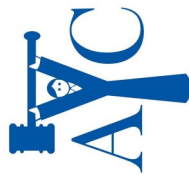


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UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

<u>ACTIVITY/EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION/TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Board of Directors Meeting	BP Energy Center 900 E. Benson Blvd. 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.	Thur. May 19 Thur. June 16 Thur. July 21 Thur. Aug. 18
Youth Jurors Needed for the University of Wyoming Law School *call for more information	Boney Courthouse, 8:45 a.m.	Sat. June 10th
AYC Annual Summer Picnic *bring a side dish to share	Balto Seppala Park 3360 Wisconsin St. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Thur. June 9
AYC New Member Classes *registration required *two classes offered, see inside for more details	Snowden Training Center 820 West 4th Ave.	Mon. - Thurs. June 20 - 23 Wed. - Fri. July 20 - 22

Summer Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Upcoming Office Closures:

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

COURT TIME CHANGE

AYC has changed the start time of the second case from 6:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

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This year's United Youth Courts of Alaska State Conference was hosted by Anchorage Youth Court at Alaska Pacific University. Just over 150 youth members from around the state came together to learn how to improve their communities through peer-based restorative justice. The conference had a diverse range of speakers presenting topics relating to youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system including sessions about youth homelessness, suicide prevention, drugs and teen brain development, and creating positive outcomes. Attendees also had the opportunity to tour McLaughlin Youth Center and take part in a drunk driving simulation from Project Drive.

There were 40 speakers in total with 25 different presentations, some presented by youth attendees and members of Anchorage Youth Court. Sydney McQuaide, Anessa Feero, Sinedou Pulou, and Sonia Santaella ran a session after being training by the Alaska Youth Development Coalition on fostering positive assets at home to improve the lives of Youth Court defendants. The North Star Youth Court (Fairbanks) presented a MOCK trial for the rest of the attendees giving insight into how formal court operates.



ANCHORAGE YOUTH COURT
SUMMER CLASSES

**NEW MEMBER CLASS
FOR YOUTH ENTERING 7TH & 8TH GRADERS**

JUNE 20 - 23 | 9 AM - 12 PM

**SNOWDEN TRAINING CENTER
820 WEST 4TH AVENUE**

REGISTRATION BEGINS: MONDAY, MAY 9

**NEW MEMBER CLASS
FOR YOUTH ENTERING 7-12 GRADE**

JULY 20 - 22 | 8:30 AM - 3 PM*

**SNOWDEN TRAINING CENTER
820 WEST 4TH AVENUE**

REGISTRATION BEGINS: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

***CLASS ON JULY 22 MEETS 8:30 AM - 12 PM**

**REGISTER EARLY
CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED IN BOTH CLASSES**

CALL 274-5986 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

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THURSDAY, JUNE 9

6-8 PM

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PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE
FAMILIES WELCOME!

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CALL 274-5986 FOR MORE INFORMATION

A very special thanks to the Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice and GCI for sponsoring our event; Senator Dan Sullivan, Mayor Ethan Berkowitz, Justice Peter Maassen, DJJ Director Rob Wood, Retired Judge Sen Tan, Judge Herman Walker, Josh Ahsoak, Adolf Zeman, Sarah Park, all of the presenters at this year's conference, our parent volunteers, and in-kind donors. We could not have done it without you! We appreciate your support.



The Youth Court Conference was really interesting and a lot of fun. We heard from some amazing speakers and learned a lot about what it's like in adult court. We had classes like "The Effects of Drugs" and how to talk to defendants. We even tried on drunk and marijuana goggles. Although in my opinion the best part of the conference, not counting the swag bags, was the trial. It was nice to see what it would be like if we ever experienced a trial in AYC, or for future reference because I definitely want to be a lawyer when I grow up. -Bernice Lloyd, Anchorage Youth Court Member

AYC Mock Presentations

Anchorage Youth Court has presented public mock cases in the last few months. The first was for the Juvenile Probation Officers at the McLaughlin Intake Center. Our members left quite an impression and were featured in the Division of Juvenile Justice Weekly Report with this report:

Anchorage Probation was visited by 10 members of the Anchorage Youth Court who performed a mock hearing on McLaughlin's Court Detention Unit. The youth put a lot of effort into preparing their roles in this fictional hearing about a youth who shoplifted and took the presentation seriously, outlining in detail the court process and the youth's mitigators and aggregators before deciding on a sentence. The numerous JPO in attendance were impressed with the thoroughness of their process and a few commented that they could learn a few things from the youth.



