



2022 - 2023

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 provide opportunities for Appalachian youth. That year we served 36 high school students. Since then, we have grown exponentially and now provide year-round programming for participants by way of our Leadership Summits, Digital Leadership Academies, iSERVE Community Impact Projects, and Youth Leadership Workshops, which is our flagship event. As part of our mission and vision, we strive to provide these programming opportunities to participants without a barrier of cost, meaning that all programs are provided at no cost to our participants and their families. This is made possible through grants and generous donations from corporations, small businesses and individuals. To date, we have served over 8600 high school students from the Appalachian regions of Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Tennessee across all of our program opportunities. 2799 Appalachian high school students have specifically attended our flagship Youth Leadership Workshops. Since the pandemic, we have had to scale back our reach, and are currently serving Ohio, West Virginia, 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
8600

OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED
AT NO-COST TO STUDENTS

- INCLUDES ALL iBELIEVE PROGRAMS



OUR FLAGSHIP YOUTH
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
HAS CREATED

4701 OPPORTUNITIES
FOR

2799

STUDENTS ACROSS 3 LEVELS

2799

LEVEL 1

1300

LEVEL 2
(RETURNERS)

602

LEVEL 3
(RETURNERS)

2022 - 2023
BY THE
NUMBERS



225

DELEGATES AT
4 YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOPS



DLA **24**
PARTICIPANTS

369

PARTICIPANTS
AT SUMMITS



“THIS INSPIRES PEOPLE.
IT MAKES US BETTER
PEOPLE AND BETTER
LEADERS.”

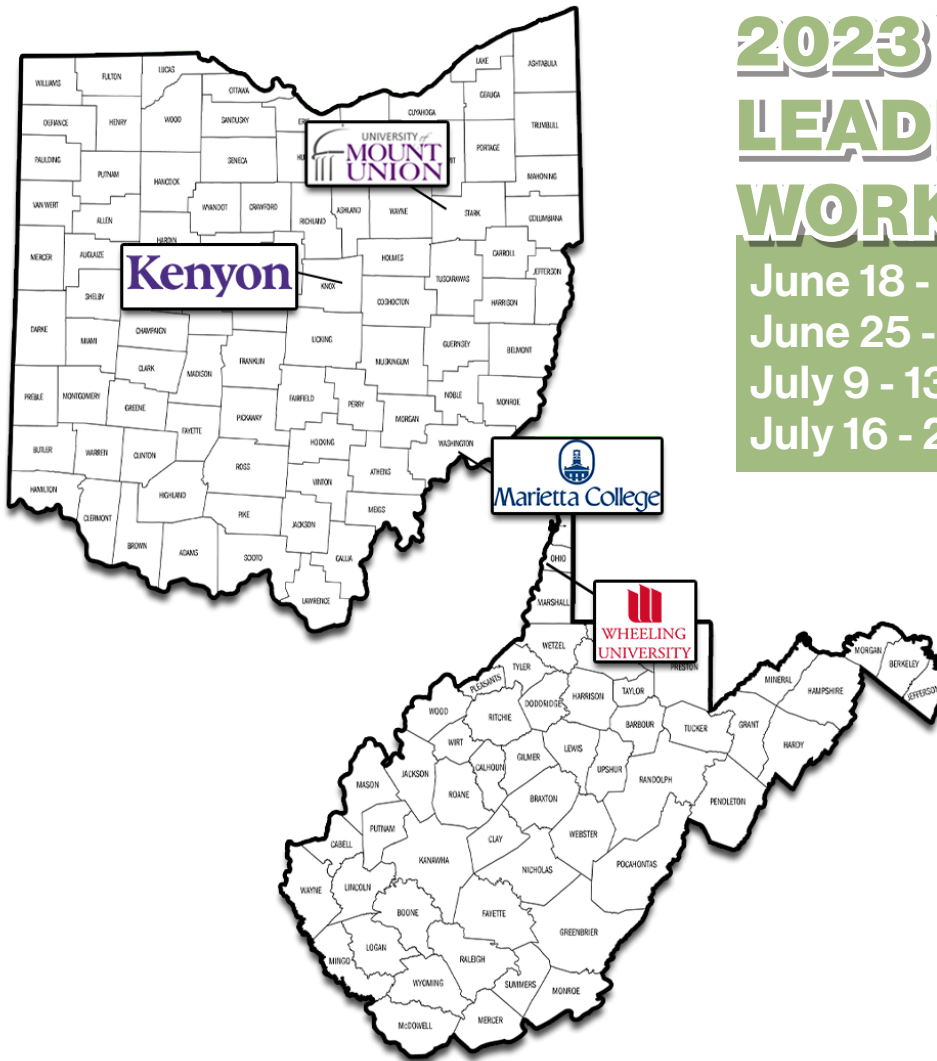
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OTHERS.”

