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CAN Evening of Good & Gun CELEBRATING YOUTH & COMMUNITY

Celebrating Youth & Community. We were honored to have just over 200 of you there with us to celebrate 20 years of Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) on Saturday, October 29th. Thank you for joining us for a night of food and fun!



Kevin Belton, celebrity New Orleans chef, had us laughing and learning from the start. "Dane, do you know what an onion is?" Yes, it was all great food and great laughs, but it was definitely a party with a BIG purpose. Partnering with South Madison Community Foundation, we were there to celebrate and thank the community for its support of

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Youth Leadership Academy and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Madison County truly is a community full of heart. We're proud to be a part of it.



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Meet & Greet









LAMC Welcomes Class of 2017

We just love our annual meet and greet and we think you do too! Thanks to ALL of you who came out to meet the Class of 2017 – our 35th Class. Reunions, connections, and new friends. Thank you, Hoosier Park, for hosting us!

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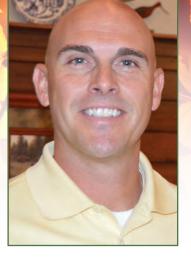
Walking into the Opening Retreat, I had no idea what to expect and only knew a handful of other participants in the class. By the end of day two, I didn't want to leave. In just two (2) short days, something amazing had happened. I couldn't quite put into words how I

felt but I looked forward to coming back to our next session. As the weeks went by before we met again, I began to miss my classmates. It happened. Just like that. We had become a family.

As a member of the class of 2017, I am deeply humbled by the experience thus far. While I have had opportunities to serve in our community, LAMC has helped me to truly understand what it means to be a servant leader. Each class offers a unique experience to get outside of our comfort zones and really understand our "WHY" and embrace different styles of learning.

Thanks to LAMC I am more aware of the gems we have right here in this community. I couldn't be more proud of my classmates as we have laughed, cried and reflected together. I have no doubt that 2017 will witness an explosive growth of leaders ready and willing to serve. Thank you, Pam and Beth, for your patience, insight and wisdom. It's been an amazing ride and I look forward to what's in store.

Stephanie Wade, LAMC '17 Attorney



It is very easy as a leader to get into "management mode" where you simply manage the day-today operations of your organization and forget to take time to work on yourself and to stretch and grow your leadership skills. You become complacent in

dealing with day-to-day organizational duties, which can lead to stagnation. I'll be honest, I initially wasn't ecstatic about being chosen by my boss to attend the classes through LAMC. I was afraid to miss time away from my building and afraid of having to play catch up when I got back.

I'm now getting ready for my 4th LAMC session and it has been an excellent experience. As an educator I know that learning and growing occurs when concepts are just out of reach, which means getting out of our comfort zones and stretching ourselves a little bit. LAMC forces you to look inward and discover things about yourself that you didn't realize. The class has given me a variety of ways to self reflect and learn about who I am as a professional and how other people perceive me. Each lesson is dynamic, meaningful and well planned out.

Another great aspect of LAMC is the networking opportunities. I've already established great professional contacts with people that live or work in Madison County that will help me professionally and personally. I couldn't be more pleased with my experiences with the LAMC and I would encourage anyone who has the option to go through the LAMC, to seize the opportunity.

Tom Johns, LAMC '17 Principal, Alexandria High School



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SPECIAL RECOGNITION



"My experience with Leadership Academy clarified the concept of servant leader. It gave me an opportunity to develop an appreciation for the level of tremendous people living in our community!" Alonzo Anthony, LAMC '94

Congratulations to Alonzo Anthony (LAMC '94) for

being selected as a Charles Schwab & Company, Inc. *Outstanding Community Service Award Winner* for 2015 – 2016! With 30 years of service at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Madison and Marion Counties. We're not surprised!

Charles Schwab & Company, Inc. partners with the Boys and Girls Club to provide *"Money Matters"* programs at clubs nationwide to promote financial fitness to the communities they serve. Over the years, Alonzo has led numerous *"paint up, fix up"* projects and regularly facilitates two programs at The Center for Leadership Development, an Indianapolis based group that serves minority youth.

Alonzo has also served as a Boy Scout Leader at the former Shadeland Elementary and the Madison County Boys and Girls Club. A long-time contributor to the Anderson Soap Box Derby, one of Alonzo's hopes is to see Soap Box Derby restored in the Anderson Area! He is also a member of the Pendleton Kiwanis Club.

Keep up the good work, Alonzo.



Have some news to share with us? We'd love to hear from you! Send your stories of servant leadership, career updates, and family news to baerskine@anderson.edu or pkshoot@anderson.edu

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Gift Fair is just around the corner (see next page). Come out on Saturday, December 10th. We'll be there along with 16 other amazing non profits. And, if you support LAMC and YLA that day, your gift will go even further with a partial match from our friends at Hoosier Park. Come see us at Mounds Mall on December 10th!





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Saturday, December 10 Mounds Mall in Anderson • 11 am - 2 pm

A unique opportunity to honor those on your gift list while also providing help and hope to those less fortunate who are not on anyone's gift list.

Shop from 17 local nonprofit organizations for "virtual" gifts such as a bag of food, medicine for a sick animal or school supplies for underprivileged local children.

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