

Westbank 1st Branch yw

08/02 Happy Birthday Nikia Edwards!

08/17 Happy Birthday Lauren Schuster!

08/17 Happy Birthday Lailani Lopez!

08/28 Happy Birthday Sophia Ortiz!

YW Leaders

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##### Divine Nature

### Events/birthdays

## Welcome Home

For those of you that don’t know, Sister Holly Crosby, our Young Women President, has been away for the summer. She has been visiting with family in Utah and Texas. Although I know she will miss her loved ones, it is great to have her back. Sister Crosby is an essential part of the progression of our Young Women organization. She has devoted and sacrificed a lot to lead or Young Women into righteousness. Sister Crosby is a great example and a wonderful leader. We love her dearly.

Welcome home Holly Crosby!

This month we have been focusing our Tuesday evening meetings on completing the required value experiences for “Divine Nature”. We have gone over experiences 1-4. In order for the lessons to be counted as complete, our girls need to record their learning experiences in their journals. The journals then need to be reviewed by a leader and signed.

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# Personal Progress

We know that this month is back-to-school for many of our Young Women. This means homework, school activities, church, seminary and a lot of early mornings. This can be very challenging. So parents, help us keep our girls focused on their eternal objective.

“In this day and time, a girl needs an education. She needs the means and skills by which to earn a living should she find herself in a situation where it becomes necessary to do so.

The whole gamut of human endeavor is now open to women. There is not anything that you cannot do if you will set your mind to it.7I am grateful that women today are afforded the same opportunity to study for science, for the professions, and for every other facet of human knowledge. You are as entitled as are men to the Spirit of [Christ](http://jesuschrist.lds.org/), which enlightens every man and woman who comes into the world (see [D&C 84:46](http://www.lds.org/scriptures/dc-testament/dc/84.46?lang=eng#45)).8

You can include in the dream of the woman you would like to be a picture of one qualified to serve society and make a significant contribution to the world of which she will be a part.9Set your priorities in terms of marriage and [family](http://lds.org/ensign/2003/05/the-importance-of-the-family?lang=eng), but also pursue educational programs, which will lead to satisfying work and productive employment in case you do not

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marry, or to a sense of security and fulfillment in the event you do marry. Education will increase your appreciation and refine your talent.10 “ (Sept.2007/New Era/Words of the Prophet: Seek Learning/President Gordon B. Hinckley)

“A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.”

Proverbs 1:5

I have inherited divine qualities, which I will strive to develop.

The purpose of Personal Progress is to strengthen the testimonies of our Young Women in the Savior, Jesus Christ. It uses the eight values (faith, divine nature, individual worth, knowledge, choice and accountability, good works, integrity, and virtue) to help our Young Women understand who they are and why they are here on earth.

Personal Progress can be part of the good things the girls are already accomplishing at home, church, school, seminary, and the community. It is recommend they take their time on these projects, but should always be working on at least one experience or project.

## Personal Progress (continued)

## Back-to-School

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BEEHIVE, ages 12 and 13 The beehive was a symbol of harmony, cooperation, and work for the early pioneers of the church. Beehive was also the first name by which Young Women were known. Beehives today learn to work together in cooperation and harmony as they strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and Prepare to stand for truth and righteousness. This is a time to “arise and shine forth” (D&C 115:5)

* 1st year Melanie Cruz
* 1st year Stephanie Ventura
* 1st year Leilani Lopez
* 1st year Dawanna Degruy
* 1st year Sophia Ortiz

MIA MAID, ages 14 and 15 The name Mia Maid refers historically to the Mutual Improvement Association, which adopted the emblem of the rose as a symbol of love, faith, and purity. Mia Maids today learn about love, faith, and purity as they strengthen their testimony and accept and act upon the Young Women values.

 LAURELS, ages 16 and 17 For centuries the laurel wreath has been a crown woven from the leaves of the laurel tree. It is given to someone who finishes a significant achievement as a symbol of honor and accomplishment. Laurels today are finishing their preparation to make and keep sacred covenants and receive the ordinances of the temple.

* 2nd year Madelyn Giron
* 1st year Mayelin Giron

# Young Women

# CLASSES & SYMBOLS

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WE ARE DAUGHTERS of our Heavenly Father, who loves us, and we love Him. WE WILL “STAND as witness of God at all times and in all things, and in all places” (Mosiah 18:9) as we strive to live the Young Women values, which are:

FAITH

DIVINE NATURE

INDIVIDUAL WORTH

KNOWLEDGE

CHOICE & ACCOUNTABILITY

GOOD WORKS

INTEGRITY

&

VIRTUE

WE BELIEVE as we come to accept and act upon these values, WE WILL BE PREPARED to strengthen home and family, make and keep sacred covenants, receive the ordinances of the temple, and enjoy the blessings of exaltation.

### Young Women Theme

###### Back-to-School (continued)