

CLASS OF 2012 DENISON YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



**LEAD
LOCALLY**

**THINK
GLOBALLY**

*Preparing today's high school students to
become tomorrow's community leaders*

Program Objective

Today's Denison youth represent our community's future leaders. Denison Youth Leadership Academy was created to stimulate this next generation of leaders by offering education necessary for career planning as well as an introduction to community involvement and volunteerism. By allowing high school juniors to visit local businesses and government agencies, Denison Youth Leadership Academy provides a close-up look at the mechanics of area agencies while kindling students' interests in potential career paths and community involvement. By educating our youth, Denison Youth Leadership Academy hopes to foster a lifelong sense of community pride while encouraging young people to remain in or return to Denison upon completing their education.



The visits outlined in the program will be administered in joint cooperation with the Denison school system and will include a group of students who have applied for and been awarded admission into the Denison Youth Leadership Academy.

The Denison Youth Leadership Academy is in its second year of operation and plans to explore additional development opportunities for our young people.

Why Apply

Students will discover the Denison Youth Leadership Academy is a fun way to enhance their individual growth and fulfillment as they prepare to meet the challenges of the future. The quality of our students' leadership will determine the future of our country as well as our communities.

Planning for the Denison Youth Leadership Program was accomplished through a joint effort between the Denison Young Professionals Group & the Denison Area Chamber of Commerce.

Schedule

Students will participate in a series of six meetings focusing on issues in Denison and Grayson County.

During each session, students will meet with area leaders who will share their expertise and provide insight to the present and future challenges facing our students.

Each session will be four to eight hours long.

Sessions include:

Ropes Course (Sept—TBD)

The ropes course provides an excellent opportunity for both individual and team development. It develops trust, communication, decision-making, problem solving, and teamwork through group dynamics skills.



Workforce Development (10/11/2010)

Workforce Development will involve several local industry tours that will introduce careers ranging from medical, engineering, sales, aerospace, and manufacturing. You will also get a chance to tour the Workforce Center and find out what type of career is best suited for your personality and find out how to use the resources available to acquire the career of your choice.



City & County Government (11/03/2010)

City & County Government Day will give you a good overview of how local government works, and how you can get involved. Presentations by the Grayson County Clerk, Sheriff, and Commissioners; and the District Attorney will help you understand things that happen at a