

Student Recognition Program For Outstanding Leadership

Held in Cooperation with the 36th Annual Santa Clara County "Salute to Youth"
Awards Program

"Recognizing Youth for Outstanding Leadership"



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Official "Leadership" Application

Santa Clara County "Salute to Youth" Awards Dinner

Monday April 30th, 2012-7:00 PM

Three Flames Restaurant- 1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose, CA 95125

36th Annual "Salute to Youth" Awards Program

c/o Youth Focus Inc.-1901 Cottle Ave. San Jose, California 95125

Deadline: Wednesday March 28, 2012 Emailed

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1901 Cottle Ave. San Jose, CA 95125 408.591.1642

January 11th, 2012

Dear ASB President,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Youth Focus, Inc. it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your induction into the prestigious **Salute to Youth Program** honoring you for your commitment to leadership as ASB President of your high school and commending you for your meritorious leadership. As a leader of distinction, you have made a significant contribution to the fabric of your school life and the lives of those you have been called to lead. Through your passion, enthusiasm and vision you have led your school to new heights.

As an **inductee** you will be **honored on** Monday evening **April 30th** at **Three Flames Restaurant 1547 Meridian Ave. San Jose, Ca 95125**. **The dinner is entirely complimentary and there is no cost to you whatsoever.**

The annual program recognizes some of Santa Clara County's most outstanding young people of accomplishment and we invite you to attend this wonderful event and share in the excitement as you are recognized for your outstanding achievements before your peers and members of the public.

Among the special awards to be presented that evening will be *awards of commendation, scholarship awards* and beautiful trophy awards. *How exciting it will be for you to be recognized in this public forum for your achievements.* **As an Inductee you must be in attendance at the dinner to be the recipient of your awards.**

It is the belief of Youth Focus, Inc. that by recognizing young people of merit on an annual basis it serves to foster and stimulate continued excellence among our county youth. Further, we believe it serves to motivate others to a stronger commitment in achieving their goals and aspirations as they look up to those such as yourself who serve as role models in both their school and the community.

We are asking that you provide us with a one page bio/profile regarding your accomplishment and achievements (see sample bio/profile enclosed). Also, we have enclosed a sample narrative for your Advisors, teacher etc if you so desire to accompany your bio/profile. Upon completion, you would email your completed bio/profile to youth-focus2@gmail.com. Also would you provide us with a digital photo of yourself to the same email address for the program book? We are requesting that you submit your bios/profiles on or before March 28th, 2012.

In your role as President you have made a significant difference in the lives of others. We salute and commend you for all that you have done and accomplished and for wanting to strive for excellence in all that you do. **Congratulations to you and your family on this wonderful accomplishment of being inducted into the 36th Annual Santa Clara County Salute to Youth.**

Sincerely,

Wm. R. Smethers
Executive Director

Sample ASB President Bio/Profile

Kelly Johnson **ASB PRESIDENT KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL**

School Activities

•Held various student body offices, including ASB president, served in student congress for four years. Member of Key Club, the school choir, and served on the schools commission for environmental issues, member of the Drama Club and have been active in Campus Ministry Activities. Member of the varsity tennis team, active in Senior Women's Club and serve as a mentor to incoming freshman.

Honors

•National Honor Society Life Member and a California Scholarship Federation member. The recipient of numerous awards and honors including: the American Legion award for leadership skills, Student Government Award, Olympia of the Arts Awardee, proclamation of commendation from the Riverside City Council for community service and academic accomplishment, Campus Ministry Award for community service.

Community Service Highlights

•Have donated over 600+ hours at Good Samaritan Hospital and am currently president of the Junior Auxiliary where I am responsible for orientation and training of new volunteers, organizing children's parties and musical performances for patients. I serve as president of my 4-H Club and give peer education talks at local elementary schools and help organize senior health days for senior citizens. I have also volunteered hours for: the City Neighborhood Clean Up Campaign, participated in an Aid's for Life Walk, served meals at Martha's Kitchen, and assisted with gathering food for the needy at our school for Thanksgiving and Christmas, 2008.

