



YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB) 2021 STUDENT PLANNER



Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board



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HALITO!

The Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board (YAB) was created with one person in mind - you. You are the person we want to help develop a bright and productive future. Your personal success and well-being are our number one priorities. We are committed to providing opportunities uniquely designed to help facilitate personal growth and create servant leaders for southeastern Oklahoma and abroad.

It is our mission that each student will aspire to a solid foundation of leadership values. Our YAB activities will show our students how to apply those values. Leadership can have a different definition for each person. We will help you determine your own leadership style based on your personality and preferences. This process will help you maximize your personal leadership style and understand how to work well with others. You will be given the opportunity to network and build relationships with students and leaders in your community, as well as connect with other like-minded students throughout the Choctaw Nation. Many of the relationships that were formed by our alumni many years ago are still intact and mutually beneficial for our former students.

The value of building confidence and communication skills cannot be overstated. Confidence can only be built through challenging yourself and being well prepared. Confidence and good communication skills, verbal and non-verbal, work hand in hand to convey your thoughts and ideas. Ultimately, we want you to be the best student and employee you can be by implementing and practicing the core values of responsibility, accountability and dependability.

YAB is developing the leaders of tomorrow. There are many alumni who are currently serving in leadership positions in their careers, churches, committees, personal relationships and families. I am confident that if you will give YAB an opportunity, there will be positive benefits and memories to last a lifetime. Should you need any assistance in reaching your goals, please feel free to call my office.

Chi pisa la chike (Until we see each other again),



Chief Gary Batton



Gary Batton
Chief

Jack Austin, Jr.
Assistant Chief

CHOCTAW NATION COUNCIL MEMBERS



Thomas Williston
District #1



Tony Ward
District #2



Eddie Bohanan
District #3



Delton Cox
District #4



Ron Perry
District #5



Jennifer Woods
District #6



Jack Austin, Sr.
District #7



Perry Thompson
District #8



James Dry
District #9



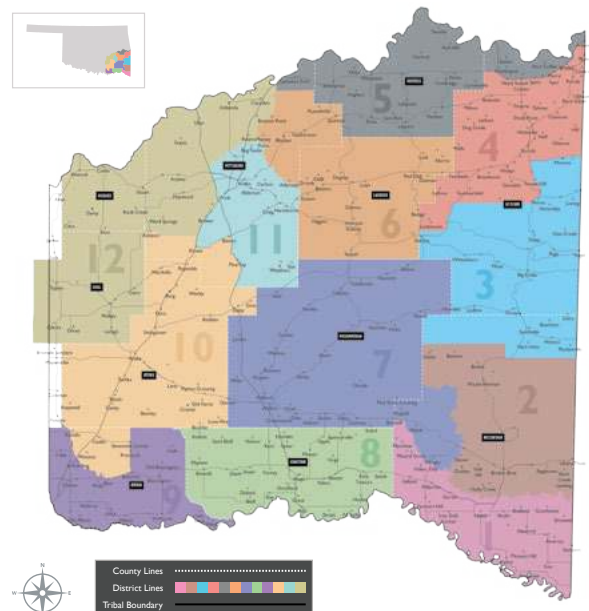
Anthony Dillard
District #10



Robert Karr
District #11



James Frazier
District #12



ACHUKMA!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board (YAB). YAB is one of Oklahoma's premiere youth leadership programs. In 2004, Chief Gary Batton founded the YAB Program with the vision of providing an avenue for students to become servant leaders. We have been blessed with tremendous support from parents, school districts and community partners throughout the last 15 years.

The vision of YAB aligns perfectly with the Choctaw Nation's core values of faith, famil, and culture. This model has proven to be effective in preparing students for opportunities throughout high school and beyond. Many of our alumni are currently using the skills they learned from YAB to help them in their educational endeavors, careers and other life pursuits.

In 2019, we introduced a new servant leadership tool with a time-tested curriculum called Today's Teens, Tomorrow's Leaders. For 2020, we are excited about the opportunity to utilize John Maxwell's iChoose program, which is specifically designed for middle and high school students and focuses on developing a solid foundation of core values.

We realize that it can be challenging when you are prioritizing your time and deciding which educational opportunities to pursue. We are confident that if you give YAB the opportunity, it will help prepare you for life's journey. Please know that we are here for you and our primary objective is to help you be successful.

This student planner was designed with you in mind. It has all of the YAB information to help you be informed and organized throughout the upcoming year. I look forward to meeting you and hearing about your future plans. If I can ever assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Chi pisa la chike,

Jason Campbell, Director

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership requirements:

- Available to all 8th through 12th grade students in the Choctaw Nation area.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or have a student/exchange visitor visa.
- Participate in two consecutive meetings.
- Participate in any combination of two projects/events, trainings, or quarterly conferences.

In order to maintain an active membership:

YAB members must attend a combination of two of the following each month: YAB meeting, leadership training or project/event. If requirements have not been met for two consecutive months, the advisor will attempt to communicate with the student. The following month, the student's name will be on the agenda for possible removal. Any exceptions to this directive must be approved by YEP leadership. A leave of absence may be available for extenuating circumstances in the following areas: summer employment, medical emergency non-custodial parent summer visitation.

CODE OF ETHICS

Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board (YAB) endeavors to bring respect to our communities, our state and our country by conducting ourselves within the following guidelines:

- Members are expected to show respect to others.
- Members are expected to behave in a polite, responsible manner that respects the rights and feelings of others.
- Members are expected to use acceptable language.
- Members are expected to abide by all laws.
- Members are expected to behave modestly.
- Members are expected to dress appropriately.
- Members are expected to display the core values of the Choctaw Nation.

