

## Youth Champion Award

The Youth Commission would like to thank the dedicated employees of the City of Portland and Multnomah County who work to improve the lives of young people.

The following employees, who go above and beyond the call of duty, were selected as the 2010 Youth Champion Award Winners:

### The City of Portland

#### **Carolina Iraheta Gonzalez**

Safe Routes to School Organizer—Portland Bureau of Transportation.

### Multnomah County

#### **Molly Franks**

Health Educator—Multnomah County Health Department

### Youth Commission Meetings

The Multnomah Youth Commission meets the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 4:30-7:30 pm. Our meetings alternate between Portland City Hall, (1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland) and the Gresham Schools Building (1331 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham) and five locations in the community. These are public meetings.

For and up to date calendar and more information about the Youth Commission, go to [www.ourcommission.org](http://www.ourcommission.org). You can also find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @MYCommission.



## Youth Commission Swearing-In Ceremony



**September 29, 2010 • 5:00 PM**

**Portland City Hall, Council Chambers  
Reception following at the first floor atrium**



## Welcome from the MYC Co-Chairs

"Welcome and thank you all for being here. Tonight we gather to celebrate the beginning of a new term for the Multnomah Youth Commission and to acknowledge the diverse and committed youth from the City and County that make up the Youth Commission. Join us as we highlight some of the exemplary accomplishments of the commission this past year. We look forward to more of these accomplishments as we begin another term. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony. Once again, thank you and welcome!"

*Daisy Quinonez & James Todd, Co-Chairs*

## Youth Commission Co-Chairs

Daisy Quinonez & James Todd

## Youth Commission Staff

### Multnomah County:

Marc Fernandes, Commission on Children, Families & Community

### City of Portland:

Todd Diskin, Office of Mayor Sam Adams

## Thank you to all our contributors

**The Office of Mayor Sam Adams** and the **Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community** for housing and staffing the Youth Commission at the City and County respectively

The Youth Commission is grateful for all of the family, friends and supporters who help advocate for the voice of youth in our community.

**"I accept the office of Youth Commissioner, including all the duties and responsibilities therein.**

**I commit to faithfully and diligently represent the voices of young people of Multnomah County and the City of Portland.**

**I will work to make the City & County a great place for everyone to grow up and live."**

## Multnomah Youth Commissioners • 2010-2011

### At-Large Commissioners



**Gayatri Subedi (17)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year**

*College*

This is Gayatri's first year as a Youth Commissioner.



**Dylan Tingley (15)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

*Grant High School*

I would like to see youth make taking care of the environment a priority because one day we, as young people, will inherit it.



**Avathar Vivekaraj (17)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year**

*LÉP High School*

I believe that I am here to re-imagine and then remake the world along with the rest of my generation.

## Program Agenda

### Welcome

**5:00 PM**

Call to Order, Portland Mayor Sam Adams.  
Emcees, Daisy Quinonez & James Todd, MYC Co-Chairs

### Youth Engagement Report

**5:05 PM**

Introductions and Youth Commission presentation by Daisy Quinonez & James Todd. City & County Youth Engagement Team presentation by Pam Phan, Youth Program Coordinator, Youth Planning Program, Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability.

### Report on Doctoral Thesis

**5:20 PM**

Introductions by James Todd. Report by Julie Petrokubi

### Swearing-In Ceremony & Recognition

**5:25 PM**

Opening remarks by County Chair Jeff Cogen. Remarks & Oath of Office administered by Portland Mayor Sam Adams. Introductions by Todd Diskin & Marc Fernandes, MYC Staff. Recognition by Portland City Council and Multnomah County Commissioners.  
*The Oath of Office can be found on the page 11 of this program. Youth Commissioner names will be read one at time. Please hold your acknowledgements to the end. A group photo will follow.*

### Youth Champion Award

**5:45 PM**

Introductions & history by Daisy Quinonez & James Todd. Awards presented by 2009 recipients, Carla Remeschatis, Multnomah County School Based Health & Sgt. George Weatheroy, Portland Police Bureau.  
*The 2010 Youth Champion Award winners can be found on page 12 of this program.*

### Reception

**6:00 PM**

*At the end of the Swearing-in ceremony, a reception of light snacks and cake will take place in the Atrium on the first floor of City Hall. A short orientation for MYC parents will immediately follow.*

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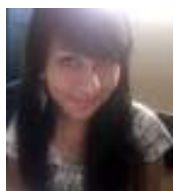
**Umulkher Abdullaahi (18)** **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**  
*Madison High School Education Committee*  
 Uma joined the MYC in the middle of the 2009-10 year and serves on the Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Coordinating Council.



**Wilson Alness (15)** **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
*Cleveland High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I am passionate about the environment and transportation issues.



**Jacqueline Altamirano** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Mt. Hood Community College Education Committee*  
 I want to be able to voice the opinions and concerns of the people in my community. I feel that as youth, one of the contributions we can make is progress.



**Perla Alvarez (16)** **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
*Catlin Gable School Education Committee*  
 I want to get involved in education and start to make changes around this area. The MYC can make big changes to make this happen.



**Camille Bales (13)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*French American Int'l School Sustainability Committee*  
 I am excited to be part of the MYC because I feel it makes a difference and is important for all youth.



**Madeleine Bloch (16)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Riverdale High School Youth Voice Committee*  
 I feel being a member of the MYC gives me a voice in the community and allows me to do the same for others.

