

# The Leadership Journal

## Summer 2016

A publication of the  
Leadership Academy  
of Madison County



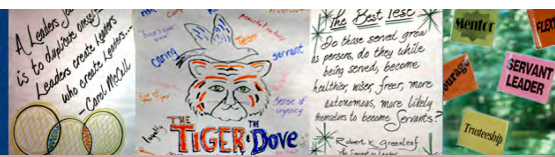
**Welcome** to the Summer edition of The Leadership Journal. We're excited to announce that the Classes of 2017 represent the 35th year of LAMC and the 20th year of YLA. Come celebrate with us!



Of course, without you, our alums and sponsors, there would be no celebration at all! Let's make this year count! What will you do to help commemorate this special milestone? Why not:

- > Re-connect with your class
- > Join us for an alumni event
- > Write an article for our new blog
- > Attend adult and youth graduation

**Grow.  
Serve.  
Lead.**



## MEET & GREET Wednesday, August 31st

Come on out to Hoosier Park  
Wednesday, August 31st  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm



**SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFO!**



for our annual **Meet & Greet**

**Open House!** Reach out to your

favorite alums and re-connect while

we welcome the LAMC Class of 2017.

RSVP today. We'd love to see you!



## An Evening of Food & Fun



In celebration of our 20th year of Youth Leadership Academy, join us as we partner with the South Madison Community Foundation to host New Orleans' chef, Kevin Belton, for an entertaining evening of live cooking demonstrations, entertainment & fun, **Saturday, October 29th.**



WHAT'S NEW WITH

# LAMC & YLA

## Leadership Now BLOG

Love to Write?

In the next few weeks, we'll be launching the all new **Leadership Now** LAMC Blog and we'd love to hear from you!

Send us your stories of your LAMC experience, how you are working to make Madison County or your community a better place to live, work, and play, and how you have put those leadership skills into practice at work.

Share your LAMC / YLA journey with us. Send us an email with your entry today! By the way, we'd love to have a picture too.



## On-Line RESOURCE DIRECTORY [CLICK HERE](#)

Have you checked YOUR alumni profile on our new website at [thelamc.org](http://thelamc.org)? Real time, up to the minute info is available 24/7. Take a few minutes to log in and see what's available. You can sort by name, location, employer, and graduation date. YLA alums, you're in there too!

Good things to know:

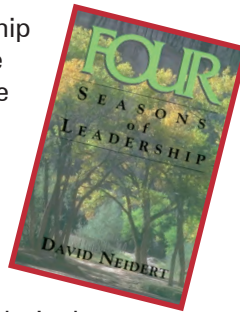
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## Leadership LIBRARY

Thanks to the generosity and spirit of the LAMC Class of 2016, the Leadership Library has become a reality! Hosting a "Party with a Purpose" on August 5, 2016, the Class of '16 provided the resources and buzz to create a lending library for all LAMC and YLA alums.

There are so many great books on leadership out there, but, let's face it, most of the time we read them once and then they sit on the shelf. Now, you can:

- Check out one of our books.
- Donate or lend your leadership books to our library for others to learn from.



Stay tuned for a complete list of all the books in the Leadership Library. Stay sharp in your leadership and community building skills.

Way to go LAMC '16. What a great way to leave your mark on leadership in Madison County!



update that? You can call **765-641-3863** or email [baerskine@anderson.edu](mailto:baerskine@anderson.edu)

- If you haven't logged in yet, simply click "first time users click here." After that, you can choose your own password.
- Be sure to select your interests/expertise in your profile. That way, you can connect with others who share the same passions that you do.



# What Is Leadership To You?

Jon Blanton, YLA '10

Six years ago, I was 17 years old and riding in a van full of strangers leaving Anderson University and heading to Camp Tecumseh. In my mind, I had absolutely no clue what to expect. I will admit I was a little scared and nervous. But, I was also excited for this new adventure! That weekend and my experience during YLA, set the groundwork of who I am as a leader and as a person today. In that one short year, I found out what type of leader I was, the importance of diversity, my attitude, my choices and what it is to be a servant leader.

Those skills and lessons I learned that year are still ones I use today. I am finishing up my undergrad at Trine University with a Bachelor's Degree in Design Engineering. To a lot of people, that is a great accomplishment. I am very proud of that but I am more proud of the things that I have accomplished outside of the classroom. In the last 4 years, I have served in many leadership roles at my university and across the country. At my university, I served as a Co-Captain for the wrestling team for 2 years. I am going into my second year as a Student Ambassador for the University in which I work closely with university leaders and represent the student body. In my fraternity, Phi Kappa Theta, I have served in many roles from Philanthropy Chair to President of my chapter. I also serve on a national level for my fraternity as the Undergraduate Advisory Committee Chairman. I also serve as the Undergraduate Voice as a member of the National Board of Trustees.

Within all of these roles, I have worked with and led all kinds of people, many of them with different types of personalities, attitudes, backgrounds and futures. I have learned as a leader you can't just take into account your own opinion and choices, but you must also take those opinions and choices of the people you are serving. It also means that I can't always be talking but sometimes I have step back, and listen and follow those around me. I've also learned that just because you are leader, it doesn't give you a right to be boastful or arrogant but to always remain proud but humble.

If I can leave you with one question to think about, I will ask you the same question that I was asked when I finished YLA. "A leader is?" or the same question I was asked at a fraternity conference this last spring, "What is leadership to you?" I had to think about it for a few minutes because so many things were running through my head. After I gathered my thoughts I wrote down my answer and I stood up and shared my response with the group. My response was; "I believe leadership isn't a reason to do less, but a responsibility to do more, by serving and affecting others to be the best person they can be."

