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Call for Applicants - 2013 Central Ohio Leadership Academy
All rising seniors encouraged to apply to learn from community
and business leaders from the Columbus Region

All area rising seniors are invited to apply to participate in the 2013 class of the annual Central Ohio Leadership Academy. The Central Ohio Leadership Academy (COLA), established in 2011 by the New Albany Community Foundation, is **the only comprehensive leadership development experience for rising high school seniors in central Ohio**. The six day leadership program provides a unique participatory experience that cultivates leadership, creativity, ethical decision making, self-reflection and relationship building among the participants.

Applications can be submitted online via www.coleadershipacademy.org through March 31. Approximately forty-five students will be accepted into this year's program and the experience is provided free of cost thanks to the program underwriters, including the JP Morgan Foundation, the Edwards Foundation, Christine and Jeff Rodek, Easton Community Foundation and The Columbus Foundation.

The program will take place on the main campus of The Ohio State University, June 17- 22 from 8:00am - 4:00pm. On the fourth day of the program, Thursday, June 20, the session will end at 8:00pm instead of 4:00pm due to a very special evening program. Students develop their leadership skills during the intensive six-day experience by participating in professionally facilitated training sessions, interactive team challenges, and discussions with peers and community leaders. Students completing the six-day course will receive two college credits from The Ohio State University. Community leaders who have previously participated in COLA include:

Robert H. Schottenstein
CEO, M/I Homes

Yvette McGee Brown
Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice

C. Robert Kidder
Past Chairman, Chrysler Group LLC
Past Lead Director of the Board, Morgan Stanley

Peyman Salehi
Market Director - Private Banking,
JP Morgan Chase Bank

Dr. E Gordon Gee
President, The Ohio State University

Dean Christine Poon
Dean, Fisher College of Business

Patrick Losinski
CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Library

Yaves Ellis
CEO, Sling Shot Media Group
Public Affairs Director, Radio One

Established by the New Albany Community Foundation, the leadership academy was developed to provide a comprehensive experience to rising seniors that would further refine their skills as leaders and achievers. Student learning is guided by an instructional collaborative that includes educators from the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University as well as community leaders from across central Ohio.

“It’s one thing to teach leadership in a classroom, it’s another thing to see the COLA experience transform a group of people from quiet and timid into a group of maturing leaders who build a network of support for themselves. The confidence and skillsets the students develop through this program will be transformative for their own futures but also impactful on their communities,” said Roy Lewicki from The Ohio State University, one of the program faculty.

FACULTY AND STAFF:

Senior faculty member, Roy Lewicki is the Irving Abramowitz Professor of Business Ethics and Professor of Management and Human Resources at the Max M. Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University. Professor Lewicki maintains research and teaching interests in the fields of negotiation, conflict management and dispute resolution, trust development, managerial leadership, organizational justice and ethical decision making.

Program director, Jordan Davis is a seasoned facilitator in leadership development experiences for high school and college students. Davis has a B.A. in Leadership Studies and Political Science from The Ohio State University and has been a part of the COLA staff since 2010. Full-time, Davis manages events and development for the Columbus Partnership, a civic organization of our area’s top business leaders.

Program coordinator, Sarah Mangia is a Graduate Student in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Program at The Ohio State University, and she received her B.A. from Ohio State in Leadership Studies and Sociology. Sarah is a Graduate Administrative Associate for the Buckeye Leadership Fellows Program, where she administers the program's leadership, personal, and professional development curriculum. She also works for the Department of Recreational Sports, where she administers the Student Employment Experience training program. Her research interests include: leadership education, leadership development programs, internationalizing college campuses, and creating and assessing student learning outcomes.

Recruitment coordinator, Philip Koppel has been a teacher, administrator, coach and athletic director in central Ohio private and public school districts for over thirty years. His academic focus areas have included history, government and social studies. He has also led many student academic and athletic initiatives ranging from service projects to the national honor society.

Recruitment coordinator, Victor Johnson has been involved with curriculum development, leadership and team training, school improvement initiatives, instruction, and career education for the past 25 years. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served as an instructor to military and civilian personnel. Mr. Johnson also worked in the AmeriCorps Children of the Future program and in the department of Curriculum Leadership and Development of the Columbus City Schools. Mr. Johnson is licensed as a Career Pathways Specialist Teacher by the State of Ohio.

Alumni coordinator, Derrick Tillman-Kelley is currently a doctoral student in higher education and student affairs (HESA) at The Ohio State University. He received his master's degree in HESA from Indiana University and his bachelor's in biology from Illinois Wesleyan University.

About Central Ohio Leadership Academy

COLA was developed by the New Albany Community Foundation and Underwritten by JP Morgan Foundation with support from the Edwards Foundation, Christine and Jeff Rodek, Easton Community

Foundation and The Columbus Foundation. The Central Ohio Leadership Academy will provide a unique participatory experience that will cultivate leadership, creativity, ethical decision making, self-reflection and relationship building among the student participants. More information on the program can be found at www.coleadershipacademy.org.

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