



***2021-2022***  
**Scottsdale Mayors  
Youth Council**

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**YEAR IN  
REVIEW**



The Scottsdale Mayors Youth Council had a fun filled year full of exciting opportunities including ending the year with a well-attended Youth Town Hall. We kicked off the year with attendance at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns event in the fall where students were exposed to various keynote speakers who engaged students on topics such as mental health, leadership, and networking skills. This was an incredibly rewarding experience where students met other like-minded individuals from different cities and towns In Arizona.



As the school year began the SMYC team as a group decided to focus on sustainability, as it relates to the social, environmental, and economic pillars. Students met regularly in their respective groups to discuss how they could impact their community in each of these efforts. These group discussions led to presentations and tours associated with animal welfare, water conservation, and budgeting within the city. In addition to gaining awareness and education on these topics, they were active in their community by attending various events such as an adopt -a-road clean up, volunteering at various holiday functions, and assisting with the City of Scottsdale's Veteran's Day event. They also participated in the annual Parada Del Sol parade and festivities.

The following report is a summary of the council's Youth Town Hall event, including feedback from a satisfaction survey. As a council we have spent time reflecting on what we have accomplished this year through our efforts and exposure to various opportunities. We are hopeful this report displays the hard work and commitment of our 2021-2022 Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council students.





# Scottsdale's Mayor's Youth Council 2021-2022

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# Youth Town Hall 2022

Youth Town Hall is an annual event planned and sponsored by the Scottsdale's Mayor's Youth Council. Youth Town Hall gives teens the opportunity to plan and implement an event focused on the years goals associated with a chosen topic each year.

The annual event brings students together in Scottsdale to learn, grown and exchange ideas in an effort to impact their community.

This year's event was held on Thursday, April 14th at the Scottsdale Giants Stadium. During the event we had 60 students from all five SUSD High Schools, Scottsdale Basis, Rancho Solano and Scottsdale Preparatory. Students gained awareness for climate change after an informing and educational presentation made by the president of the Arizona Youth Climate Coalition.

## STUDENTS WERE ASKED SUCH QUESTIONS AS:

*"How do you think climate change will progress within your community?"*

*"How can you work to improve climate awareness within your community?"*

*"Does your community have any specific projects that work to improve sustainability?"*

*"What kind of projects, ideas and events are you hoping to work on in this fight for sustainability?"*

After an engaging conversation and networking opportunity students were met with a thought-provoking presentation by Dr. Scott Cloutier, Arizona State Assistant Professor in the School of Sustainability, and the Director of the Happy Lab. Dr. Cloutier engaged students in discussion related to the intersection of sustainability and happiness and how the two converge or diverge. He shared insights on sustainability and it's relationship to happiness. He challenged students to look and reflect on their own lives, their activities, and the impact of these choices may have on their daily lives. The evening ended with students completing a satisfaction survey that provided feedback to the council that will assist them in the future.



# 2022 Youth Town Hall Survey Results

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## Responses to: “What did you learn at the YTH event?”

- Allowed me to recognize how we can do small actions to make a big difference regarding sustainability
- Ways I can connect happiness to sustainability
- Having passion for sustainability and creating happiness in our life
- Corporations continue to collect money even at the cost of the earth
- I learned about the intersection of happiness and self-actualization and sustainability of the environment



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## Do you think the information provided today will be tools you can apply to your everyday life?

**100%** said yes

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## Did you enjoy the presentation provided by the Arizona Youth Coalition for Climate?

**100%** said yes

### Comments:

- How we can incorporate sustainability into our daily lives
- Provided solutions and effects of our efforts
- Amazing presentation, so articulate and thoughtful
- Good discussion and informational
- Gave me new ideas on what I can do to make a difference
- Provided ample information to interact with the community and provide change
- Very insightful and provided good information on climate change
- Audience engagement and questions were good. Brought problems to the table some people would not talk about such as sustainable classrooms and how to get involved

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Did you enjoy the keynote speaker, Dr. Scott Cloutier?

**100%** said yes

Responses:

- Allowed me to look at my daily habits in a new way
- Really enjoyed the way he presented an open conversation
- He was very inspiring
- Really liked his energy, I learned stuff I could carry through the rest of my life
- He understands how to reach us and provide information in a way I understood
- Liked how he linked happiness to sustainability
- Very inspirational and made me think much deeper about things that can be difficult to think about
- Brought happiness into sustainability unlike any other speaker I have heard. I liked his link to societal norms and to look at our passions and not just the tiny picture
- Life changing perspectives
- He was awesome and changed my views on consumerism and awareness
- I enjoyed his reference to farming and gardening; I enjoy those activities

Do you find other students are aware of sustainability and how they can make a difference in their community and life?

YES: **70%**  
NO: **30%**

Responses:

- Some students are so passionate about what they believe in and it inspires me.
- I feel like society can always do a better job to continue to improve in this area.
- Some students are aware, but they won't act on these issues
- Students need to be more educated as this is a problem in our future
- Students are just not motivated to do anything, need more attention and education
- It appears from the group that students are aware and have good solutions
- Students are more exposed to resources in school and in their community.
- Most people do not care about sustainability.
- More people need to be aware.

