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I BELIEVE THE CHOICE TO  
BE EXCELLENT BEGINS  
WITH ALIGNING YOUR  
THOUGHTS AND WORDS  
WITH THE INTENTION TO  
REQUIRE MORE FROM  
YOURSELF.

— OPRAH WINFREY

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## 2023 - 2024 Course Schedule

### Orientation

June 1st, 2023

1:00 - 5:00 PM

### Experiential Program Week

June 5 - 9, 2023

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

### Softskills Lessons

August 25, 2023

September 22, 2023

October 27, 2023

November 17, 2023

January 12, 2024

1:30 - 5:30 PM on early release days

### Mentorship/Job Shadowing Experience

February 2024

### Capstone Project Presentations and Essays

Due - March 18, 2024

Present - March 29, 2024

### Graduation

April 16, 2024 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

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YOUNG  
LEADERS**





## ABOUT

Youth Leadership Polk is a dynamic learning experience designed to support the development of essential leadership skills.

Class members are immersed in a curriculum that exposes them to a broad range of perspectives through experiential learning.

Community leaders, business professionals, elected officials, and educators from across Polk County, engage in varied and robust career conversations that better inform students about planning for their future.

A Program of Polk Vision, Youth Leadership Polk is made possible by the support of Leadership Polk Alumni Association, Youth Leadership Polk Advisory Council, and many generous partners and donors.

## BENEFITS

**L** Learn about history, good citizenship, government, business and industry across Polk County.

**E** Engage with local leaders and professionals regarding workforce needs and career opportunities.

**A** Align your personal interests and career goals with formal education or skills training.

**D** Develop a network of lasting relationships with class members and influential community leaders.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who complete all Youth Leadership Polk requirements are eligible to apply for a scholarship towards college or technical school.



## SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations open annually in February to students who are rising juniors and seniors.

Class members are selected through a competitive application process in March.

Successful candidates are able to demonstrate their leadership skills through current and past engagement at school and in the community.

## COMMITMENT

Participation in the program is free of tuition fees but requires a serious commitment of time and focus. Class dates are published in advance. Attendance is strictly enforced to preserve the integrity of the program and out of respect for the sponsors, hosts, instructors, and fellow Class members.