

program overview

overnight retreat

learn about the community / become coaches to one another / create a vision for the future

The ART of Leadership Retreat is a fun, dynamic overnight program! Students will learn about themselves and their classmates, their community, and their school. During the retreat, each and every student is trained to be a “coach” for his/her classmates, giving specific, valuable input on how to be a great leader. Surveys and profiles provide the basis for in-depth conversations and discovery about the current reality of the family, neighborhood, and schools in which they operate. During a half-day visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, students use the inspiration and creativity of the Arts to expand their own vision for the future for themselves and for their community. Students show-off their new leadership skills during a family potluck dinner party on the evening of the first day, which promises to be entertaining and informative for all! During the coming months, students will design and implement a community service -project, which will move them and their community closer to the vision that they have created.

leadership coaching (Weekly or bi-weekly coaching sessions, held at the school)

deepen understanding of concepts / create relationship with coaches / project planning

Creative lesson plans are used to expand on the value created in the retreat. Six months of weekly individual and group leadership coaching sessions, accented with exciting activities, support each student and the team in developing the leadership, management, and coaching skills necessary to successfully implement the project. Trained coaches from the local business community conduct these meetings, sharing their expertise, vision, and skills to expand the value for each student. During these coaching sessions, each student will gain specific, personal input on how to improve his or her leadership skills.

community service project (Full-day project near end of school year)

share the vision with others / create change in the community / bring neighborhoods together

The ART of Leadership students design and implement a community service project held early each summer. The students recruit volunteers from the community, enroll them into the vision for the future, and manage their participation in the project. In addition, the students work with the residents in the community to guide them in raising their sense of pride and unity. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved – let these students lead YOU to a brighter future!

leadership workshops (Throughout the year – students will receive invitation to participate)

share leadership skills with others / gain public speaking skills / gain confidence and poise

ALF students in their 2nd year and beyond are invited to conduct "Leadership Workshops," in which they train hundreds of business people and other students in the art of visionary leadership. These programs take place in offices, conference centers, schools, and museums throughout the community. Each group of students has many opportunities for ongoing participation in our upcoming projects and activities.

ART of Leadership students are invited to return each year through the completion of high school. Returning students take on increased responsibility and leadership in the program.