

### The 50th Anniversary is Coming

By: Jenny Caviness-GYC Director

It is hard to believe that in 2012 GYC will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Founded in 1962, this youth council has grown and changed with each generation of teens and set a national standard for youth councils. Cities and towns from as far as Alaska have used GYC as a model for their own youth councils and to give their youth a voice in the community.

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, GYC will bring together all past coordinators to plan an outstanding event. These past coordinators all impacted this organization in different ways and their influence has had lasting impressions. Guided by Terri Blackwood Jackson, the 50th Anniversary Celebration will be a tribute to this amazing organization and will showcase the rich history of the first youth council in America.

Here is where we need your help. GYC has had hundreds of outstanding graduates and we are looking to find these outstanding people. If you know of any alumni, please email the GYC office at [gyc@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:gyc@greensboro-nc.gov). We also have a Facebook page called Greensboro Youth Council Alumni. If you are on Facebook, please join our group and invite your fellow alumni friends. We hope to find as many alumni as possible to celebrate in 2012!



### From the Chair

Hello from the Greensboro Youth Council. My name is Kris Rawls and I am this years GYC Chair. I am a senior in Dudley's Early College of Engineering. This year so far has been full of fun and hard work. (See "Office Upgrade")



**Kris Rawls**

We had several Executive board members and a few volunteers help us out with this, and I must say that it went well. This was the first of many changes we have done so far, and I am ecstatic to continue to make helpful changes to the youth council.

During the summer, the Executive Board (EB) and I went to our Executive Board Workshop and brainstormed a few goals for the upcoming school year. The goals for the 2009-2010 school year are:

1. Make Full Council Better
2. Gain 10 Potential Councilmen a month from different Schools
3. Gain 3 New Councilmen a month

The EB and I also made changes to the point policy. This year we will operate on a quarter point policy which is:

- ¼ point is equal to 15-29 minutes of work
- ½ point is equal to 30-44 minutes of work
- ¾ point is equal to 45-59 minutes and
- 1 point is equal to 60-74 minutes of work

The EB and I have also changed the Back to School Explosion to a Party with different themes every year, and this year was a Black and White Party. With these new goals and so many changes, I feel like the Greensboro Youth Council will become a fun, better place for high school students to come together and serve the community.

The Executive Board and I look forward to a full year of service, leadership, and friendship with the councilmen of GYC.

### Office Upgrade By: Richard Sosa - Historian

The 2009-2010 GYC year has begun! It has come with many changes. "Out with the old, in with the new", is one of the mottos we are using at GYC this year, especially at the office. Those of you who have been to the office may have heard the term, "Ketchup & Mustard" referring to the walls of the office. Even though the office is always full of joy and life, something was needed to compliment the changes of the upcoming year.

The Executive Board made a collective decision that we need, is a new color! "Something new," "more like GYC", were the suggestions given. The final decision was paint the the walls green and white walls with black trim. EB members also received new desks that match the color of the room. Everyone that has seen it has loved it!



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