

STUDENTS ATTEND YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Catawba County Youth Council delegates recently attended the Youth Legislative Assembly in Raleigh. Delegates were Madison Alicardi and Matthew Fleming from Fred T. Foard High School and Carmen Silva from Newton-Conover High School. They were accompanied by Donna Mull, Catawba County Youth Council Advisor, with Cooperative Extension.

The Youth Legislative Assembly is an annual conference offered by the Governor's Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office. The Assembly provides high school students the opportunity to learn about the legislative process as they work in committees to draft, debate and vote on mock bills. The conference provides a setting for teens to express their opinions on issues effecting local, state, and national governments.

Youth Legislative delegates served on the following committees, simulating NC legislative committees, including Education, Civil Rights, Children and Family, Environment, Health Affairs, Human Sexuality, Judiciary, Science and Technology, Substance Abuse, and Youth Affairs, The final bills are shared with NC legislators. Peer selected Tri-Speakers and committee chairs provide leadership for the conference.

The Catawba County Youth Council is a commissioner appointed youth committee with representatives from each high school as well as selected community organizations. The Council meets monthly and youth learn about and work on local issues while improving their leadership and citizenship skills. During the 2014-15 school -year, the Council had a goal of positively attributing time, offering educational programs to positive impact Catawba County teens.

For more information about the Catawba County Youth Council or to apply to join the Council contact Donna Mull, Youth Council Advisor, at Cooperative Extension at 465-8240 or donna_mull@ncsu.edu. According to Mull, approximately fifteen new high school students will be selected to join the Council for next school year.



Catawba County Youth Council delegates were (left to right): Carmen Silva, Madison Alicardi, and Matthew Fleming.