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**Katherine Westmoreland (17)** **4<sup>th</sup> Year**  
*David Douglas High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I have never been in a group as inspiring at the MYC. I love that we are able to change policy and create change. I support more services in East County.

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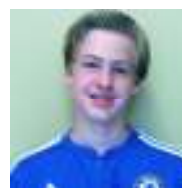
**Henry Easton Koehler (15)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Cleveland High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I would like youth to realize that we face a lot of long term challenges and we need to start thinking of solutions for them.



**Miles Ingram (15)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Cleveland High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I want to leave a trace.



**Kim Nguyen** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Parkrose High School undetermined*  
 Kim has been a video production student over the last 3 years and a news anchor and has taken additional school and client video projects.



**Gunnar Olson (13)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*DaVinci Arts Middle School Sustainability Committee*  
 I am a very passionate Portlander. That is why I wanted to be on the MYC, to make a difference in my community.



**Hanna Seminario (XX)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Lincoln High School Youth Voice Committee*  
 Hanna is a member of the Lincoln High School Constitution team. This is her first year on the MYC.



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**Jerome Smith (17)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Roosevelt High School Health & Wellness Committee*  
 I am very easy to get along with and make people laugh. I have many characteristics of a leader.



**Lindsie Stevens (16)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Parkrose High School Health & Wellness Committee*  
 I plan to participate to make a difference in the lives of youth today. My life motto is, "when life doesn't go right, go left."



**Karla Suarez (18)** **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**  
*Portland State University Education Committee*  
 I would love for the MYC to work on the drop out rate and help more youth get to higher education.



**James Todd (17) MYC Co-Chair** **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**  
*Franklin High School Youth Voice Committee*  
 I do not feel tokenized when I work with the Commission. I know that this group has the capacity to effect monumental change.



**Emily Volpert (15)** **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**  
*Grant High School Health & Wellness Committee*  
 I would like youth to realize that they can affect change, and the MYC is the best place to start.



**Emma Weitzhandler (14)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Grant High School Education Committee*  
 My wish for the world is that everyone could accept each other and work together to create the best community possible.

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**Javier Cruz (15)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Reynolds High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I joined the MYC to have my voice heard and so I could help change our community for the better.



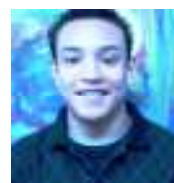
**Andrew Dalke (15)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Lincoln High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I want to represent myself and my community on the issues affecting today's youth.



**Hadiayah Desphy (13)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Reynolds Middle School Education Committee*  
 I believe that I can make a difference in my community & that the MYC will help me do so. Kids are people too and deserve to have their voices heard.



**Perpetua Ejike (17)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Franklin High School Health & Wellness Committee*  
 I love being involved in my community and I don't like standing by and complaining when I can actually make a difference.



**Ricardo Gonzalez (17)** **1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
*Gresham High School Health & Wellness Committee*  
 I am passionate about helping younger youth out trouble. I like that many of us in the MYC strive for the same thing, to make the community a better place.



**Sophia Kecskes (15)** **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**  
*Cleveland High School Youth Voice Committee*  
 I love the MYC because I feel like I am making a difference in others' lives. When I think about our city, I feel incredibly proud to say, "I did that".

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**Rebecca Kirk (18)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*NAYA Early College Academy Youth Voice Committee*  
 I believe that cultural preservation, self-motivation and positivity can really change your life for the better.



**Luwam Kkahassay (17)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*Benson High School Youth Voice Committee*  
 I want to have a positive affect/effect on youth around the city so that one day they will be able to do the same for me.



**Maira Martinez (17)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*Gresham High School Education Committee*  
 I am passionate to stand up for my own, to prosper and conquer the world, to make a stronger generation.



**Alex McCreedy (17)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*Lincoln High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I believe that if you have the ability to help, it is your responsibility to do so.



**Erika Molina (18)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*Mt. Hood Community College Education Committee*  
 I am passionate about proving that youth can and will make a difference in our community.



**Eduardo Ortiz (16)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*Gresham High School Youth Voice Committee*  
 I am hopeful to expand my knowledge about the problems that different youth in my community face.

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**Daniel Pierson (16)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*Cleveland High School Education Committee*  
 I joined the MYC to help develop the education committee which in its infancy and to help establish equity in every high school across the county.



**Amy Qiu (13)** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*East/West Sylvan Middle School Education Committee*  
 I believe that giving youth a voice about their community will enlighten adults about our point-of-view and enhance our future.



**Daisy Quinonez (16) MYC Co-Chair** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
*David Douglas High School Health & Wellness Committee*  
 Once you are a member of the MYC, civic engagement becomes a lifestyle. It will be one you're happy to live!



**Isabelino Rios** 1<sup>st</sup> Year  
*College Youth Voice Committee*  
 I advocate for homeless youth and feel this message is for our entire generation. The MYC is the platform this generation needs to take the message to the next level.



**Quinn Rohlf (17)** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
*Lincoln High School Sustainability Committee*  
 I feel that global climate change is the biggest problem facing everyone and my with the MYC can help youth confront this problem.



**Akos Sarfo-Kantanka (16)** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
*Wilson High School Health & Wellness Committee*  
 MYC is a place for youth to get their voice heard. All of us hope to make change in our community and beyond. The MYC is our first step.