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Kosciusko Leadership Academy White Papers 2000

# KOSCIUSKO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

*"Promoting young leaders  
within our county."*



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For applications or further information on KYLA contact your school's Guidance Office.

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Wawasee  
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Whitko  
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Participants from the KYLA Class of 2000 comment on their experiences.

"KYLA has taught me so many things about the community and about me."

*Elissa Haywood  
Tippecanoe Valley High School*

"KYLA has helped me develop leadership skills in which I can go out and use throughout my life. It has also taught me more about my community and helped me to better understand myself."

*Kent Roberts  
Triton High School*

"KYLA has provided me the opportunity to gain a better understanding of our community and its needs. It also enabled me to interact with peers from other schools and develop leadership skills."

*Ashely Byrd  
Warsaw Community High School*

"I have enjoyed being in KYLA. I have learned many valuable skills that I will take with me as I venture out on my own and have enjoyed being able to interact with other kids who share my views."

*Teryn Sahagun  
Wawasee High School*

"KYLA has been a fun and educational experience. I have learned not only how but was also allowed to express my personal views."

*Adam Hall  
Whitko High School*

The mission of the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy is to identify and promote young leaders in our community through exposure to organizations, businesses, and agencies located within Kosciusko County. The Academy was established in 1994, with approximately 25 high school juniors participating per year in the KYLA program.

### OBJECTIVES

The Academy's objectives are:

- Identifying and promoting young leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Development of leadership and communication skills
- Gain an understanding of community agencies and local organizations
- Obtain insight on key facets of Kosciusko County



### BENEFITS

Upon graduation, you will have the opportunity to put the knowledge obtained in KYLA to use in your education, employment, leisure, family, and volunteer



efforts that you participate in. You will receive training, knowledge, and experience that will help you have an impact on the community in which you live. You will also have an opportunity to meet highly regarded students from other schools who will also be future community leaders.

### STRUCTURE

Twenty-five high school juniors are selected representing each of the five high schools within Kosciusko County. KYLA is a nine month program, meeting up to twice per month, from 7:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at various community locations. Interesting speakers will attend each session, providing a wealth of information.

There is no cost to the participant other than transportation to each KYLA leadership class. At the end of the Academy, a graduation ceremony is held.

### PROJECT PROUD

Each participant will select and become actively involved in a project or event of an organization or agency. Each participant will be required to:

- Spend a minimum of ten hours in service to the organization or agency.
- Develop an outline identifying the knowledge gained from your involvement
- Summarize and present this information at the final KYLA session, entitled Project Proud.

