

MODERN DAY ACHIEVER YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

2007-2008

Summary

This program is designed to provide solutions to the systematic causes that impair the positive transition of youth to responsible adults. Our foundation is both predicated and prioritized on the principle of commitment and a self-defined value system of high standards and excellence.

Mission

To ensure that our youth rise to the heights they are capable of achieving, define roles, instruct, guide, affirm and foster unity in development of leadership skills that create excellence and dedications to community services. Our thought provoking program is designed to prepare, guide and open new possibilities through interaction with our youth to stimulate and foster a new philosophy or thinking to enhance abilities in this Modern Day of achieving. Parent participation is required and encouraged to experience the value of developing the capacity to make good choices.

Goals

- Develop leadership skills
- Improve the decision-making skills of youth
- Increase healthy life-styles and interpersonal relationships
- Improve academic performance
- Improve effective communication skills
- Increase social awareness of participants
- Develop non-violent conflict resolution skills
- Provide economic education and understanding
- Encourage confidence, motivation and accountability

Objectives

The **Modern Day Achievers** guidelines, activities and curriculum are designed so that each youth can successfully earn the title of becoming a responsible citizen and affect the community in which he/she lives using the tools developed from their participation of the 30-hour training. Youth are required to achieve 30 hours of community service as part of the program. The manifestation of these valuable skill-sets will have a measurable effect in reducing, or at least minimizing, current destructive forces that hinder our youth from becoming future Leaders, Teacher and Entrepreneurs.

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Staff

The staff included a program coordinator, co-chairs, certified teachers, instructors, mentors and a Council of Elders. The coordinator and co-chairs assume the organizational responsibility of the program; the instructors help coordinate all curriculum activity; the mentors are positive role models who have the necessary skills to function in various capacities.

Parental Involvement

Parental participation is a key component of the Modern Day Achievers Leadership Academy. Parent(s) legal guardians are required to take a active role in designated activities. Each parent is asked to volunteer 2 hours during workshop sessions and/or attend two-1-hour parent workshops.

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