



Celebration 2024

Funds raised from Celebration provide more than 50 participants access to Youth Leadership Jacksonville.



Youth Leadership Jacksonville is an eight-month leadership program for high school sophomores from Baker, Clay, Duval and St. Johns counties, cultivating lifelong interest and participation in the issues and opportunities facing Jacksonville. Created in 1989, the year-long program brings together a select and diverse cross section of Northeast Florida high school students with demonstrated leadership ability and prepares them to become ethical leaders committed to active community involvement.

Similar to the flagship program, although highly subsidized by the Celebration fundraiser, students participate in an Opening Retreat, six Program Days (one per month) and a Closing Retreat. Program Days focus on specific facets of the community such as government, criminal justice, human services, diversity and business. Each day combines a behind-the-scenes experience and interaction with diverse community leaders across industries.



Testimonials:

“This program prepares young leaders for the real world like no other program in Jacksonville.”

“Youth Leadership Jacksonville is a program that gathers a diverse group of students together and gives them an opportunity of a lifetime.”

“I no longer fear meeting new people or experiences. YLJ has given me the skills to be a dynamic leader.”