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**New Braunfels Teen Court Academy Graduation**

**New Braunfels, TX** – Seven area teens received their graduation certification from the New Braunfels Municipal Court Teen Academy on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the New Braunfels Municipal Court. The 2018 Teen Court Academy graduates include: Kate Adams, Brooke Baragana, Keira Jenkins, Colby Kloehr, Erika Lopez, Mary Catherine Legreid, and Sorrel Stevens.

The Teen Court Academy was established in April 2016 to provide teens training and experience with legal concepts, critical thinking, presentation skills and a real-world experience with trial processes and the criminal justice system.

Municipal Court Judge Rose Zamora and Norma C. Herrera, Juvenile Case Manager, brought the teen academy idea to fruition with the help of several community leaders who volunteered as faculty and developers of curriculum.

“These leaders are an asset to the Academy,” said Herrera, “We owe our thanks to Jennifer Dillingham, Kiera Kilday, Matty Kyle, Jesus Navar and Judge Charles Stephens - community leaders who dedicated their time to this program and these teens.”

The Teen Court Academy graduates spent nine weeks attending two-hour sessions studying and discussing Court Systems, Ethics, Trial Processes, Opening and Closing Statement, Criminal Offenses and Punishments, Case Preparation, Direct and Cross Examination, Perjury, Objections and Rules of Evidence.

“We are so very proud of this year’s graduates,” said Judge Zamora. “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.”

For questions about the Teen Court Academy, contact Ms. Herrera at [nherrera@nbtexas.org](mailto:nherrera@nbtexas.org).

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