

# TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

# The Class of 2020 Austin



#### Sophia De Leon

Georgetown University, Government



High School: Liberal Arts and

Science Academy

Years in YG: 2

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: Earned 2<sup>nd</sup>

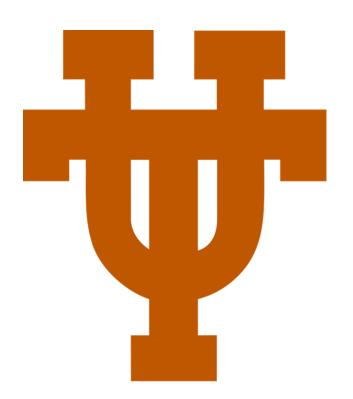
place Judge in 2019

Other Accomplishments: Presidential Volunteer Service Award, National Merit, Academic All American Water

Polo

# Christopher Gearing

University of Texas at Austin, Government & Economics



High School: Dripping Springs High School

Years in YG: 4 Section: Judicial

YG Accomplishments: 3<sup>rd</sup> in County Court at State 2018, 3<sup>rd</sup> at District 2016 & 2018, 5<sup>th</sup> at District 2019, Club Vice President 2018-2019 & President 2019-2020

Other Accomplishments: UIL CX District 1<sup>st</sup> place 2017, UIL CX District 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2018, octafinals advancement at UIL State 2018, LD UIL District 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2019, UIL CX District 4<sup>th</sup> place 2020, qualified for Nationals World Schools Debate.

#### Angelita Johnson

Fort Hays State University, Criminology & International Relations



FHSU

High School: Fox Tech High School

Years in YG: 3

Section: State Affairs Forum &

Legislative

YG Accomplishments: Qualified for

State twice

Other Accomplishments: Community

Service



### Shaye Ladzinski

Texas State University, History with Minor in Secondary Education & Psychology



High School: Dripping Springs High

School

Years in YG: 1

**Section: Judicial** 

Other Accomplishments: Debate, Leo

Lions Club, Young Women in

Leadership, Varsity Football Manage,

Completed 200+ volunteer hours



# James Luna Texas State University, Political Science



High School: Hays High School

Years in YG: 1

Section: State Affairs Forum

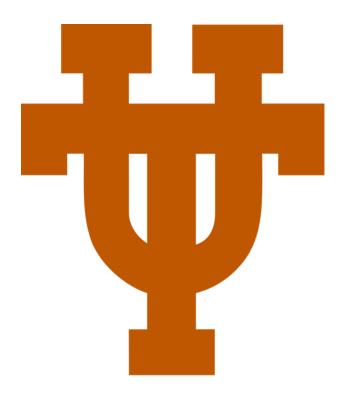
YG Accomplishments: Competed at

**State 2020** 



## Jose Luna-Espinoza

University of Texas at Austin, International Studies & Political Science



High School: Akins High School

Years in YG: 4

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: Placed top 5

at State 2020

Other Accomplishments: Earned a

full ride to UT at Austin



#### Caroline Mueller

University of Texas at Dallas, Electrical Engineering



High School: Hays High School

Years in YG: 1

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: Qualified for

**State 2020** 

Other Accomplishments: Varsity

Swim Team, Class Officer, Robotics

Team, NHS, NTHS



## Gabriel Peeples

Gap Year, Law & Education



High School: Dripping Springs High

School

Years in YG: 4

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at District and State, Qualified for State 2017-2020

Other Accomplishments: Multiple high ranking positions in school clubs, donates hair regularly

### Dominique Perez

Palo Alto College, Criminal Justice



High School: Fox Tech High School

Years in YG: 2

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: Qualified for

State

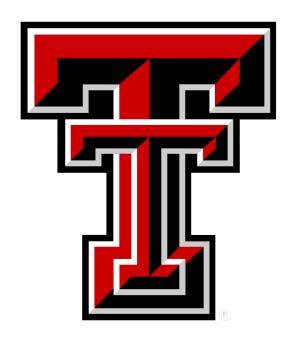
Other Accomplishments: Track &

**Field** 



#### Alondra Silva-Martinez

Texas Tech University, Education with Minor in Secondary Math



High School: Del Valle High School

Years in YG: 2

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Chief Justice District 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> place Chief Justice District 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> place Chief Justice State

Other Accomplishments: Historian for Student Council, Vice President of Debate, Multiple awards through Tennis

# Anthony Sone Austin Community College, Nursing



High School: NYOS Charter School

Years in YG: 2

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: Qualified for State 2019 & 2020, 11th place at

State

Other Accomplishments: Participated in numerous other sports and activities



#### Gabriella Torres

#### Texas A&M University at Kingsville, Education



High School: Fox Tech High School

Years in YG: 2

Section: State Affairs Forum

YG Accomplishments: Qualified for

State 2019 & 2020

Other Accomplishments: Qualified for

twice for State in SKILLS



#### **Noah Torres**

University of Texas at Dallas, Criminology



High School: Akins High School

Years in YG: 1

**Section: Judicial** 

YG Accomplishments: Qualified for

State, 2<sup>nd</sup> place at District

Other Accomplishments: Akins

**Trustee Award** 



#### Addie Villas

# New York University in Abu Dhabi, Political Science & Middle Eastern Studies



High School: Dripping Springs High School

Years in YG: 3

Section: Legislative

YG Accomplishments: Austin District Governor Candidate 2019, Delegation Leadership Award, Lobbyist 2018

Other Accomplishments: Study abroad in Morocco on the National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship, study abroad in Germany on the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, State Finalist at the UIL Lincoln-Douglas State Tournament, volunteer ESL tutor for refugees with the Interfaith Action of Central Texas

## Riley Wheaton

University of Southern California, Business Administrator and Music Industry



High School: Dripping Springs High

School

Years in YG: 2

Section: Media

YG Accomplishments:

Photojournalism Editor 2018-2019 &

2019-2020

Other Accomplishments: Student

Body President, DECA ICDC

Qualifier, Speech and Debate NS

Qualifier