2016 Judges

We are excited to announce that many of our members have been promoted to judge this year. As the highest honor that can be achieved as a member, it takes commitment and hard work to achieve the position of judge within the youth court ranks. Members must take no less than 10 Anchorage Youth Court cases as a first attorney, be at least 16 years old or in at least the 10th grade, and be an active member of the Bar Association. Our judges take a training to ensure that each Anchorage Youth Court defendant is sentenced fairly.

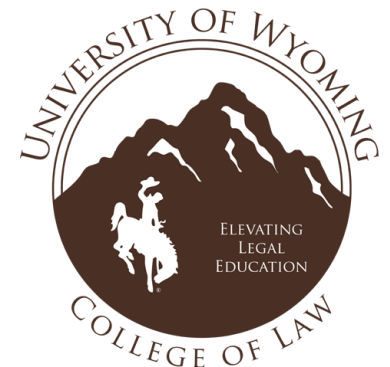


Youth Jurors Needed for the University of Wyoming Law School Training

There are exciting opportunities available for our members through the University of Wyoming Law School's summer training sessions here in Anchorage. The university is in need of volunteers to play the roles of jury during their training and they have graciously asked for AYC's assistance. This is an opportunity to work with second year law students and experienced legal professionals. Students who are interested in mock trial should take this into consideration, and all participants will gain insight into the legal world.

Date and Time*
June 10th, 8:45 a.m.

*The specific locations and ending times will be announced, please contact the AYC office to sign up.



Election Results

Elections were held April 26th. Here are the results:

Bar Association:

President:
John Jones
Vice President:
Thomas Hanks
Secretary:
Koran Young
Treasurer:
Sarah Chen
Assistant Chief Judge:
Sydney McQuaide

United Youth Court of Alaska

Representative:

John Jones

Ethics Board:

Trevor Bailly
Sarah Chen
Sam Hall
Thomas Hanks

Board of Directors:

Trevor Bailly
Sarah Chen
Sam Hall
John Jones
Rachael Shaw-Rosenbaum
Koran Young



Former Bar Association President, Brandon Thomas, shakes the hand of to the incoming President, John Jones.

Our next mock was for the Girls Scouts! Three of our members that participated in the mock, Rachael Shaw-Rosenbaum, Anessa Feero, and Nia Hastings are girls scouts and were excited to share their youth court experience with the troops. "The Girl Scout Mock trial was a great experience. Seeing these girls interested in court and AYC was wonderful to see."
-Nia Hastings



Interested in becoming an Anchorage Youth Court officer or board member? The following positions are open for appointment by the Executive Board over the summer and elections will be held in the fall. Contact the AYC office if interested.

Chief Judge	Chief Clerk	Fundraising Liaison
Ethics Board	Publicity Liaison	Board of Directors

Interested in the Anchorage Youth Court process?

If you are part of or know a group that would like to view a mock Anchorage Youth Court case, please contact AYC at 274-5986 to schedule one!

Awards Night/Swearing In

Anchorage Youth Court had our annual awards night to celebrate our great volunteers. The Spring Class of 2016 was also sworn in as brand new members!

Spring Class of 2016



Presidential Volunteer Service Award Recipients

Young Adult (age 16 and older)

Gold Award – 250+ hours

John Jones

Silver Award – 175 - 249 hours

Sydney McQuaide

Brynn Morse

Bronze Award – 100 – 174 hours

Trevor Bailly

Sarah Chen

Anessa Feero

Samuel Hall

Robbie Kosinski

Willem Meehan

Brandon Thomas

Teen (age 11 – 15)

Gold Award – 100+ hours

Bernice Lloyd

Jessica Smith

Koran Young

Silver Award – 75 – 99 hours

Noah Cusick

Kiera Peace

Erica Santaella

Rachael Shaw-Rosenbaum

Bronze Award – 50 – 74 hours

Megan Buwalda

Nia Hastings

Whitney Hoff

Victoria Rambo

Aaron Rude

Jessica Woo

Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!

Brandon Thomas

Clare Cook

Arielle Wiggan

Denali Ruggieri

Esteban Marin

Noah Hammett

Javier Acuña

Sonia Santaella

Maya Kedem

Klaire Rhodes

Thisal Senevirathne

Presidential Volunteer Service Award Recipients



The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes volunteers who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month period. Awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of a volunteer's service achievement. This year 23 AYC members were awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award.

