

2013 Washington DC Youth Tour Winners



Naomi Schimmel

Blue Ridge HS

Naomi enjoys music, acting, working with animals and spending time with friends and family. Her extracurricular activities include soccer, basketball, track, Physics Club, Ambassador's Club, Theater Club, Special Olympics Club, FCA bible study and working at Cup-O-Joe. With all of that, Naomi still finds time to participate as a volunteer for Zumba, church activities and mentoring youth in her community. Naomi has received awards for track (MVP and hardest worker); basketball (highest % 3 pointers); soccer (all sections – 2nd team); NHSCA (Academic All American); Blue Ridge HS (Principal Award for 3.8 GPA) and was elected Homecoming Princess of 2012. Her favorite subjects are Math and Science and she plans a career in a field that gives back to the citizens of the United States.



Kenneth Batson

Mogollan HS

Kenneth enjoys music, reading, drawing, and fishing. He is involved in Band, Student Council and the Boy Scouts of America and participates in church service projects.

Kenneth's favorite subjects in school are Science, Math, Culinary Arts, English and Social Studies, and he has received the President's Award for Academic Excellence. Kenneth has also received awards in Boy Scouts of America as Life Scout and the Brown and Ella Capp's Award. Future plans for Kenneth include a career in Energy Engineering.



Shania Flake

Round Valley HS

Shania enjoys dancing, singing, volleyball, watching and playing with little children, reading, serving others in need, learning by doing and applying it to real life, cooking and performing. Her favorite subjects in school are Chemistry, Math, Choir, Digital Photography/Desktop Publishing and Business. Shania's civic involvement activities include working with younger girls in dance, church leadership positions and service with the church youth group. Shania is also a member of the Dance Team, the Future Business Leaders of America as an officer, the National Honor Society, the Ambassadors Show Choir, and the Volleyball Team. She has received awards including 3rd place in Pom division at the 2011 and 2012 State Cheer/Dance competition and has placed in various subjects at the 2011 and 2012 state and regional FBLA conferences and qualified for the national conference. Shania's goals include graduating as Valedictorian, earning a degree in business, being a mom and someday having her own business.



Meranda Orona

St. Johns HS

Meranda enjoys reading, dancing and singing, volunteering, working and doing hair and makeup. She ranks in the top 10 of her class with a GPA of 4.0 and her favorite subject in school is English. Meranda participates in Volleyball, Cheer, the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Rachel's Challenge Club and Softball. Her civic involvement activities include TOHC (Teens Opposed to Harmful Chores) and the Catholic Youth Organization. Meranda is a hard worker and very focused on her future ahead as either a nurse or a lawyer.