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2022 - 2023 IMPACT

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Our 2023 Youth Leadership Workshops were a huge success as we hosted 225 delegates across our 4 workshop weeks! Participants came from 62 different high schools across the Appalachian regions of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Participants were provided with 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. This year's workshops consisted of participants in 3 different levels of programming including iB Level 1, iB Level 2, and iB Level 2/3 - a hybrid program that combined the best of our 2nd and 3rd year programs for participants that weren't able to complete the traditional program track due to our virtual programs in 2021.



2023 YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

June 18 - 22 | Kenyon College
June 25 - 29 | Marietta College
July 9 - 13 | Wheeling University
July 16 - 20 | University of Mt. Union



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FALL LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

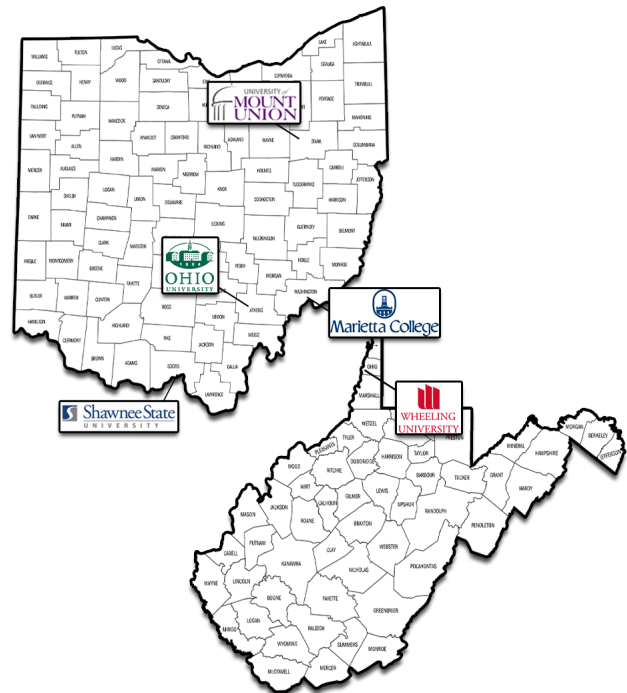
This year, we hosted five (5) Fall Leadership Summits during the month of November. The program theme was Group Dynamics, focusing on how to best contribute as a group member, and how to lead or develop productive groups. Time was devoted to many topics including:

- Definition of group and group dynamics
- Why groups are important
- Individual roles in groups
- Stages of group development
- Attitudes and behaviors of successful groups
- What to look for in groups to increase productivity and member satisfaction
- How to lead a group effectively

As is a core philosophy of iBELIEVE programming, students were able to engage in several hands-on, interactive activities to help reinforce the ideas presented.

2022 FALL SUMMITS

University of Mt. Union
Marietta College
Shawnee State University
Ohio University
Wheeling University



DIGITAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Our program year continued in January, February and March with our virtual programming opportunity. This year, registered participants were provided with a copy of the book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens ON THE GO*. Meeting every other Tuesday evening via Zoom, the group explored the recommended habits and discussed ways in which they could be implemented. The 7 Habits include 1) Be Proactive; 2) Begin with the End in Mind; 3) Put First Things First; 4) Think Win-Win; 5) Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood; 6) Synergize; and 7) Sharpen the Saw. Participants were encouraged to utilize the habits to help them take control of their life, improve relationships with friends, make smarter decisions, get along with their parents, find balance between school, work, friends, and family, get more done in less time, and achieve a balanced and happy frame of mind.

