



ENVISION
GREATER FOND DU LAC

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOND DU LAC

Developing Emerging Youth Leaders

“I learned so much during Youth Leadership and made so many friendships. I learned that the community needs leaders like us to ensure that today and the future is great for everybody. This was one of the greatest experiences that I will never forget.”

Kyle Koltz
Campbellsport High School
2017-2018
Youth Leadership Class

“Youth Leadership means the world to me. It allowed me to broaden my horizons and learn more about my community. Also, it allowed me to meet people from other schools and create lasting friendships.”

Logan Meyer
Laconia High School
2017-2018
Youth Leadership Class

“When I applied to Youth Leadership, I didn’t really understand what it was. I learned so many new and interesting things about leadership and met the leaders of our city, all things that I would have never been able to do without Youth Leadership. It has made me a better person overall.”

Elizabeth Ziegler
Fond du Lac High School
2017-2018
Youth Leadership Class

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What is Youth Leadership Fond du Lac?

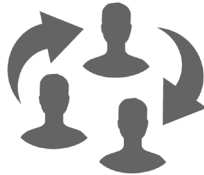
Youth Leadership Fond du Lac, a program of Envision Greater Fond du Lac, was created in 2006 to give emerging young leaders the chance to learn how the community works, where its opportunities lie and how they might fit into future solutions.

Participants must be juniors in high school.

Through monthly day-long sessions over an eight-month period, the students become a team. The goal of each session is to challenge thinking and inspire students to become involved in the Fond du Lac community. Students learn directly from people in charge of businesses and organizations across the county and they learn from one another.

Classes, September through April, meet at businesses and organizations in and around the Fond du Lac area, usually on the second Tuesday of the Month.

Leadership students also must complete a group community project. The group is in charge of envisioning, planning and executing a project that addresses a civic need.



Mission:

To stimulate and promote community leadership in emerging youth leaders by expanding their knowledge of the value and strength of the area as a viable career destination.

Objectives:

To provide education and experiences that help students frame and develop their leadership philosophies.

To acquaint students with issues, needs, resources and other factors that influence our community's future.

To provide insights into the workings of local business, education, government, non-profit and other entities.

To inspire students to become ambassadors of community leadership among their peers.

To create a strong and diverse base of future leaders for the community.

Curriculum:

Monthly meetings cover a variety of topics and presenters provide information about their jobs, their roles in the community and career opportunities in their fields.

September: Retreat, Teambuilding, History of Fond du Lac

October: Non-profits, The Arts, Boardmanship

November: Local Government, Public Safety

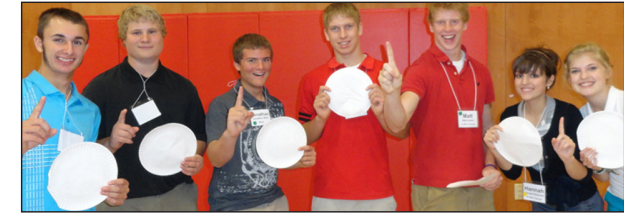
December: Education

January: Business and Economic Development

February: Healthcare

March: Human Services, Agri-Business, Community Project

April: Envision Initiative, Graduation



Benefits for Students:

- Increased knowledge about local community
- Participation in an eye-opening, informative, thought-provoking program
- Personal growth
- Opportunity to visit "restricted" or difficult to access areas
- Opens window for ongoing volunteerism
- Members of class develop friendships with other students

Participating Schools:

Fond du Lac High School
Fond du Lac STEM Institute
Horace Mann High School
Laconia High School
Lomira High School
Oakfield High School
St. Mary's Springs Academy - High School
Winnebago Lutheran Academy



Eligible Applicants:

The program has been developed for high school juniors who will apply in the spring semester of their sophomore year. Applicants will be selected based on demonstrated leadership qualities both inside and outside the classroom.



Through Youth Leadership, students are given the opportunity to gain knowledge and insight that will help them make meaningful decisions regarding their future.