmona, *Youth Against Violence Committee*, 2nd Year

Vice Chair and Commissioner & Remarks 6:10 PM

Opening remarks by Multnomah County Vice Chair Sharon Meieran.
Additional remarks by Commissioner Chloe Eudaly and City & County Commissioners

Swearing-In Ceremony & Recognition 6:20 PM

Oath of Office administered by Vice Chair Sharon Meieran. Introduction of Youth Commissioners by MYC staff Andrea Márquez and Erika Molina Rodriguez

*The Oath of Office can be found on the back of this program. Youth Commissioner names will be read one at a time. **Please hold your acknowledgements to the end.** A group photo will follow.*

Reception 6:30 PM

After the ceremony will be a reception of light snacks and cake in the atrium.

Memorable Moments • 2019-2020



MYCers presenting the 2019 Jennifer Beagle Award to Sadie Wallsmith, a local youth leader with March for Our Lives Oregon.



MYCers tabling around the community to recruit new commission members.



MYCers meeting with partner youth organization Word is Bond.