

PRESS RELEASE

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PLANO YOUTH LEADERSHIP IS
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR 2007-2008 CLASS

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Plano Youth Leadership (PYL) is now accepting applications for its 2007-2008 leadership program. Students who are currently enrolled in the 9th grade and planning to enter the 10th grade during the 2007-2008 school year are eligible to apply if they reside in the area serviced by the Plano Independent School District (PISD), whether attending public school (PISD or non-PISD), private school or home school.

The purpose of PYL is to train students in leadership techniques and community awareness to prepare them to make a positive impact on the quality of life in the Plano community. Through a series of monthly class sessions, which run concurrently with the school year, students develop the confidence and knowledge they need to succeed in leadership positions while learning about service opportunities around the community.

According to PYL board president, Dr. Susan Fletcher, "Our program gives students the unique opportunity to meet with city officials and work with other local education and business leaders to develop their individual leadership skills." PYL class IX graduate Weimo Dai echoed Fletcher's

enthusiasm, saying, “PYL taught me so many lessons that I would never be able to learn in a classroom.”

The PYL Selection Committee chooses participants who represent a cross section of the community, based on information provided in written applications. Completed applications and reference forms must be postmarked no later than April 6, 2007. Applications are available at Plano public libraries, Plano high schools, and the Plano Chamber of Commerce office. The application can also be downloaded from the Plano Youth Leadership website at www.planoyouthleadership.org.

Tuition for the program is \$100 per participant, and need-based scholarships are available for qualified students. For additional information, contact Mia Mbroh at miambroh@aol.com.