



Mountainland Region Youth Advisory Council

Wraps Up a Successful 2025–26 Year

The Mountainland Region Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) closed out its 2025–26 program year with a well-earned celebration — an escape room challenge followed by a reflective dinner with the group’s six student members.

Established in 2024, MYAC gives 10th, 11th, and 12th graders across the Mountainland Region (Utah, Summit, and Wasatch counties) a direct voice in shaping regional conversations around career readiness and post-secondary planning. Throughout the year, members met quarterly to weigh in on real questions facing their peers: What does career preparation actually look like for students today? How can the path to post-secondary options be made clearer? What do educators and employers need to understand better about the student experience?

This year’s cohort showed up consistently — bringing honesty, insight, and a strong sense of responsibility to represent their peers’ experiences, not just their own.

The year wrapped with the group tackling an escape room together — and successfully making it out with time to spare — before heading to dinner, where members reflected on their growth, their next steps after high school, and what the experience of MYAC meant to them.

Each member was presented with a certificate of completion and a letter of recommendation from the council — recognition of a full year of showing up, speaking honestly, and representing their peers. It also reflects something the council is intentional about: MYAC isn’t just a year-long experience that ends at graduation. Part of what the council works to establish is ongoing support for its members as they move into their next chapters, whatever those look like.



MYAC members celebrating a successful escape at Escape in Time — Orem, UT



The group reflecting on the year over dinner at The Cheesecake Factory — Orem, UT

Applications for the 2026–27 MYAC cohort are now open

Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders across the Mountainland Region are invited to apply for a leadership opportunity where their voice genuinely shapes regional conversations.

Apply: <https://lnkd.in/gFS2543k>

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Thank you to our council for an amazing year — we wish you all the best as you move on to your next chapter.