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There are 13 new faces on the Burleson Mayor's Youth Council, thanks to the official appointments made by Burleson City Council at the May 16 council meeting.

The new faces include students Case Osborn, Cristina Patterson, Harrison Eastham, Hayley Vasquez, Payton Hudak, Kaci Newman, Jacob Mickels, Cassidy Moon, Vanessa Sexton, Santiago Fonnegra, Maci Fletcher, Taylor Leewright, and Nicholas Addyman as well as BISD representatives Rockford Rudd and Paula Peckham.

The 13 join MYC reappointments Katelyn Depoy, Lindsey Douglas, Jaden Griffin, Devon Martinez, Hunter Preston, and Aidan Rasor. Returning members continuing their term are Noah Peters, James Miller, Grayson Dreitner, Ally Lucas, Jordan Wayson and Gracie Haase.

Mayor's Youth Council members must have a passion to be the voice of Burleson youth and show leadership qualities within the community. They are charged with identifying key issues facing Burleson teens; advising the city council on teen-related matters; planning activities and projects for Burleson youth; and maintaining youth council bylaws and structure.

The Mayor's Youth Council was created May 10, 2007, via city council resolution. The city council officially appointed the first youth council in January 2008. Youth are nominated by teachers, principals, pastors, and neighbors from the community. MYC members must be between 13 and 19 years of age. Appointees must live in the corporate limits of the City or in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Non-voting ex-officio members include Mayor Ken Shetter, Councilmember Ronnie Johnson, City staff Lisa Poteete, Terry Hambley, and Cashan Clark, three counselor of educator from the school district, one member of the Burleson Independent School District board of trustees, and one member of the community at large.