

Young Women's College Preparatory Academy

Pre-AP/AP STEM Magnet



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Events and Announcements

- **"Meet-n-Greet"** YWCPA 9th grade participated in an extended lunch with their brothers at YMCPA. Oct. 7, 2011
- **Texas Wall Street Women** Visited with YWCPA's 6th grade students during lunch for a Chat-n-Chew. Oct. 13, 2011
- **Independent Petroleum Association** Oct. 18, 2011
- **Fall Dance** was held for YWCPA and YMCPA at Kim Sons Chinese Restaurant Ball Room Oct. 21, 2011
- **Field Lesson to Houston Public Library Downtown** Oct. 22, 2011
- **YWCPA Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24-Oct. 28.**
- **SDMC Meeting** Oct. 25, 2011
- **Cycle II Progress Reports** Oct. 27, 2011
- **YWCPA Apple night** at the Houston Galleria Oct. 29, 2011
- **Future Leaders Forum for Young Women** Oct. 29, 2011 U of H Main Campus 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
- **Early Dismissal** Nov. 9, 2011 at 1:00p.m.
- **PTO Meeting** Nov. 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Magnet Tours of YWCPA** Nov. 7-11, 2011 at 1:00p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 23-25, 2011**

YWCPA Grand Opening Ceremony



Student Ambassadors

YWCPA Student Creed

I am a R.O.S.E. of the YWCPA, pushing the boundaries of math science and technology.
I am responsible; I am organized, and I am part of a sisterhood that is exceptional, and I demand excellence in all I do.
I am a servant leader who demonstrates a positive attitude.
Education is my ticket to success.
I am a future college graduate who does not succumb to mediocrity.
I have respect for myself, my school, my peers, and my community.
The decisions I make today affect the rest of my life.
I never fail because I never give up.
I am extraordinary not because I say it, but because I work hard at it.
My character shines with grace and integrity.

I AM A R.O.S.E of the YWCPA

Students at HISD's Young Women's College Preparatory Academy took a break from classes on September 28 to take part in the school's official grand opening celebration. YWCPA opened this year with the support of the Foundation for the Education of Young Women (FEYW). The nonprofit group put forth \$1 million to help get the school off the ground. "We are very pleased with the overwhelming support of the district, the board, the superintendent, the campus staff, and the community," said FEYW Director Carmyn Neely. "We believe this is a very wise investment." Girls at YWCPA wear uniforms, have their own Mac Book Pro computers, and are exposed to a rigorous Advanced Placement curriculum. They will also attend educational summer camps and take numerous trips to tour local, state, and national colleges. Joining in the grand opening celebration were U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, HISD Board of Education President Paula Harris and Second Vice President Anna Eastman, whose daughters attend the academy.



Field Lesson to Downtown Public Library



The fall season is history fair season! Thirty four sixth and ninth graders spent Saturday, October 22nd at the Downtown Public Library learning about how the library works, finding books and reference materials, researching their history fair topics, and developing skills that will serve them well throughout middle/high school and beyond. Students chose diverse topics ranging from influential civil right leaders, to pop culture icons like Coca-Cola, scientists from the Scientific Revolution, and important events in history. After the library, the girls got to unwind at the beautiful park area surrounding Miller Outdoor Theater, enjoying the weather and each other's company while playing Frisbee, Mancala, and having rolling contests down the hill. The students and teachers would like to thank the YWCPA PTO for funding the transportation and making this trip possible. This trip is just one example of how we're making it a great day, every day; it's the only way at YWCPA!

Lunch with (IPAA)



The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) is a national trade association based in Washington, D.C, representing thousands of independent explorers and producers operating in the U.S. oil and national gas industry. On October 17, 2011, ninth graders Kiara Burks and Natalie Espinoza, spoke before the IPAA Board to share their YWCPA experience. Principal Delesa Thomas shared the school's mission, vision and participated in a question and answer session. As a result, IPAA has agreed to enter into partnership with YWCPA, where high school students will be afforded paid externships in their junior year along with scholarship opportunities, field trip opportunities, and invitations to attend guest speaker series.

Chat-n-Chew with Texas Wall Street Women

On October 13, 2011 the Texas Wall Street Women (TXWSW) participated in a "Chat-n-Chew" Luncheon with 6th grade girls at YWCPA. Members of TXWSW toured our campus and were impressed with the level of instruction that was being provided.



A "College Prep" Event (9th Graders)

One Delta Plaza Educational Center will offer two special events: SAT Test Prep and Counseling for College. The SAT Test Prep will be from 9:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M. During the SAT Test Prep session, students will learn testing skills, take a practice test, and will be able to receive guidance from professionals. The Counseling for College event will begin at 2:30 P.M and end at 5:00 P.M. This session will offer information on the eight components of college and career readiness; and on preparing for college.

Both events will take place Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 3333 Old Spanish Trail Houston, Texas 77021

2nd Annual Future Forum for Young Women (9th Grade)

Capital One Bank and The Women's Resource of Greater Houston sponsored the 2nd Annual Future Leaders Forum for Young Women on Saturday, October 29, 2011. This full-day event welcomed 250 young women in grades 9 through 12, where they participated in activities designed to inspire, encourage and build leadership skills. The Future Leaders Forum for Young Women was held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at University of Houston Main Campus in Houston, TX.



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YWCPA Vision

In a learner centered environment, Young Women's College Preparatory Academy strives to produce young women who are leaders in science, technology, engineering and math possessing confidence and strength gained from rigorous advanced placement curriculum. Young Women's College Prep Academy will change the face of history in the world.

YWCPA Apple Night

The Houston Galleria Apple Store hosted families of the Young Women's College Preparatory Academy on Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00P.M. Throughout the evening, Apple staff presented workshops for both students and parents. Apple offered special pricing on accessories including cases, sleeves and backpacks. There were workshops for the kids on Getting started on your Mac, iLife, and Microsoft Office. Workshops for the parents were also offered on "My Child has a New Computer."



Students participating at YWCPA Apple Night



Parents participating at YWCPA Apple Night

YWCPA Mission

As we address the needs of all learners, it is our duty to provide a nurturing environment which encourages individual integrity, fosters social responsibility, strengthens the mind, and creates a powerful responsible, organized, sisterhood of excellence that challenges all students to achieve at their highest level and provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to become leaders in the world.