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# SOUNDBYTES



## RICHARDSON YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY DAY

The RYL students met on October 5, 2011 at the Richardson City Hall for Community Day. The students were greeted by Mayor Bob Townsend and members of the City Council with a warm welcome. The Mayor, City Council and City Manager Bill Keffler gave the students an overview of the structure of the council, the mayor position and how both are elected by the citizens of Richardson along with a Q&A session in the council chambers. As many LR graduates remember, the next activity was the renowned "Richardson Road Rally" where the students were driven by parent volunteers (thank you parents!!) to various historic sites within the city, as well as, key operation centers with COR staff. Students visited the Animal Shelter, traffic watch room, SCADA operations, Municipal Court, Police and Fire, the Eisemann Center and more. After their trip the students were treated to a discussion of leadership traits with Pam Krause, who lead the class through the Mastery of Leadership. The students were then given a chance to showcase their leadership skills when they were split into groups and presented a case study on redevelopment of Camelot Shopping Center by the Planning Department. Each group was given maps and tools to design their own redevelopment of the center, and then each group presented their ideas to the class.

RYL would like to thank the City of Richardson, especially, Samantha Woodmancy for coordinating the session and hosting our event in

October. A very special thank you to the parent volunteers for driving during the road rally. We could not provide this program without your continued support. In November, the RYL class will be hosted by the

University of Texas at Dallas for the education session.



-David Stephan  
Vice President,  
Richardson Youth  
Leadership

