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Supporter Spotlight- Delta Dental Foundation of Colorado



Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation

Delta Dental Foundation of Colorado has been supporting Colorado Meth Project and Rise Above Colorado for the last 4 years and this year they are a Community Host Partner for our #IRiseAbove Celebration Event on June 4th. Our partnership is a natural one because organizations share a common objective: working to change attitudes and behaviors through public will-building campaigns. Did you know that 30,000 Colorado children in kindergarten through third grade have untreated dental decay? Last year Delta Dental Foundation of Colorado launched its "Cavities Get Around" campaign as the latest effort to raise awareness of the most common chronic disease in children today. To learn more about the campaign please visit their website at www.cavitiesgetaround.com.

Introducing Jariya Phanpaktra

Accepting Teen Council Applications!

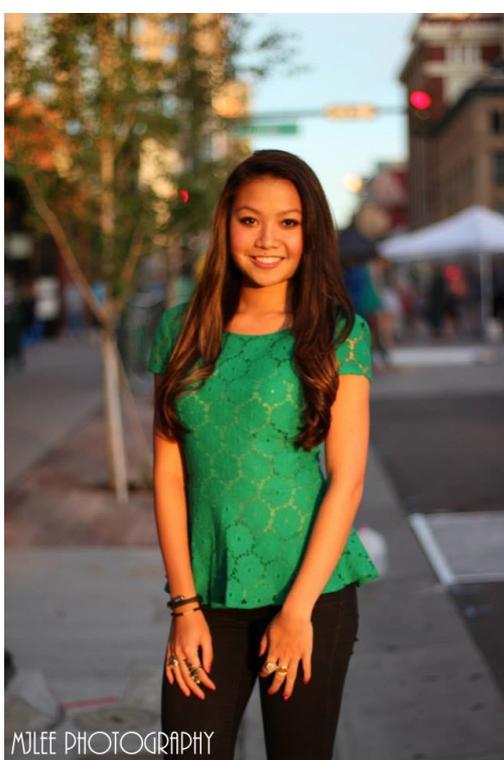


Rise Above Colorado, an expansion of the Colorado Meth Project, is recruiting for its statewide Teen Action Council to further the organization's mission of empowering young adults to lead lives free of drug abuse. The Teen Action Council will represent the geographic and personal diversity of the state in order to support Rise Above Colorado in effectively reaching all youth with inspiration and skills to choose positive, healthy alternatives to drug abuse. The Teen Action Council is a key driver in Rise Above Colorado's mission and strategy and the organization depends on members' input, feedback, direction, and inspiration throughout all efforts.

Teens will be selected through an application and interview process. Enrolled students grades 9 through 11 are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by mail, fax or email no later than May 8th (extended deadline). Interviews will begin to be scheduled on May 11th.

For more information or to apply, click [HERE](#).

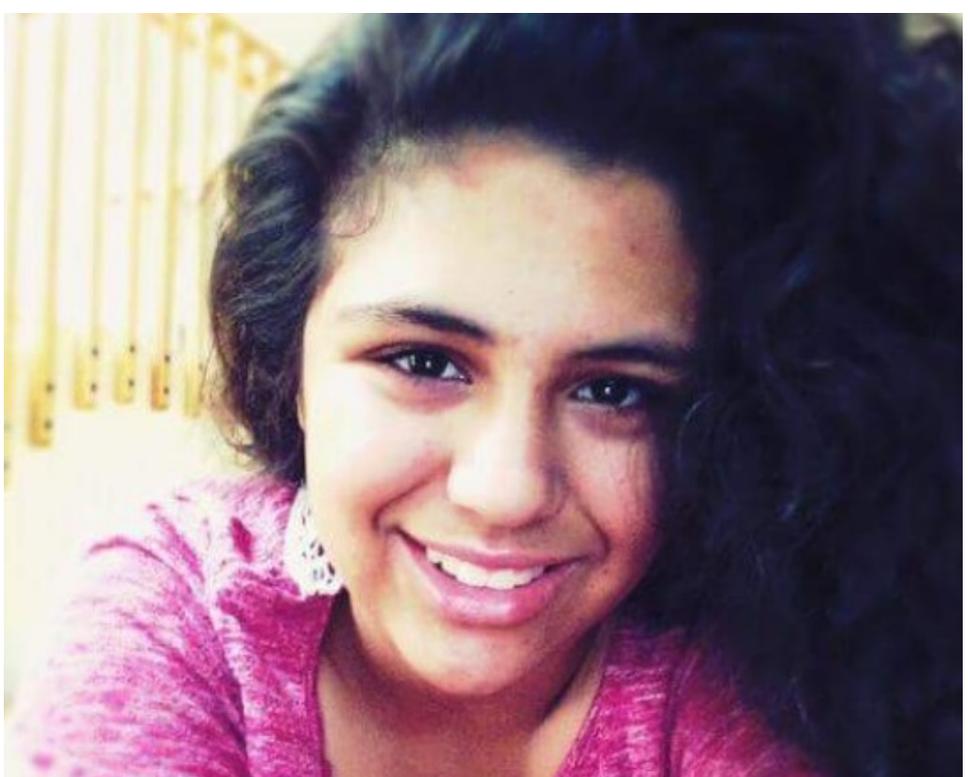
Teen Council Spotlight: Andrea Macias



Jariya Phanpaktra is the new Community Outreach Coordinator for Rise Above Colorado, and we couldn't be happier to have her on the team!

Jariya's role is to provide leadership in the development and execution of the organization's expanded community outreach plan by supporting a broad range of community action programs that connect local communities to tools and resources provided by our organization and our partners. Jariya brings a community engagement background serving youth and communities through athletics. Most recently, Jariya served as an outreach coordinator for an NFL partnered program Fuel Up to Play 60 and prior to that worked with the University of Colorado athletics. She is passionate about mobilizing the people of Colorado on a local level to raise awareness in substance abuse prevention and positive youth development for teens.

Jariya holds a bachelor's in journalism and public relations from the University of Colorado-Boulder and a masters in organizational leadership and change management from Colorado State University.



Andrea Macias is a 16 year old from Denver. She is a 10th grader at Arrupe Jesuit High School and was born in Colorado. She has been on the Rise Above Colorado Teen Action Council for one year.

A Bit More:

Andrea is interested in music, dance, law and volleyball. She also enjoys going to youth group, teaching, doing mock trials, acting, and helping with service projects. Andrea has a Latina background and lives with her mom, dad and sister. Andrea loves Mock Trial and she wants to be a Lawyer when she grows up. At her school, they have to work to pay their tuition, so Andrea has a corporate job that she goes to one-two times a week. Andrea also teaches Confirmation classes and does a lot of service. Andrea is obviously very passionate about law, music, and teaching! :) Her strengths are public speaking, organization and her people skills in general.

Why Andrea Choose to Rise Above:

Andrea joined the council because she thought it would be a great way to get involved and make a change in her community from another standpoint. She has a lot of friends that she knew and still knows that do drugs and she can definitely see a change in them. That's what encouraged Andrea to help stop this from becoming even a bigger part of our society and world. What ignites her passion to encourage her peers to rise above is that Andrea sees what happens to people and if she could just make a small change then she feels like she has done something about the problem.

How She Rises Above:

One of Andrea's goals is to hopefully become president of the United States, and it starts by making small changes in her own community like Rise Above. Since she spends a lot of her free time in church, Andrea has definitely adopted a lot of values and morals. Those definitely help her rise above. Her peers influence her through their support by showing her what is wrong or how she needs to change to be at a good point in her life. Andrea tries to get her peers involved on the social media campaign.

Interviewed by Council member Jaycey Beard.