

City of Henderson, Nevada

**Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational
Excellence and Youth Opportunity
Annual Report**

For Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Establishment of the Commission

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence and Youth Opportunity was established on March 16, 1993. It is comprised of 19 members, both youth and adults, whose purpose is to review local, regional, and national issues concerning excellence in education and opportunities for the development of youth in local communities. The commission may also make recommendations for the implementation or promotion of those approaches that show the greatest promise for the enhancement of the quality of life for all youth within the City of Henderson. The student members serve until the last day of July in the year they graduate. The adults serve the same term as the mayor.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Conference Room at 280 S. Water St.

Members of the Commission

The current members appointed by the mayor include:

Chairperson: Brooklynn Wolf – Southeast Career Technical Academy student

Vice Chairperson: Skylar Stephan – Pinecrest Cadence High School student

Student Commissioners:

Dylan Lunday – Basic Academy of International Studies

Stephanie Coultrap – College of Southern Nevada High School

Rachael Martin – Coral Academy of Las Vegas-Sandy Ridge

Jack Wohlwend – Coronado High School

Garrett Ordonez – Foothill High School

Chresten Brett – Nevada High School

Mallory Rich – Liberty High School

Renee Kenwood – Silverado High School

Adult Commissioners:

Luke Adamo

Jennifer Atlas

Duane Graham – Clark County School District

Shane Zeller

City of Henderson Staff Representatives:

Shari Ferguson, Director of Parks and Recreation

Ray Everhart, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Michael Oh, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Xanie Gann, Parks and Recreation Manager

Anthony Rossa, Administrative Assistant III

Commission Meeting Guests

The Commissioners had the opportunity to meet the following City of Henderson representatives: Tara Phebus, Education Initiatives Officer, Max Fenster, Educations Initiatives Analyst, Madison Larimer, Ready Crew Coordinator, Taylor Ray, Recreation Services Coordinator and Chuck Ashby, Recreation Services Supervisor.

The Commissioners learned about the City’s commitment to safety, education, citizen’s well-being, and the diversity with cultural arts. They also learned about staff duties and goals and had the opportunity to discuss student mental health concerns.

Volunteering

On Oct. 27, 2022, the Blue Ribbon Commissioners demonstrated their community leadership by volunteering at the Black Mountain Recreation Center. They sponsored a superhero themed trunk for the Trunk or Treat event where Commissioners handed out comic books and candy in partnership with Critical Care Comics.



On November 30, 2022, the Blue Ribbon Commissioners volunteered their time to stuff stockings, sign holiday cards, address labels, and prepare packages for the Blue Star Mothers at the Valley View Recreation Center. The Blue Star Mothers send several thousands of stockings and gift packages for deployed military personnel for the holidays.



Leadership Retreat

Blue Ribbon Commissioners attended their Leadership Day Retreat at Meow Wolf Las Vegas on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. The General Manager, Program and Outreach Director, Creative Director and local artists provided presentations to enlighten them to the cultural arts industry and the benefits that the industry brings to our community.



Student Commissioner Achievements

Stephani Coultrap received the Mayor Honor Roll Award at the April 4th City Council Meeting. Garret Ordenez was recognized as Foothill High School's Star Graduate through the Clark County School District.

Congratulations to the graduating seniors: Chresten Brett, Stephanie Coultrap, Dylan Lunday, Garret Ordenez, Mallory Rich, Skylar Stephan, and Brooklynn Wolf.

Future

The Blue Ribbon Commission is transitioning from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Educations Initiatives Office and will be working with the Henderson Community Education Advisory Board.

This year's report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Excellence and Youth Opportunity by:

Brooklynn Wolf
Commission Chair
May 2023

Skylar Stephan
Commission Co-Chair
May 2023

Xanie Gann
COH Staff Representative
May 2023