

Mustang News

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County youth speak out

The annual Youth Speak Out Conference was held Wednesday at Redlands Community College. The event brings together teens from throughout Canadian County for one reason: to tell adults what's going on in their lives and share concerns about the issues they face on a daily basis.

Organized by the Mustang Prevention and Coalition Team, El Reno Leadership Class, and the Yu Can Coalition, students addressed the audience made up of educators, lawmen, political leaders and professionals on a variety of issues.

Some of the topics covered by the students were drinking and driving, bullying, religion and cultural awareness, school and stress, sex education, high stakes testing, texting and driving, drug testing, community service, leadership and college prep.

Some other areas included in the discussion were 7th hour sports, lunch issues, fine arts facilities and snacks in schools.



Youth ready to discuss concerns—Members of the audience listen as youth from around the county express concerns and ideas on a variety of issues.



Local Contributor—Mustang High School's Riley Stewart addresses the audience Wednesday at the Youth Speak Out Conference.

The mission statement for the event reads: To provide a structured forum from youth to present their views, opinions, and solutions on issues that they face to a listening panel comprised of elected officials and community leaders who are in a position to take action based on the presentations of the youth.