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Leadership Richardson Alumni Association Newsletter

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News from the President



Dear Members of LRAA,

We celebrate and pay tribute to our outstanding Past Presidents of LRAA this month, and will host a reception and dinner in their honor on February 19. It is fitting that we honor these hard working and very much involved members, as annually we stand on their shoulders in terms of past accomplishments, and service to our community at large. On behalf of the Board of Directors of LRAA, we salute each of you and thank you so very much for devoting your time, talent, and expertise to make LR and LRAA the wonderful organizations that each has become. Continue to stay involved, give us advice, share your expertise, and most of all share your love for each other and our community. We will be forever connected and isn't that the most wonderful thing about LRAA?

President, Leadership Richardson Alumni Association 2015-16

LRAA Night at the RSO

Thank you to Deborah Carroll and Michelle Miller for planning a wonderful pre-concert reception at the Richardson Symphony Orchestra, February 6. It was a great opportunity to visit with LRAA friends before enjoying a fabulous RSO performance featuring the music of Billy Joel and Elton John. Watch your email for the announcement of other LRAA events coming this Spring!

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Please update your profile information on the [LRAA website](#), so we can keep you apprised of all the wonderful things happening in the next few months!

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Have you paid your 2015-16 dues yet?

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Check it out!

[State of the City Wildflower lineup announced](#)

*NOTE: We will be recruiting volunteers for the Wildflower Festival soon! Stay tuned for more details! [Scholarship Dash](#)
April 9, 8 a.m.*

Richardson Youth Leadership

The January RYL session was hosted by the Richardson YMCA. We had a great Leadership On The Move (LOTM) session led by the infamous Dizzy Dick. It was a get up and move kind of day and the kids really enjoyed the interactive activities. Thanks to the YMCA for hosting us and to Dizzy for all his pearls of wisdom.

Q&A Member Profile with RYL Students



As the deadline for applications for the Richardson Youth Leadership 2016/2017 program approaches ([RYL information](#)), we thought it fitting to highlight two current RYL participants. Alejandra Gonzalez and Sean Mulvihill spoke to the LR Class before working at Santa's Village in December. Be sure to promote this great leadership program to current high school sophomores! Our LRAA fundraising support RYL activities and scholarships!

Alejandra Gonzalez

Sean Mulvihill

What made you decide to participate in RYL?

My mom was in LR and would always tell me how much fun she was having at the activities. When it came time to applying, she encouraged me.

What made you decide to participate in RYL?

My father is an RL alumni and said the program was amazing so he pushed me to do RYL, I'm glad he did.

What have you learned from your participation in

What have you learned from your participation in Richardson Youth Leadership program? What has been the best experience so far?

RYL has taught me many lifetime skills about being a leader and even a follower. My best experience was definitely our Stony Ranch day. Though this was not one of the "learning" days, I learned a lot from my peers. This day was also special for me because coming from a Plano school, I did not know more than 6 other people. It was an excellent way to not only meet, but trust the others that you would be surrounded by for the next year.

Would you encourage other students to participate in the program and if so, for what reason (s)?

I would definitely suggest current sophomores to start applying! It is so much more than getting out of school and hanging out with your friends and getting an activity on your resume! This program is special for years to come because of the skills that you learn. Help keep this amazing program growing!

What are your plans after high school?

I plan on attending college somewhere outside of Texas! I'm still indecisive as to where I want to pursue my education. On my list: KU, Miami of Ohio, Mizzou, University of Michigan, or North Carolina. I plan on majoring in business and communications.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

When I'm not studying ... I love to hang out with my family, friends or my dog, Tara.

Where do you go to school?

I go to Plano Senior High School, but I live in Richardson!

What are activities you involved with in and out of school?

I am involved with my church youth choir, Council of Youth Ministries and youth mission trips. I am also in the Richardson Symphony League program which raises money for the Richardson Symphony Orchestra. I also play piano and volleyball.

Richardson Youth Leadership program? What has been the best experience so far?

RYL has showed me that there are times you must follow, rather than lead, for the better of the group you're a part of. My best experience through RYL has definitely been our tour of UTD. Our tour offered extremely interesting science lectures as well as fantastic connections to multiple administrations officers and professors, something very valuable to high school juniors about to apply for college. Because of this tour I was able to meet one of the professors we met with, and secure a internship in the neuroscience department for the upcoming summer and school year.

Would you encourage other students to participate in the program and if so, for what reason (s)?

I would absolutely encourage others to apply to RYL! RYL puts you in a group of some of the smartest and best people from all of RISD making everything you do a complete blast. As well as being around great people members, you get to miss school to go to some of the coolest places Richardson has to offer.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school I'll be attending college. I haven't yet landed on a definite school but I'm looking into ATMU, UT, and UTD.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I love to run and exercise or hang out with friends.

Where do you go to school?

I attend J.J. Pearce High School.

What are activities you involved with in and out of school?

In school, I'm a part of Peer Helpers, Pre-med club, National Honors Society, and my own Public speaking and leadership club. Out of school I'm a member and chairman for Young Men's Service League.

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