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Congratulations! Betty Williams, LAMC '99

2016 Servant Leader Award Recipient

Betty moved to Anderson from Louisville, KY, in 1992. She and her husband, David, have two sons and a blended family of four children, ten grandchildren and one great grandson. Betty retired from the State of Indiana in 2005. Since then, she has continued to serve the community in countless ways!

Betty is a member of New Hope United Methodist Church and currently serves on the boards of the Anderson/ Madison County Black Chamber of Commerce, the Parks Department of the City of Anderson, the Leadership Academy of Madison County, the Madison County Community Health Center and the Fundraising Committee for Community Hospital Foundation. In 2015, Betty also chaired the Picnic and Praise event for Anderson's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

We are proud to recognize her for her dedication and service to our community. Thank you, Betty!



Best Wishes On Your Retirement! David Neidert, LAMC '87

Representing one of our founding partners, Anderson Universtiy, David L Neidert (LAMC '87) has faithfully served Leadership Academy of Madison County since 1988. David's commitment to community (the people and the place) are deeply admired by all. His thoughtful leadership, direction, and passion will be greatly missed on our Board of Directors. Irreplaceable is the word that comes to mind. Thank you, David, for your service to LAMC and to Madison County. We wish you the very best in retirement from Anderson University in May, 2016. Well deserved, friend!



Class Speaker Clayton Whitson,

LAMC'16

The LAMC Class of 2016 selected Clayton Whitson, an Elwood Firefighter and Madison County Councilman, to share these words of wisdom with his classmates.

"My favorite definition of a leader is somebody who can empower people's ideas in order to fuel success. We're social animals. We need leaders that make us feel that we're moving forward, that our efforts have value to a greater cause. To my classmates I challenge you going forward to find ways to empower your peers, your colleagues and your communities to achieve success in the goals you set for yourselves. This class has advocates, mentors, promoters, believers, achievers... but above all we have leaders."

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YOUTH grads CELEBRATON TIME



Class Speaker James Brandon

July 17th, 2015 YLA Camp... That's when it all began, 36 students from around Madison County met at Anderson University to prepare for the experience of a lifetime. We learned a lot about each other through those late nights, and learned a lot about ourselves as well. We left camp a united team that couldn't possibly imagine separating from one another. Yet the experience from YLA was far from over.

September 29, 2015... The Christian Center. We learned what it meant to be servant leaders. We saw how we are blessed. There are many others far worse off than we are. We struggled in the kitchen, socialized with the patrons, and provided other service to the Christian Center.

November 12, 2015... Fish...For the 1st time we rubbed elbows with the adult class. We learned how optimism & a good attitude mean everything when you are a leader. With the adult academy we were thrown in groups with important and influential leaders in our community. As intimidating as it was at first, it was really fun. Here we learned that adults are just bigger, older kids.

Now almost 9 months after camp, our time together in YLA is coming to an end. After 10 sessions, we have learned about diversity, choices, and service. After service hours and projects we have grown.

Once strangers, now friends, we are still learning how to be more effective leaders. We have not taken this experience for granted and we are thankful for all of the volunteers who have made this experience so meaningful. Even though our YLA year had come to a premature end, we are all glad to see how far we have come.



Class Speaker Londyn Rouse

I think that being a leader is about so many different things. I think that many people have the perception that being a leader means standing up in front of people giving instructions or telling people what to do, but in YLA we've learned that being a leader is much more than just that. Through all of this, I've learned that as a leader the foundation of leadership has to be service.

As a class we compiled a list of the qualities we felt make up a leader, things such as: being honest, understanding and kind, putting others first, exhibiting compassion and having passion, being approachable and willing to do the hard work. To me, that describes a person who is not concern only about themselves, but is most concerned about other people.

Kristen Hettinga

2016 Servant Leader Award Recipient

The YLA Servant Leader this year was Kirsten Hettinga from Lapel High School. Kirsten has volunteered since she was 14 years old at Alternatives, Inc. Because of this experience, Kirsten has developed a greater appreciation for the life her family provided for her and is using her life as a way to help others. For her 16th birthday party, she asked her family and friends to bring gifts for the shelter rather than for her. She has developed the heart of a servant leader.



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LAMC Applications are now being accepted for the Class of 2017. This year's program begins September 8, 2016 and applications are due June 15, 2016. Share this link with someone you know who cares about Madison County, is ready to learn and grow in leadership and who you think would be a great member of our class.

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