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**RIVERSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL HOLDS “YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT”
AT CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

RIVERSIDE, CA –On March 15, 2014, the Riverside Youth Council brought back their Riverside Youth Leadership Summit. Students from the Riverside and Alvard Unified School Districts were invited to attend the summit and approximately 80 youth participated.

The “Youth Summit 2014” committee, under the direction and coordination of Co-Chair Maxine Denholtz and RYC member Janay Osborne, and members of RYC organized four workshops to awaken and sharpen the leadership skills of the participating students. Two of the workshops were facilitated by RYC members, Preeanka Mazumder, Roberto Gutierrez, Reysa Patel, and Adan Chavez. These workshops guided students in finding the strengths and weaknesses that come with their leadership styles and encouraged students to become civically engaged and make a difference in their schools and communities.



Dr. Mark Kling, CBU professor, held a workshop encouraging the youth in following their passions and how to voice their opinions. Counselor Connie Decker, nationally recognized by the College Board, held a workshop to identify the tools students have to flourish as leaders in a college-bound culture and community.

Key note speakers made an impact on the future leaders of Riverside. Police Chief Sergio Diaz started the Summit by sharing his leadership experience and Mayor Rusty Bailey concluded the Summit with some key principles to lead by.

The day proved to be a successful comeback for the Riverside Youth Council after a year of transitions.

The council is currently reviewing the nominations for their 25 Most Remarkable Teens award and applications for those interested in joining the council next school year be released in April 2014. Questions about the Riverside Youth Council may be directed to Officer Casey Reid, creid@riversideca.gov, (951)826-5759 or Sergeant Mark Reddick, mreddick@riversideca.gov, (951)235-5458.

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