



2021 - 2022

IMPACT REPORT

**PROVIDING APPALACHIAN
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY**

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OUR MISSION

The iBELIEVE Foundation provides equitable and inclusive access to experiential opportunities for Appalachian youth to learn and continue to develop the skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for success in high school and beyond.



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.

OUR VISION

Our hope is to inspire leadership that results in positive change - in our schools, our communities, our region, and the world.

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OUR IMPACT

OVER
8000

OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED
AT NO-COST TO STUDENTS

- INCLUDES ALL iBELIEVE PROGRAMS



OUR FLAGSHIP YOUTH
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
HAS CREATED

4466 OPPORTUNITIES
FOR

2654

STUDENTS ACROSS 3 LEVELS

2654

LEVEL 1

1230

LEVEL 2
(RETURNERS)

582

LEVEL 3
(RETURNERS)

2021 - 2022
BY THE
NUMBERS

137

DELEGATES AT

3 YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOPS



PARTICIPANTS FROM

54 SCHOOLS
AND **31**
COUNTIES

ACROSS OHIO
WEST VIRGINIA
PENNSYLVANIA

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DLA **34**
PARTICIPANTS



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OUR PROGRAMS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

YLW 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.

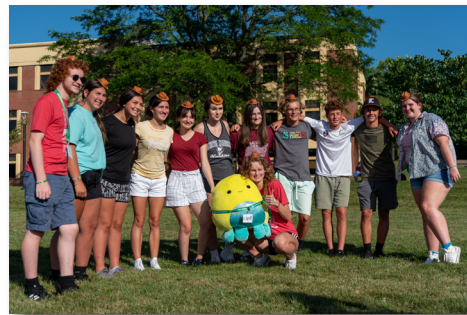


LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

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 of 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 ACADEMY

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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2021-2022 IMPACT

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

iBELIEVE Youth Leadership Workshops (formerly known as Summer Workshops) returned fully to an on-site format in 2022, offering three (3) sessions on two (2) university campuses. Students were once again able to participate in a residential five-day, four-night workshop experience that provided them with ample opportunities for learning and enhancing skills, making impactful connections with other student leaders, and developing awareness of their own ability to make a positive difference in their schools and communities. Many changes were incorporated into the evolving iBELIEVE Youth Leadership Workshop programs in 2022. Many of the changes were cosmetic, while others were more integral to the goals and intended outcomes of the program. Two program levels were offered this year: iB Level 1 (formerly called Senior High 1) and iB 2/3, a hybrid program designed to be in place for a couple of years as we build back from the pandemic pause.



DIGITAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Prior to the beginning of the bi-weekly Tuesday night sessions, registered participants received a copy of the book, *Authentic Teen Leadership* by Mike Nygren, along with a journal. The series extended from November through March and was built around the book's 4 Pillars of Authentic Leadership:

1. Worthy of Being Followed
2. Thinking like a Leader
3. Acting like a Leader
4. Sustainable Leadership

Sessions included both large group activities and small group discussions, facilitated by members of iBELIEVE's volunteer Staff Team. Participants received a Certificate of Completion along with a special token to help them remember vital lessons from the series.

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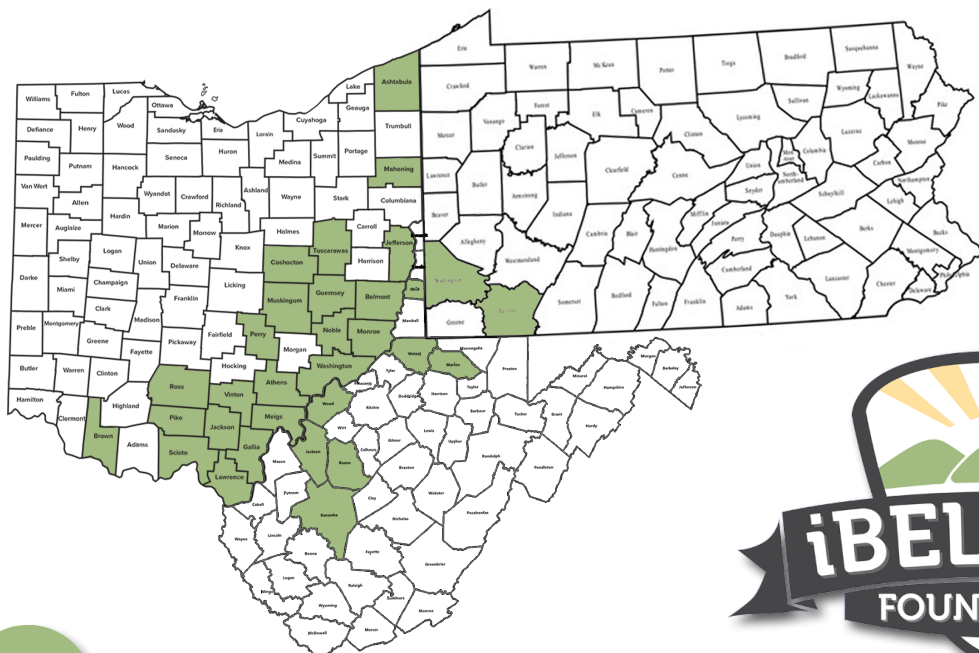
OUR FUTURE

LOOKING AHEAD

We are excited to offer several different opportunities for our students this programming year! We will launch with the return of our Fall Leadership Summits in November. We will again offer our Digital Leadership Academy with sessions beginning in January and extending through March. The annual iSERVE Community Action day will take place in early April. Finally, we will conclude our programming year with our premier program - iBELIEVE's Youth Leadership Workshops in June and July!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

We would like to extend another thank you to our 44 amazing volunteer staff members that gave their time to help us make our programs a success this year. We could never have the same reach or impact without them. They go above and beyond to bring the best out of each other, our delegates, and our programs.



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