



YLA ~ Next Generation Laboratory

Youth Apply Classroom Lessons Building their Capacities for Work, Career, Citizenship, Civic Leadership and Community!

"Knowing what America stands for is not a genetic inheritance. It must be learned."

YLA *Next Generation Laboratories* build responsible citizen leaders by engaging youth in the life and work of their schools and communities. YLAs are youth initiated and led with the advice and mentoring of faculty advisors. Students apply classroom lessons to real-life situations and issues. In the process student learning is enhanced as students . . .

Develop Organizational Governance Skills

- ◆ Plan Agenda
- ◆ Conduct meetings
- ◆ Use parliamentary procedure
- ◆ Create and utilize committees to research issues and potential projects, develop recommendations and present to the total group
- ◆ Elect officers and gain experience as officers and as members in democratic leadership
- ◆ Prepare meeting minutes and keep records

Develop Financial Skills

- ◆ Develop budgets
- ◆ Make financial decisions
- ◆ Keep financial records
- ◆ Fund their activities
- ◆ Develop entrepreneurial thinking and actions

Respond to School and Community Needs with Volunteer Actions

- ◆ Build connections with current school and community

leaders, organizations and citizens to gain wider perspectives of school and community issues and potential

- ◆ Identify the kind of school and community teens want
- ◆ Create and carry out volunteer initiatives to achieve their vision
- ◆ Evaluate and reflect on their work to strengthen future action

Build a Peer Support Network Focused on Achievement

- ◆ Encouraging peers to do their best and become their best
- ◆ Promoting a positive school learning atmosphere where achievement is honored
- ◆ Reaching out to peers who need encouragement and a positive group of friends
- ◆ Asserting that each person and group is responsible for creating better futures for all

Reach Beyond the Familiar in new settings with diverse persons from different backgrounds and places all requiring application of classroom lessons in new and often "on your feet" thinking

- ◆ Youth in Government and Model United Nations
- ◆ Entrepreneurship and Leadership-Summits at Horseshoe
- ◆ YLA Leadership Conferences
- ◆ Youth Officer Corps

Career Discovery for YLA Students results from YLA's "learn by doing" model of school based YLAs as well as participation in Youth in Government, Model United Nations, YLA Leadership Conference and Horseshoe's Entrepreneurship and Leadership-Service Summits. Students who otherwise would never imagine their potential are now -

- ◆ Business persons, Scientists, Educators, Attorneys, Engineers, Entrepreneurs, Foundation Leaders, Government service at all levels, Military, Labor leaders, and above all, responsible citizens.



Schools, Communities and Youth Programs Support for Effective YLA Next Generation Laboratories

- ◆ Partnership with the Youth Leadership Association
- ◆ A place for YLA youth to meet
- ◆ A time to meet
- ◆ Adult Advisor(s)
- ◆ Commitment to experiential, project based service-learning YLA offers in the school and beyond the classroom.

Youth Leadership Association

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