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Teen Court Academy Graduates

New Braunfels, TX – New Braunfels Municipal Court would like to announce the names of the second Teen Court Academy Graduates for 2017: Raegan Anderson, Alexis Campos, Lehua Egan, Lillian Goodbread, Jessica Hammock, Emily Jensen, Elektra Jordan, Meagan Martin, Jackie Martinez and Kaitlin Quantz.

The Teen Court Academy was established in 2016 in an effort to provide teens with training and experience with legal concepts, critical thinking, presentation skills, and a real world experience with trial processes and the criminal justice system. Judge Rose Zamora and Juvenile Case Manager Norma C. Herrera worked to bring this idea to fruition and enlisted the help of several community leaders as faculty and developers of curriculum.

“These leaders are an asset to the Academy, and we would like to recognize the following community leaders who dedicated their time: Wade Arledge, Raquel Brandenburg, Jesus Navar, Keira Kilday, Matt Kyle, Mike Rutherford and Judge Charles A. Stephens,” said Judge Zamora.

The graduates spent 10 weeks attending two hour sessions covering the following curriculum in an effort to prepare them to become Volunteer Teen Attorneys in Teen Court: Court Systems, Trial Processes, Roles of Attorneys, Criminal Offenses, Case Preparation, Opening and Closing, Cross and Direct Examination, Rules of Evidence, Objections and Perjury, Punishments and Ethics.

In addition, the Teen Court Academy offered a team building activity at the Escape Haus. Several of the participants also spent time observing County and District Courts.

“We are so very proud of the Teen Court Academy’s 2nd year graduates,” Zamora said. “They have proven to be skillful, intelligent, and motivated young leaders. It is the New Braunfels Municipal Court’s desire to continue this Teen Court Academy in order to train youth to be leaders, volunteers, and mentors in our community.”

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