



## Mountainland Region Youth Advisory Council (MYAC): May 2025 Meeting Recap



On May 17, 2025, the Mountainland Region Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) convened for its fourth and final meeting of the 2024–2025 school year. This culminating event brought together student representatives from public and charter high schools across the Mountainland region to reflect on a year of learning, leadership, and impact.

### Celebrating a Year of Growth and Impact

The meeting began with a celebratory luncheon honoring the dedication and achievements of each MYAC member, with special recognition for the two graduating seniors. During the meal, members engaged in a thoughtful discussion about the year's most meaningful experiences. A highlight was the March panel presentation, where MYAC members shared their perspectives with high school counselors from across the region. The panel received enthusiastic feedback, and members brainstormed ways to enhance future panels by fostering more interactive dialogue with educational stakeholders.

Council members also reflected on their favorite meetings and activities, emphasizing the value of connection, service, and meaningful discussion. They identified areas for improvement, including communication strategies, and expressed a strong desire to meet more frequently in the upcoming year to deepen their impact.

### Honoring Our Graduates

This year, MYAC proudly celebrates the graduation of two outstanding members: **Kathryn Gedeberg**, who will attend the University of Utah, and **Kalolaine Maile**, who will attend Utah State University. Both shared their college plans, scholarship experiences, and advice



for younger members. Kalolaine encouraged peers to explore lesser-known scholarship opportunities, including those involving video submissions. In recognition of their contributions, all MYAC members received certificates of participation, and both graduates graciously offered to remain involved in an alumni capacity.

### **Team Building and Leadership in Action**



Following the luncheon, MYAC members participated in a team-building excursion to Provo Beach. The group tackled a ropes course, where many overcame personal fears with the support of their peers. Additional team games fostered collaboration, strategic thinking, and camaraderie—hallmarks of the MYAC experience.

### **Looking Ahead**

As MYAC concludes its inaugural year, the council celebrates a foundation of leadership, service, and student voice. With two members graduating and a strong core returning, the council is poised for continued growth in 2025–2026. Members are eager to welcome new voices, explore new initiatives, and expand their influence in shaping educational experiences across the Mountainland region.

-MYAC Governing Committee

