

# Sugar Hill Youth Council Gazette



Left to Right according to picture: Aysha Jerald, Agam Singh, Amber Nicholson, Byrn Pugh, Roshni Patel, Shelby Borek, Taylor Morain, Kaan Cubukcu

**“Leadership is unlocking people’s potential to become better.” – Bill Bradley**

## An Enlightening Retreat

Over the past month, four of our council members (Aysha Jerald, Roshni Patel, Taylor Morain, and Amber Nicholson) attended the Mayor’s Day Conference in downtown Atlanta at the Hilton Hotel. While present, the youth council observed three conferences, met a number of Mayors, state Senators, and Georgia-wide youth delegates, and also took part in a youth leadership program. In that program, the SHYC was informed on how a bill becomes a law, learned the importance of public services, and obtained advice from elected officials, including Rep. Dar’shun Kendrick, Rep. Dexter Sharper, and Mayor Ted Terry. One SYHC participant, Aysha Jerald, states, “It was an enlightening and wonderful experience. We were able to hear a word from the Governor and engage in a deep conversation with a state Senator, who offered us an invitation the capital! The entire retreat was unforgettable -I will always remember the wonderful things I learned and the amazing people I met.” The Youth Council participants walked away from that event with bright eyes, and they were eager to share and take advantage what they had observed.



*2016 Mayor's Day Conference*

## Fun Fact:

Sugar Hill Youth Council’s Mayor’s Day participants met youth delegates from the cities of Savannah, Macon, and McDonough. Neither of those youth delegates had heard of Sugar Hill!

# Sugar Hill's School Highlights!

## North Gwinnett High School's 2016 Relay for Life: Pirates of the Cure-ibbean

When it comes to cancer, almost everyone has a story to tell. Whether it is losing a loved one, or kicking cancer to the curb, cancer has impacted millions of lives. There are many organizations that dedicate their time and effort to help finding a cure for cancer and the pain it causes. One of the biggest organizations is Relay for Life, a program that helps communities celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember lost loved ones, and fight back against the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon to raise much-needed funds. North Gwinnett High School is the number one school Relay fundraiser in the world, with each and every member having a different motivation for "why they relay." Natalie Alvarez relays for "[her] grandma who fought against breast cancer and [her] two grandpas with Prostate and Skin cancer." Alex Hawks relays "for [her] grandma and great grandma, who both had breast cancer and won" and her "great grandpa who passed away from Pancreatic Cancer." Once again, North Gwinnett goes above and beyond for fundraising for Relay.



Last year, North raised \$140,000. This year, their goal is to raise \$150,000. North Gwinnett raises funds by selling t-shirts, having goals for each member, baking, racing in color runs, etc. This year, on Saturday, March 12, North will be hosting the Color For A Cure 5K race. The price will be \$30 per participant and all proceeds go to Relay. On Friday, May 13, 2016, North will host their main event at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. The theme this year is "Cirque De Relay."

North Gwinnett asks you, the community, to partner with them in their dream to put an end to cancer. Donate now or attend one of their events to help their dream come true. If you own, or are part of a business willing to sponsor, North is asking specifically for you –business sponsors are valuable to achieving their goal.

Let's help make our world victorious over cancer.



## How to Become a NGHS Pirate?

Sign up for Color For A Cure 5k:

<http://nghscoloracure5k.weebly.com/race-info/registration.html>

Sign up for Cirque De Relay:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16SA?pg=entry&fr\\_id=70805](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16SA?pg=entry&fr_id=70805)

Follow NG Relay on Twitter: @NGHSrelay4life

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## Lanier High School's Rise to Success



The Lanier Longhorns continue to raise the bar to new heights with each new month. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the school hosted its first ever leadership conference created by leaders for leaders. The conference aimed to teach students all about leadership and how to be a good leader. Aided by teachers and guests speakers alike, students learned the necessary skills required

to be more productive people (along with a helping of pizza).

Those who were in attendance describe a friendly environment surrounded by helpful upperclassmen and peers. Activities and seminars kept the students engaged and interested. At the end of the day, everyone walked away with new friends and new skills to utilize in their lives. It was a great achievement by Longhorn standards.

Hook 'em Horns!



## An Exciting Year for Buford High School



2016 is another exciting year for Buford High School. The BHS Wrestling Team is off to GHSA State Championship, after winning AAAA East Sectionals. The Lady Wolves Basketball Team is heading to semi-finals after their defeat against Madison County with a score of 62-51. Senior Chandler Hall is leading them to finals for that state title. Also, the BHS Swim Team took on Swim State Championships last weekend. Hannah Barnard placed 29<sup>th</sup> in 50 free, and Nelson Montini placed 28<sup>th</sup> in 200 Free.

Troupe 2971 headed out to GA Thescon the previous week. Their musical, Jekyll & Hyde, was chosen to perform in front of 4,200 students at Columbus. Troupe 2971 also was chosen for the IE Showcase at the event, where those twelve students performed an amazing version of “21 Guns.” At Thescon, many Buford thespians received scholarships for: Costuming, Technical Theater, Musical Theater, and Drama.





The Sugar Hill Youth Council is very excited to introduce the Sugar Hill Youth Ambassadors. Congratulations to Nida Merchant, Spencer-Grace Williams, Sherree Clark-Metcalf, Camyrn Flores, Logan Witter, Ocana Nicola, Asha McFarland, Laura Ann Acker, and Jordan Powell. They will be meeting this month for their first meeting to discuss the goals and future of the Youth Ambassadors. An official Youth Ambassadors picture will be in next month's issue. We are excited to see all this committee has in store and all they accomplish.





