

local conferences held by the Suncoast League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities. The Teen Council also has attended National League of Cities conferences in Atlanta; Salt Lake City; Nashville, Tenn.; Indianapolis; and Charlotte, N.C. These conferences gave the teens the opportunity to learn about issues affecting local government in their own cities through educational workshops. They engaged in dialogues with local officials and other youth groups and gained information they could use in the City of Gulfport.

The Teen Council has completed several community projects, including landscape beautification projects, intergenerational socials in conjunction with the Gulfport Senior Center, and volunteer work at city events. They also promoted and judged essay contests for Race Equality Day in order to promote racial harmony in the city. After obtaining a grant from Youth As Resources, the Teen Council was able to purchase a generator and miscellaneous supplies for a local group home.

The Gulfport Teen Council has grown into a group that assists in local government decisions, and has reached state-wide and national levels of recognition.

For more information on the teen council, e-mail [mgutierrez@ci.gulfport.fl.us](mailto:mgutierrez@ci.gulfport.fl.us).

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The Gulfport Teen Council traveled to Indianapolis to participate in the National League of Cities Congress of Cities Conference. Pictured left to right, top row: Leisure Services Director Jim O'Reilly, chaperone Bruce Vonhoff, Courtney Kelley, Seth Thayres, Aislinn Mannion, advisor Marivel Gutierrez and City Manager Tom Brobeil. Bottom row: Christina Wilkerson, Heather Hoopes, Darcy Reed and coordinator Jeri Reed.

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