# YLA, A Program To Believe In

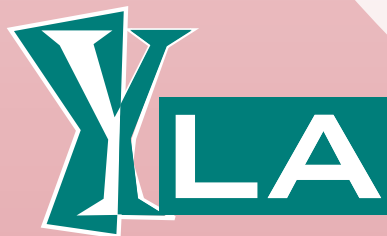
Tristen Pettigrew  
YLA '12




The Youth Leadership Academy of Madison County has helped shape the person I am today. Four years ago I never would have expected the academy and the people involved to play such an influential role in my life. YLA allowed me to be a part of something bigger than myself. It taught me to welcome diversity instead of running away from it. It taught me to put others first and learn how to effectively communicate and lead with a servant's heart. In the world we live in today, I can't say enough about that. How cool is it that as a young person you can step up and bear fruit in this community?

Thirty six students, all from different backgrounds and high schools, come together to help make Madison County better. To me, this program is hope. Hope for our generation, hope for our community, and hope for our future. I choose to come back and volunteer my time to this program because I believe in it. Getting to see the beautiful picture these students paint as they come together, each with their unique strengths and weaknesses, is such an inspiring thing. Not only has the academy benefited me, both from the inside and outside perspective, but the people behind it.

I can't say enough about them all: Pam, Max, Bekah, Beth, David – they all are so passionate about this program and most importantly, they believe in each and every student. They all are beaming representations of what this program is about and they have brought so much joy to my life these past few years. YLA has the potential to change the way this community and our young people are often viewed. Let's rise to the occasion.



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# YLA 2017

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**Mitchell Wiley**  
Frankton H.S.





# 2016 YLA CAMP



## Stepping It Up!

Asia Mitchem YLA'17

At the beginning of the weekend I did not want to go to YLA camp. I was nervous to be with all of these people I've never met before and I was scared I wouldn't fit in. Looking back to that weekend makes me realize that it was one of the best experiences I've had in my life. The activities that we did helped me learn how to step up and be a leader in chaotic situations, as well as learning to listen to everyone else's ideas and develop a strategy together. I also learned how to use teamwork to finish some activities, because if we didn't work together as a team there's no way we could've got through this weekend successfully. A lot of times I thought to myself, "There's no way we can do this." but then people stepped up and listened to each other to come up with a plan we all agreed on, and we surprised ourselves by completing challenging tasks. The skills I learned that weekend will help me be able to identify situations that are in need of a leader to step up and come up with a plan, delegate tasks, or bring the group together to be able to achieve our goal because a close team is a strong team.



## Amazing Experience!

Charlie Colip YLA'17

Two weekends ago my life changed for the better. I attended the YLA camp at Camp Tecumseh. It was an amazing experience that I will never forget. I bonded with thirty-six new people that I now consider family. Not only did I have a great time, but I also learned so much about being a leader. Being a leader isn't always about being the one in charge. It isn't about your idea working. It isn't about any individual at all. It doesn't matter which person came up with the idea, or which person is telling others what to do. Being a leader is all about your team getting a job done, and getting it done well. Being a leader is about putting the team first. In some situations, you need to sit back and listen to others' ideas. In other times you need to speak your mind to get your idea across. The team and its job should be most important. Whatever it takes for your team to get the job done is what you need to do. If you and the rest of your team accomplish your job, then you have been a successful leader. I want to thank Camp Tecumseh for everything that they taught our YLA group. These leadership skills that we learned will help us for the rest of our lives.







# ANNUAL MEET & GREET

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Hoosier Park

(Dan Patch Brewhouse)



- Come and Go any time between 6 and 8 pm. Join us as we welcome the new LAMC Class of 2017!
- It's FREE to attend and refreshments will be served.
- Mix, mingle and network with our alums. Reach out to YOUR class and have a reunion on us! Spouses and guests are welcome.
- Register to attend this FREE event by Friday 8/26/16.



RSVP: [pkshoot@anderson.edu](mailto:pkshoot@anderson.edu) or 765-641-4050



## INGENUITY 2016!

On June 23, 2016, Ingenuity 2016 was held at Element Materials Technology in Daleville. Thanks, Lisa Alexander (LAMC '06) and the entire team at Element for hosting us! In partnership with Shafer Leadership Academy, we had over 50 attendees!

We touch on the importance of creativity in the workplace and community in our core curriculum, but having the opportunity to dive deeper for an entire day was impactful and motivational.

Remember to allow your team the time and space to be creative. It will be well worth it in the end!



# BOARD OF directors WHAT'S HAPPENING!

## WELCOME!

## THANK YOU!

Joining our Board are:

- **Adam Hoeksema** (LAMC '13)  
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Flagship Enterprise Center
- **David Neidert** (YLA '99 and LAMC '15)  
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- **Chris Williams** (LAMC '09),  
representing one of our  
founding partners,  
Chris is the Director  
of Events and  
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Anderson University

We're excited to have them join our team on the Board of Directors!



Retiring from our Board are:

- **John Collier** (LAMC '02)
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- **David L Neidert** (LAMC '87)
- **Dan Thompson** (LAMC '11)
- **Kim Townsend** (LAMC '01)

A special thanks to ALL of our retiring board members. We are very grateful for your service and appreciate your commitment to LAMC, YLA, and Madison County.



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**SCAVENGER HUNT**

On Saturday, August 13th, our fabulous YLA Class of 2017 were out all over Madison County collecting for various organizations. Not only did they have fun, but they were able to make a difference for so many! Way to **Grow.Serve.Lead.**



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