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Hello everybody,

I would like to begin by saying that it is my pleasure to be sharing this information with all of you. I served as a member of the Gonzales Youth Council 1 year, then my senior year of high-school I decided to apply to become a youth commissioner. I proudly served as the 2017-2018 school year.



I'm currently a first-year Political Science major at San Diego State University (SDSU). SDSU's mission and vision, is to prepare students holistically to serve as good community members and students with a sense of leadership. With this being said, I have realized that these are the things that I learned from my participation in the Youth Council and was able to teach my members as well. And I'm getting to apply my experience to being involved and serving while at SDSU.



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Hot chocolate with President de la Torre and other students while talking about issues that affect us. What a great way to empower the voice of students.



... For example, I have served on three committees. Two of these committees advocate for the needs of California State Students (CSU). All three committees give SDSU students opportunities that enhance their personal development. For instance, this March some students and I will be attending the California for High Education Student Summit to advocate for relevant issues that college students are facing. We will be traveling to Sacramento to do this.

I'm also part of the Resiliency Inspiration for Success in Education program, where I can share my experiences as a first-generation, low-income student.

Also, during my first semester I was able to complete my first college internship. I was

an intern for an individual who was running for community college board trustee. After I completed this internship, I was offered a fellowship working with the same individual. I now work with the Youth Development Office here in San Diego. Through my work , I help the San Diego County provide youth with equitable opportunities that supports them to have a happy, healthy road to success.

I can say that I'm able to do all of this because of all the resources that Gonzales and the Youth Council have given me. Not only did the Youth Council allow me to professionally develop at such a young age, it also allowed me to build all the skills that I have been using here at SDSU. Anything from learning how to lead a meeting, sending a professional email, and even learning how to earn a seat at the table are all things that I learned from all the community leaders and the opportunities that were given to me.

I believe that the biggest thing that I learned was to be proud of the city that I lived in. I'm proud to say that I'm from Gonzales, a city that invests in their youth and prioritizes them. With all the emerging young leaders that Gonzales has, and of the energy that has been put into creating different programs for youth development, I wouldn't be surprised if Gonzales continues to do this.

Gonzales is giving their youth skills that other surrounding cities are not, skills that will not only help students when they move to college, but skills that they will carry throughout their life.

THANK YOU for providing me the opportunity to learn and grow as a leader!