



2009 YLF Delegate Leadership Plans



Jamie Holt | *Hermleigh, TX*
Jamie plans to get involved in various volunteer opportunities in her community.



Beth Hansen | *Abilene, TX*
Beth wants to create a music and dance group that will volunteer at hospitals and nursing homes.



Manuela Solis | *Roscoe, TX*
Manuela has aspirations of going to college to become a nurse.



Anthony Wixom | *El Paso, TX*
Anthony wants to lead his ARDs and learn how to stand up for himself.



Andy Ruiz | *El Paso, TX*
Andy plans to attend college to become a meteorologist. He wants to help others with disabilities as well as achieve independent living for himself.



Jesus Arenas
El Paso, TX
Jesus plans to obtain his high school diploma.



Jamie Martinez | *El Paso, TX*
Jamie has already accomplished her goals of beginning college and joining an organization. She is scheduled to give a presentation about YLF at her school, has introduced herself to her professors, and is working on getting grades she can be proud of.



George Munoz | *El Paso, TX*
George participated in the Texas Statewide Youth Leadership Forum in Austin and developed his leadership plan.



Gabriel Cazares | *Magnolia, TX*
Gabriel plans to become the leader of his transition team, become involved in his local National Federation of the Blind chapter, volunteer in his community, and participate in White Cane Day.



Ashley White | *Abilene, TX*
Ashley is living independently in her own apartment in Abilene and supporting herself with full-time employment.

2007 & 2008 YLF Delegate Accomplishments



Seth Carter | Abilene, TX

Seth mentored new delegates and attended all training events for the West Texas Youth Leadership Project, registered to vote, and gave an interview to Abilene media about the importance of exercising your right to vote.

Seth volunteers with the Texas Ramp Project in Abilene building wheelchair ramps for low-income individuals with disabilities.



Philip Olivieri | College Station, TX

Philip successfully petitioned his school principal to make the stage for graduation wheelchair accessible. Philip fulfilled all of the requirements obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. He also helped select and integrate the audio for a church play. Philip attends the University of St. Thomas in Houston.



Brittany Kurtz | Abilene, TX

Brittany mentored new delegates for the West Texas Leadership Project in Abilene for the 2009 project year. She is working part-time while completing high school.



Zachary Schertz | College Station, TX

Zachary gave a presentation on the process of selecting and applying to a postsecondary institution including his thoughts of the process of selecting the college of his choice and why he selected the college in Houston. He has been accepted at and is attending Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. It is Zachary's dream to become a pediatrician.



Taylor Jones | Abilene, TX

Taylor mentored new delegates for the West Texas Leadership Project in Abilene. Taylor attended all the training meetings helping facilitate the trainings for the 2009 project year. He is attending classes at a community college in Abilene.



Anthony Hood | Del Valle, TX

Anthony graduated high school in 2008 and assisted with a training event sponsored by the Mayor's Committee on Disability Services in Houston previewing employment issues. He attended Camp Summit in 2008 and is a student at Austin Community College.



Thomas Gill | Dallas, TX

Thomas graduated high school in 2008 where he served as an officer of his school FFA Board, showed animals, and attended the state FFA convention. He obtained his driver's license and voter registration card. He is working full-time and attends Tarrant County Community College in Ft. Worth.



Wayne Nalepa | Abilene, TX

Wayne graduated high school where he encouraged other students with disabilities to become stronger self-advocates. Wayne led many of the Abilene YLF training sessions in 2008 and returned to the statewide training event as a mentor. He attends Austin Community College.