My Vision As ASB President

As President, I want to let students know they have a voice. I want to show students that in order to be constructive in their concerns, they can come to ASB and be a part of the process of becoming the change that they want to see. I want to educate students on how they can utilize ASB to their advantage and create effective communication between on-campus offices for effective programming. I will also advocate for diversity and the fellowship of students of different backgrounds. I want to make sure that there is high quality education in the diversity training for student leaders. This includes supporting the Multi-Ethnic Programs and International Student Services. I want to create more options for students to support environmental issues as well as create more options for social justice issues, and I want to create closer relations with the city of Santa Rosa.

Sample Narrative (Optional)

FOR ASB PRESIDENT BY ADVISOR, TEACHER, ETC.

Kelly Johnson

Kelly is a gifted and visible student at Community High School. Over the past four years, Kelly has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in a myriad of campus and civic activities. She has emerged as one of the most accomplished of seniors, respected by her peers and teachers. Most noteworthy has been her commitment to purpose; she takes a challenging college-prep curriculum and still devotes the time necessary to guarantee that all of her activities are done in a first-rate manner.

Kelly has been active in student government for the past four years. In addition to being a homeroom representative, she has been selected to two school-wide offices, serving as Freshman Class Secretary and Junior Class President. Both positions required 20 to 30 hours of work per month. A poised and articulate public speaker, Kelly displays an enthusiasm and sense of focus that makes her a most effective orator. As a most visible leader of school spirit activities, she regularly demonstrates the ability to direct her peers to energetic yet appropriate displays of love of school.

Kelly involves herself in a dizzying array of campus activities; Teacher's Assistant to both the Mathematics and Foreign Language Department; Peer Counselor, working with the Counseling Department to assist younger students with academic and personal problems; coordinator of Freshman Orientation; member of the National Honor Society and the California Scholastic Federation; member of the Monarch Service Club, a group of students selected by administration to represent the school at public functions; member of the Christian Service Committee and the Campus Ministry Team, organizations which help to direct the spiritual activities of the student body; member of Students Against Drunk Driving, the Junior Club, and President of the Ski Club. In addition, she is constantly at work on any number of projects that serve the wider community, such as Community High School's numerous food drives, services to the elderly, recycling drives, and work with the Red Cross.

Closest to her heart must surely be her work with the spirit teams of Community High School. Now in her fourth year as a spirit leader, Kelly is the leader of this year's Varsity Song Squad. This is indeed a serious commitment, as the squad practices five days a week after school and travels to numerous weekend competitions, as well as supporting the school's teams at athletic contests. A conservative estimate would set the time devoted at somewhere between 10 and 15 hours per week. She has been instrumental in the success of the squad, helping to guide the team to numerous local and national awards.

But Kelly's impact is not limited to the campus. In both her sophomore and junior years, she was selected to represent Community High School at the Mayor's Conference. As a junior, she was selected by the student government team to be a Blue Ribbon Delegate. Some how, she also finds time to be active in her church group, serve as a hospital's assistant at Santa Teresa Hospital, and assists regularly at area blood drives. She also works with the school's Community Service Program, which has touched the lives of numerous of the elderly in the local community. The school requires a 40-hour commitment of service by senior students; Kelly long ago passed that benchmark. Despite this Herculean record of activity, Kelly still maintains an outstanding 3.86 overall grade point average and ranks 17th in her class of 203.

Kelly's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. Three different departments on campus--Business, Mathematics, and Campus Life/Student Activities--have honored her with their annual Outstanding Achievement Award. As mentioned above, her superior academic performance has enabled her to be selected to the National Honor Society and the California Scholastic Federation. She has been named for the past four years to the Principal's Honor Roll, the highest regular academic award conferred by Community High School.

Kelly embodies all the qualities that our school hopes to engender in its students. Her efforts have indeed touched the lives of countless students and members of the wider community.

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ASB PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Please note: You may input this form into your word processor to save time in preparation. (THIS FORM MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN OR PREPARED ON A WORD PROCESSOR) THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY A ONE PAGE NARRATIVE (SEE SAMPLE)! Nominations without a one-page narrative will not be accepted. You may submit no more than three (3) pages of support materials with the one page narrative.

ASB President Information

President's full Name: _____

Age: _____ Year In School _____ Male Female

Address of Nominee: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(_____) _____ Cell Phone:(_____) _____

email: _____

School Information

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

ASB Advsor: _____

Phone:(_____) _____ Cell Phone:(_____) _____

email: _____ FAX _____

Parent's Information

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(_____) _____ Cell Phone:(_____) _____

email: _____ FAX _____



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