

Colleges Visited By Young Achievers

Western KY University
Eastern KY University
Northern KY University
University of Louisville
KY State University
Bluegrass Technical College—Danville
Bluegrass Technical College—Lexington
Berea College
Centre College
Central State University
University of Cincinnati
Hanover College
Marshall University
Fisk University
Meharry Medical School
Vanderbilt University
Tennessee State University
University of Tennessee—Knoxville
Tuskegee University
Auburn University
Spelman College
Morehouse College
College of William and Mary
Hampton University
Norfolk State University



Our Pledge: Who Am I?

Contrary to popular belief and design,
When you look at me,
I am not wearing a disguise;
Instead of placing stereotypes and labels
on me, let me tell you who I am and
what the future holds for me.
I am youthful, outstanding, undeniably
demanding, and geared up
to achieve anything for which I strive.
Obstacles have been put in my way,
since I have been placed on this earth.
But what no one can deny me is the
chance, the chance to reinvent
myself and to give notice that I will
prevail.
I will give 100 percent to my school,
my home, and my community.
You ask me who I am.
I am a Young Achiever!!!

History of Young Achievers

Danville-Boyle County-KSD Community Education served on the initial advisory board and continues to assist the program when requested. The program is primarily the result of the work of the coordinator, Angela Johnson, and the Young Achievers themselves.

Young Achievers Seminar

2010—2011



Danville Schools

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Dr. Carmen Coleman, Superintendent

Mission Statement

To expose each student to what he/she is capable, to teach academic and personal skills, and to support and encourage each student as he/she makes the personal changes to succeed in school and ultimately, in life.



Young Achievers...an overview

The Young Achievers Seminar is a mentoring program for students in grades 6 through 12 in the Danville Independent School District that promotes academic and personal growth for students not currently working to their potential. The program meets every other Saturday morning during the school year under the supervision of Angela Johnson. Participants are students who want to become better students and need a support system of peers and adults to sustain academic and personal achievement. Most, but not all, YAS participants are minority students. In addition to self-selection, school counselors and teachers often recommend students to participate in the program.

Young Achievers Past Activities

Young Achievers Seminar provides post-secondary campus tours, motivational speakers, tutorial sessions, and additional instruction in every content area of the mandatory statewide assessment. Each year the YAS students are exposed to information and activities designed to expand their knowledge of the opportunities available to them. They have visited twenty-seven (27) different campuses, which included colleges and universities in and out of the state of Kentucky. The students attend Life Adventure Camp each year to develop team building skills and participate in the Underground Railroad Walking Tour to learn of their past. The students have shared the success of the YAS program with participants at the KASC Safe Schools Annual Conference and at the Great Kids Summit in Louisville. YAS students who have A/B grade point averages are asked to mentor and/or tutor middle and elementary school students in the district's ESS programs.

Program Impact

The impact of the program on the student participants has been significant. The Young Achievers Seminar has grown from eleven students in 2004 to thirty-five (35) students in May 2010. YAS students have become class officers each year, and are enrolled in honors and advanced placement classes. Of the twenty-one graduates of the program, there is one senior and one sophomore at Kentucky State University, one junior at Hampton University (VA), one junior at Tuskegee University (AL), three sophomores and one freshman at the University of Kentucky, one sophomore at Lindsay Wilson College, one freshman and two sophomores at the University of Louisville, two sophomores at Western Kentucky University, one sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University, two sophomores at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, and one in the military.



How to Enroll

The Young Achievers Seminar is open to any student in the 6th—12th grades who wants to improve their academic performance and reach their full potential. The program meets every other Saturday morning from 9:00am until noon. Interested parents and/or students can contact Angela Johnson at (859) 238-1308 ext. 1223 to sign up and/or answer any questions.