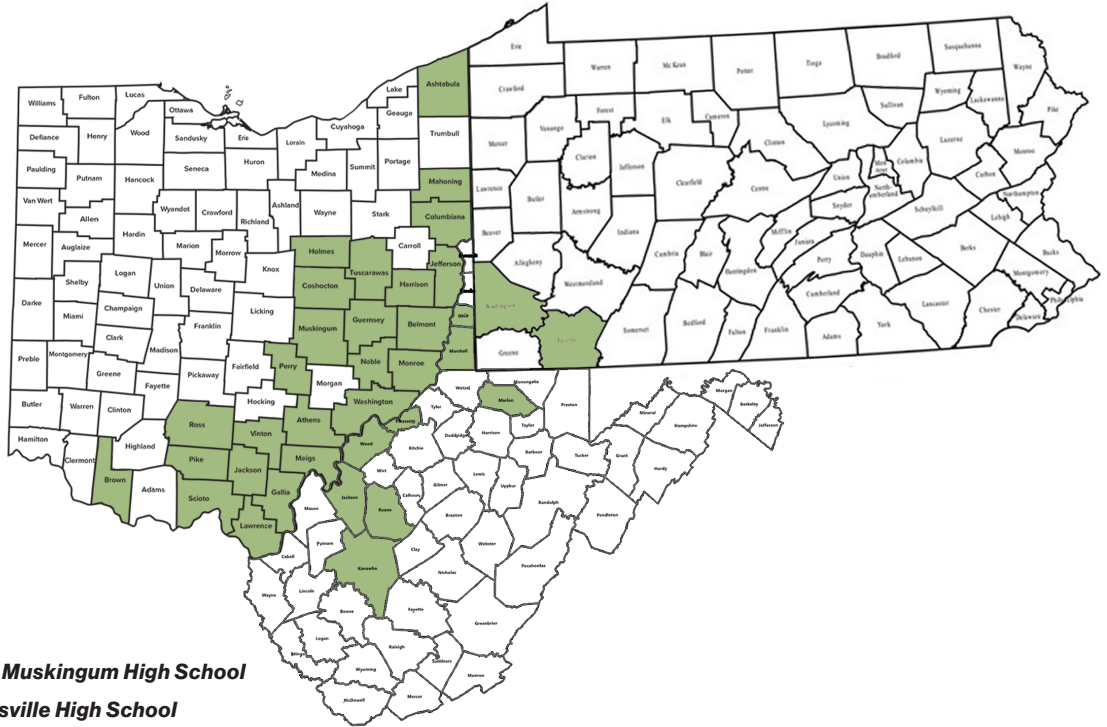
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2022 - 2023 FOOTPRINT

OH SCHOOLS

- Pymatuning Valley High School**
- Alexander High School**
- Athens High School**
- Nelsonville-York High School**
- Martins Ferry High School**
- Barnesville High School**
- Bridgeport High School**
- Bellaire High School**
- St. Clairsville High School**
- Georgetown Jr/Sr High School**
- Beaver Local High School**
- River View High School**
- Coshocton High School**
- River Valley High School**
- Cambridge High School**
- Meadowbrook High School**
- Harrison Central High School**
- West Holmes High School**
- Jackson High School**
- Oak Hill Middle/High School**
- Wellston High School**
- Steubenville High School**
- Symmes Valley High School**
- Sebring McKinley High School**
- Meigs High School**
- Southern High School**
- Monroe Central High School**
- Bishop Rosecrans High School**
- John Glenn High School**
- Philo High School**

- West Muskingum High School**
- Zanesville High School**
- Caldwell High School**
- Shenandoah High School**
- Crooksville High School**
- Sheridan High School**
- Piketon High School**
- Huntington High School**
- South Webster High School**
- Valley High School**
- Indian Valley High School**
- Vinton County High School**
- Belpre High School**
- Frontier High School**
- Marietta High School**
- Fort Frye High School**
- Warren Local High School**



WV SCHOOLS

- Ravenswood High School**
- Ripley High School**
- Nitro High School**
- South Charleston High School**
- North Marion High School**
- Cameron High School**
- John Marshall High School**
- The Linsly School**
- Wheeling Central Catholic High School**
- St. Marys High School**
- Roane County High School**
- Parkersburg Catholic High School**
- Parkersburg South High School**

PA SCHOOLS

- Albert Gallatin High School**
- Canon-McMillan High School**

“This workshop more than matters. It has been a fundamental step in my growing process and I believe that I am a genuinely better person because of it.”



LOOKING AHEAD

Our plans for the 2023-2024 programming year include:

- 6 Leadership Summits – with the potential to host a total of 600 participants
- A Digital Leadership Academy – with the potential to host 50 participants
- 4 Youth Leadership Workshop during the summer of 2024 – with the potential to host 393 participants



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

We would like to extend another thank you to our 36 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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