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**City Council Meeting Date:** May 21, 2019

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
City Administrator Martig

**From:** Communications & Human Resources Director Mahowald

Recognition of Graduating Northfield High School Seniors serving on Boards and Commissions

**Action Requested:**

Mayor Pownell and City Council Members will present certificates to graduating seniors in recognition of their service on Boards and Commissions.

**Summary Report:**

The Mayor's Youth Council was formed in 2006. At that time, the community was just beginning to have conversations around how to ensure youth voice in civic affairs. The City Council took the initiative to form an Advisory Council that was made up entirely of youth. At that time, the Council was made up of 13-15 high school students. That model stayed in place until the spring of 2015 when the City again decided to take a leading role in giving youth a voice in the community and led the expansion of the program.

The desire to give youth a voice is grounded in the belief that youth play a critical role in the vitality of our community and that by allowing them to take part in public debate they help shape the world in which they would want to live and raise their families in. It is an investment in both the here and now and in the future of the community.

Healthy Community Initiatives (HCI) is the "backbone" of the program. They have a dedicated staff member that is responsible for acting as the touch point for all of the youth serving on these various boards, as well as the adults that are working with them. HCI coordinates the application process, the meetings, and the youth reflection on the value and benefit of the program.

The following Northfield High School Seniors will be recognized for their service on Board and Commissions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board and Commission</u>
Neina Abdulai	Library Board
Colin Bandy	Housing & Redevelopment Authority
Ann Beimers	Arts & Culture Commission
Emily Boland	Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
Abby Borene	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Keara Cooney	Human Rights Commission
Elsa Kasten	Community Services Advisory Board
Elias Kruse	Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
Logan Ledman	Heritage Preservation Commission
Arlie Lee	Planning Commission
Athziri Marcial Rodriguez	Mayor's Youth Council
Celia Meagher	Mayor's Youth Council
Dan Nelson	Mayor's Youth Council
Evan Orjala	Heritage Preservation Commission
AJ Pahs	Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
Angelo Perez	Mayor's Youth Council
Caroline Pritchard	Mayor's Youth Council
Isaac Riggins	Human Rights Commission
Sam Ryden	Mayor's Youth Council
Hannah Singh	Arts and Culture Commission
Molly Stevens	Mayor's Youth Council
Eli Voland	Mayor's Youth Council
Teagan Watkins	Library Board
Samuel Wilmot	Statewide Health Improvement Planning (SHIP) Community Leadership Team
Logan Wells	Mayor's Youth Council and Beyond The Yellow Ribbon