



*Shaping the future of high school students by promoting teamwork, developing leadership skills and fostering self-confidence and personal growth.*

## *What is Junior Leadership Durham?*

JLD is a program designed to provide high school sophomores with an in-depth knowledge of the Durham community and to assist them in developing their leadership skills, recognizing that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. Program goals include:

- ***Developing leadership skills for youth in Durham***
- ***Increasing volunteerism among high school students***
- ***Promoting communication among high school students county-wide***
- ***Increasing awareness of diverse community needs and resources***
- ***Exposing youth to various careers and opportunities in Durham***
- ***Offering the program to students free of charge***

Through active participation, students will interact with business, community and government leaders to gain broader knowledge and awareness of Durham, encouraging the students to explore ways in which they can contribute to their community.

*“ It’s exciting to see these students interact with successful leaders in their community—young and old, male and female, corporate and entrepreneurial. This valuable experience empowers them to find and nurture their own leadership. I am always amazed to see how self-assured and confident they have become.... ”*

**Catherine Ascott, Class Coordinator**

## *What do students do in the program? What do they get from the program?*

Students who participate in the JLD sessions will gain a fundamental understanding of the politics and workings of Durham and what the important issues are. They will get to meet, ask questions of and interact with Durham’s leaders. They will also have the opportunity to develop friendships county-wide with students from different learning environments and with different socio-economic, ethnic and philosophical backgrounds. Building diverse relationships and learning about others will enrich each individual and promote growth.

In order to receive the full benefits of the program, students must prepare for sessions and actively participate. Students are required to complete a community service project as part of the program.

*“ I am having lots of fun, learning TONS about Durham’s diversity, and getting acquainted with many of my fellow leaders! I am grateful to be a part of JLD, and thank you for this opportunity to learn about and better serve my community. ”*

**Angelica J. Powell (2005/2006 JLD Class)**

## *What does the program cost?*

The program is offered at no cost to participants. Support for operating the program is provided by corporate and community benefactors who recognize the importance of developing young leaders.

## You can help JLD by:

- Making a financial contribution
- Sponsoring the JLD program or a portion of the program (cost per session, \$350.00)
- Encouraging your business to offer in-kind goods and services, such as:
  - ★ Catering breakfast/lunch/snacks for students
  - ★ Providing transportation to students (must be a Durham Public Schools-certified provider)
  - ★ Providing photocopying, printing or business/office supplies



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## Course Information

### Student Qualifications:

- Apply in ninth grade
- Attend a Durham public, private, charter or home school
- Have transportation to and from session sites
- Be a team player

### Application Process:

- Obtain application from website or from school guidance counselor
- Submit completed and signed application with two letters of recommendation by the deadline date

### Deadlines:

Applications are available in January and due in April. Interviews will occur before the end of the school year.

### Session Details:

Multiple sessions (one per month) have been developed by the JLD Board, comprised of a variety of experienced professionals in Durham, many of whom are graduates of the Durham Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Durham program. Sessions are engineered to be teen-friendly and to provide the greatest depth and breadth of Durham knowledge possible in the limited time available. Guest speakers, panelists and locations have been chosen with great care to facilitate this process. With the permission of schools and parents, participants will be removed from school for five days throughout the year to participate in the program. The first session and graduation will be held outside of the school day.

Session topics include Education - Government - Judicial/Health - Human Needs/Diversity - Media - Economic Development.



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