MARCH 2021

MAHLI HVSHI ♦ WINDY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday/ National Read Across America Day	3 Happy Birthday Councilperson James Dry	4	5 World Day of Prayer	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time/Spring Forward	15	16	17 Kick Butts Day and St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Quarterly Conference	25	26	27
28	29 Happy Birthday Assistant Chief Jack Austin Jr. National Vietnam War Veterans Day	30	31			

Monthly Highlight: Poverty in America Awareness

APRIL 2021

TEK I HVSHI ♦ WOMEN'S MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 World Autism Awareness Day Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6	7 National Walking Day/ World Health Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day, Oklahoma Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 Senior Banquet	29	30	

Monthly Highlights: Child Abuse Awareness/Autism Awareness

MAY 2021

BIHI HVSHI ♦ MULBERRY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	YAB Points Opportunity Trail of Tears Ceremony – Tvshka Homma Memorial Day Ceremony – Tvshka Homma Monthly Highlight: Mental Health Awareness				

JUNE 2021

BISSA HVSHI ♦ BLACKBERRY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Councilperson Anthony Dillard	25	26 Community Beautification Day
27	28 Happy Birthday Councilperson James Frazier	29	30			

Monthly Highlight: Alzheimer's Awareness

JULY 2021

KVFI HVSHI ♦ SASSAFRAS MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Quarterly Conference	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 International Day of Friendship	31

YAB Points Opportunity

Speech Contest

Monthly Highlight: UV Safety Awareness

AUGUST 2021

TAKKON HVSHI ♦ PEACH MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Happy Birthday Councilperson Robert Karr	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Senior Citizen's Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Councilperson Ronald Perry's Birthday				

Monthly Highlight: Peace Awareness Month

SEPTEMBER 2021

HOPONI HVSHI ♦ COOKING MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 State of the Nation Address Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12 National Grandparents Day	13	14	15	16	17 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 National Clean-Up Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

YAB Points Opportunity

State of the Nation Address - Tvshka Homma

Monthly Highlight: Suicide Prevention Awareness

OCTOBER 2021

HOHCHVFFO ISKITINI HVSHI ♦ LITTLE HUNGER MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Native American Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Happy Birthday Councilperson Tony Ward	20 Happy Birthday Councilperson Eddie Bohanan	21	22	23
24	25	26 Happy Birthday Councilperson Jennifer Woods	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween	Monthly Highlight: National Fire Prevention Week October 3-9					

NOVEMBER 2021

HOHCHVFFO CHITO HVSHI ♦ BIG HUNGER MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Election Day Happy Birthday Councilperson Delton Cox	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Native American Heritage Day	27
28	29	30				

YAB Points Opportunity

College Connect - Date TBD

Monthly Highlight: Native American Heritage Month

DECEMBER 2021

KOI CHITO HVSHI ♦ PANTHER MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Happy Birthday Chief Gary Batton	16 Happy Birthday Councilperson Perry Thompson	17	18
19	20 Happy Birthday Councilperson Thomas Williston	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Councilperson Jack Austin Sr.	

Monthly Highlight: Impaired Driving Awareness Month

JANUARY 2022

KOINCHUSH HVSHI ♦ WILDCAT MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	YAB Points Opportunity Quarterly Conference Monthly Highlight: Human Trafficking Prevention Month				

FEBRUARY 2022

WATONLAK HVSHI ◀ CRANE MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Monthly Highlight: Heart Health Month



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Chair Position

- Moderate Quarterly meetings
- Represent the overall YAB program at six designated events
- Attend one designated staff meeting
- Actively recruit new members
- Encourage member involvement
- Be a role model for servant leadership
- Attend 80% of meetings
- Attend at least three of the Quarterly Conferences per term
- Participate in six local community events
- Actively seek servant leadership project opportunities

Vice Chair Position

- Moderate Quarterly Meetings in the event the Chair is absent
- Call for all votes
- Lead Pledge at Quarterly Meeting
- Coordinate prayer (ahead of time)
- Represent the overall YAB program at six designated events
- Attend one designated staff meeting
- Actively recruit new members
- Encourage member involvement
- Be a role model of servant leadership
- Attend 80% of meetings
- Attend at least three of the Quarterly Conferences per term
- Participate in six local community events
- Actively seek servant leadership project opportunities

Overall Secretary

- Record minutes understandable to all parties
- Represent the overall YAB program at six designated events
- Attend one designated staff meeting
- Actively recruit new members
- Encourage member involvement
- Be a role model of servant leadership
- Attend 80% of meetings
- Attend at least three of the Quarterly Conferences per term
- Participate in six local community events
- Actively seek servant leadership project opportunities

Chapter Representative Requirements

- Moderate monthly meetings
- Actively recruit new members
- Attend 75% of the meetings and trainings
- Encourage member involvement
- Attend four community events (represent chapter in community, preferably Choctaw)
- Be a role model of servant leadership
- Actively seek servant leadership project opportunities

Chapter Secretary Requirements

- Record the minutes in a manner easily understood
- Actively recruit new members
- Attend 75% of the meetings and trainings
- Encourage member involvement
- Attend four community events (represent chapter in community, preferably Choctaw)
- Be a role model of servant leadership
- Actively seek servant leadership project opportunities

Chapter Reporter

- Record and photograph events
- Storyboard one event for each Quarterly Conference
- Submit photographs and summation to Facebook admin
- Attend 75% of the meetings and trainings
- Encourage member involvement
- Attend four community events (represent chapter in community, preferably Choctaw)
- Be a role model of servant leadership
- Actively seek servant leadership project opportunities



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