



**2020 - 2021**

**IMPACT REPORT**

**PROVIDING APPALACHIAN  
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY**

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# OUR MISSION

The iBELIEVE Foundation provides experiential opportunities for Appalachian youth to learn and continue to develop the skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for success in high school and beyond. Ultimately, our goal is to inspire leadership that results in positive change - in our schools, our communities, our region, and the world.



# OUR HISTORY

The iBELIEVE Foundation was created in 2011 to help provide opportunities for Appalachian youth. Initially, the foundation sponsored students to attend Summer Leadership Workshops hosted by the Ohio Association of Student Councils. In 2016, iBELIEVE began hosting our own workshops and added additional weeks and college sites to accommodate the growing numbers of participants. Today, over 2500 students have benefited from our premier summer workshop experience. The organization's growth, through the generous donations of many corporations and individuals, also allowed for the addition of year round programming and expansion into all 32 Appalachian counties in Ohio, as well as parts of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania.

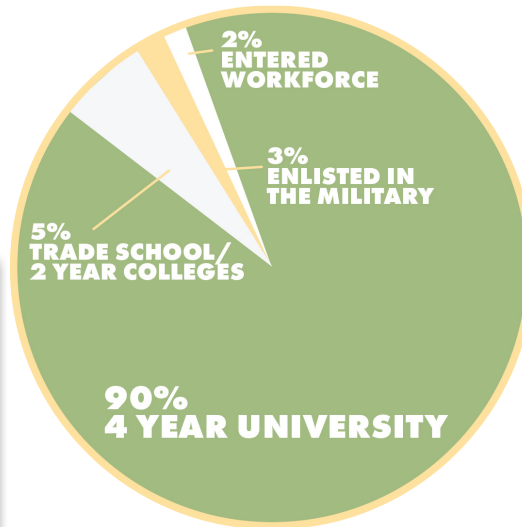
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# OUR IMPACT

OVER  
**8000**  
OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED  
AT NO-COST TO STUDENTS  
- INCLUDES ALL iBELIEVE PROGRAMS



## DATA FROM PROGRAM ALUMNI



**100%**  
OF RESPONDENTS GAINED OR  
SHARPENED SKILLS LIKE:

- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- COMMUNICATION
- COLLABORATION
- SELF-CONFIDENCE
- GROWTH MINDSET
- VALUING DIVERSITY



THE iBELIEVE FOUNDATION HAS A WAY OF TAKING AN ORDINARY STUDENT FROM APPALACHIA AND ALLOWING THEM TO SEE THEIR POTENTIAL IN THIS WORLD.

iBELIEVE ENCOURAGES EACH STUDENT TO EXCEED THEIR POTENTIAL AND CREATE THE WORLD WE ALL LONG TO LIVE IN.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH iBELIEVE HAS GUARANTEED THAT MY FUTURE WILL BE BRIGHT, EXCITING, AND IMPACTFUL.

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER THAT ONE SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE .THE iBELIEVE FOUNDATION GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO BE MYSELF AND SHOW OTHERS THE IMPACT OF BEING KIND.

OUR FLAGSHIP SUMMER  
WORKSHOP PROGRAM  
HAS CREATED  
**4331** OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR  
**2552**  
STUDENTS ACROSS 3 LEVELS

**2552** LEVEL 1

**1204** LEVEL 2  
(RETURNERS)

**575** LEVEL 3  
(RETURNERS)



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# OUR PROGRAMS

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Summer workshop is our signature program designed for students to develop real-world leadership skills necessary to prepare them for the classrooms and jobs of tomorrow. Students spend 5 days and 4 nights on a college campus of their choice. Over the course of the week, students will learn more about themselves and the skills they need to grow as a successful leader in their future. The program allows students to form life-long friendships with one another, as well as network with the staff and other adults.



## LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

Summits are school-day events that are hosted at a college campus. Participating high schools select students for a day centered around the basic skills leadership. Summits are hosted regionally in an effort to re-connect with students that have previously participated in an iBELIEVE program and to provide additional program opportunities for new students.

## DIGITAL LEADERSHIP SERIES

Monthly virtual program to provide opportunities for student leaders to connect with each other while exploring and developing key leadership concepts and skills. Topics to be covered include communication, teamwork, flexibility, adaptability, empathy, problem-solving, decision making, equity, and inclusion.

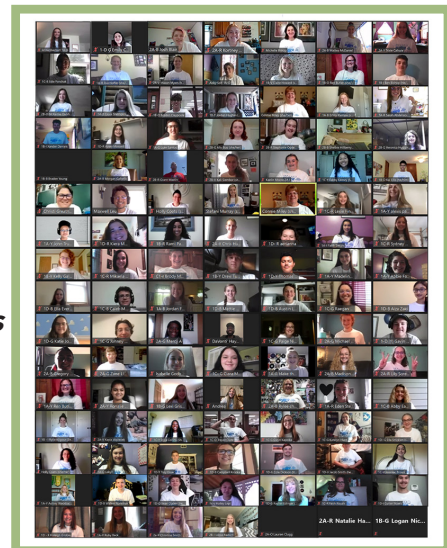


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## VIRTUAL SUMMER WORKSHOP

Our 2021 summer workshop, *Everyday Leadership in Action*, was designed for online delivery. Monday through Thursday provided full days packed with opportunities to learn, interact with staff and peers, gain some inspiration, and reflect on each day's concepts through an afternoon synthesis session and the daily closing. Each day had its own theme: *Commitment, Self-Awareness, Understanding Others, I've Got Skills, and Lead the Way*. Topics discussed throughout the week included: *qualities of leadership, working with others, self-awareness, creative thinking, risk taking, social issues, and communication*. The "digital divide" is something that can disproportionately affect Appalachian families when it comes to both access to technology and reliable internet. In order to address a need that goes beyond leadership development and our workshops, iBELIEVE was able to use a portion of our budget to provide every student that took part in our online program with a laptop computer that would be theirs to keep.



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Monthly virtual program that ran from October 2020 through April 2021 to provide opportunities for student leaders to connect with each other while exploring and developing key leadership concepts and skills. Topics to be covered include communication, teamwork, flexibility, adaptability, empathy, problem-solving, decision making, equity, and inclusion.

# 104

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP  
PARTICIPANTS

STUDENTS  
FROM 60  
DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

# 600

VOLUNTEER HOUR  
OPPORTUNITIES CREATED

# 95

DLS PARTICIPANTS  
ACROSS 5 WEEKS

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