



ABOUT YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEKALB

Youth Leadership DeKalb (YLD) is an exceptional 10-month program designed to develop the leadership skills of young people (rising 10th & 11th graders) in DeKalb County so they may confidently become leaders of tomorrow. Celebrating the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of our county, the YLD program focuses on:

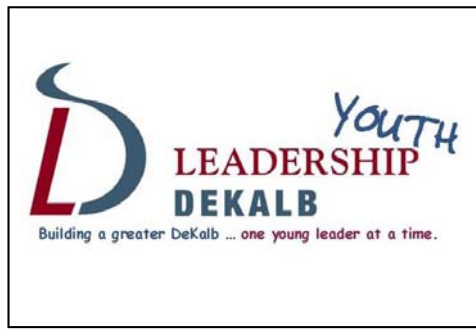
- * Self awareness
- * Understanding others
- * Teamwork
- * Community awareness and responsibility
- * Leadership skills

Through experiential and interactive monthly workshops, a weekend retreat, and a community service project, participants learn ways a diverse group of people working together can positively impact their community.

As they explore timely issues, YLD students also learn to conduct meetings, resolve conflicts, and appreciate diversity. Graduates of the adult Leadership DeKalb program, who are distinguished leaders in the County, share with students the importance of community service. For more information, visit www.leadershipdekalb.org or call 404-373-2491.

The deadline to apply for the Class of 2011 is March 17, 2010.

*Please deliver or mail your application to the Leadership DeKalb office at
315 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030.*



ONE YOUNG LEADER AT A TIME

The Class of 2010 includes the following leaders of tomorrow:

Joseph Ali, Decatur High School	Tiara Marshall, McNair High School
Victoria Andrews, Marist School	Allen Mathis, Stone Mountain High School
Evelyn Armstrong, Lithonia High School	Gabby Mays, Tucker High School
Shana Baldwin, Towers High School	Brandon McMurray, Cedar Grove High School
Kathleen Boyd, Clarkston (deceased)	Mahider Mekonnen, Druid Hills
Branden Brown, Tucker High School	Zahra Mohammed, Columbia High School
Calvin Carter, Columbia High School	Donald Moody, Redan High School
Eboni Coward, Druid Hills High School	Ray Patterson, Stephenson High School
Maso Moon, Miller Grove High School	Angellica Perkins, Martin Luther King Jr. High School
Rodney Dew, Southwest DeKalb	David Richards, Redan High School
Diondra Powers, Decatur High School	Cierra Saylor, Martin Luther King Jr. High School
Chelsea Ector, Cedar Grove	Rashida Sheffield, Clarkston High School
Alexandra Faas, Dunwoody High School	Lindsay Stanford, Clarkston High School
Carlen Franklin, DeKalb School of the Arts	Teryn Thornton, Chamblee Charter High School
Michelle Gillig, Decatur High School	Spencer Wade, Southwest DeKalb
Tiara Grier, Southwest DeKalb	Nich Warren, Stone Mountain High School
Daniel Gutowski, Marist School	Niamoni Watson, Stone Mountain
Sophie Harkins, Marist School	Imaan Watts, Avondale High School
Gillen Heisler, DeKalb School of the Arts	Zora Wesley, Druid Hills
Jada Henderson, Avondale High School	Elliott "Ed" Wiegand, Marist School
John Hughley, Towers High School	
Robyn Jacobson, Chamblee Charter High School	
Tyler James, Tucker High School	
Travis Johnson, Lithonia High School	

What Graduates Say about Youth Leadership DeKalb...

"Youth Leadership DeKalb is a terrific program which has allowed me to broaden my horizons by meeting young people and leaders from throughout the county. In monthly meetings, activities and an overnight retreat, we are taught life and leadership skills and are challenged to step outside our comfort zone in forming a completely new circle of friends. The experiences I've had in Youth Leadership DeKalb will continue to guide me as I leave high school and begin my adult life." **Allie Bailey, YLD Class of 2009, Druid Hills High School**

"I have really enjoyed meeting new people this year in Youth Leadership DeKalb. I don't live near many of them and it was really cool to get to learn a little more about them and their schools. YLD has taught me to become a better leader, as well as being better at working in a group, and managing my time better."
Caroline Reed, YLD Class of 2009, The Westminster Schools

"Youth Leadership DeKalb is one of the best uses of your time. Not only do you meet new people who become your friends and learn lifelong skills, you have fun."
Riane N. Sharp, YLD Class of 2009, Woodward Academy

"Youth Leadership DeKalb was one of the highlights of 10th grade for me. I was able to meet students from other high schools who were diverse in background, yet academically like-minded and similarly motivated to learn and develop skills beyond the normal curriculum. They also happened to be very cool people who became life-long friends. Above all, YLD was fun, especially the Rock Eagle retreat. I think YLD is an incredible experience and a unique opportunity for developing character and learning about your role in the community. I highly recommend this program."
Alejandro V. "Andy" Pascual, YLD Class of 1996, Assistant District Attorney, Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit, Youth Leadership DeKalb Advisory Council