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The iBELIEVE Foundation strives to provide opportunities to Appalachian youth for the development of 21st Century skills such as leadership, communication, and problem solving. Ultimately, our ambitious goal is to increase collegiate attendance and retention in the Appalachian communities of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky.

"We are proud of what we have accomplished in our are hard working, bright, giving, and very motivated. this special opportunity to as many young people as

# **OUR OBJECTIVES**

- Provide participants with continual programming over the course of their 3-year involvement to develop and hone 21st Century skills, commencing with a 5-day, 4-night summer leadership workshop
- Increase 4-year collegiate attendance and retention for Appalachian and first-generation students
- Increase the number of educational opportunities available in all counties of Appalachian Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky
- Orchestrate the development of peer mentorships for student leaders both within and outside the region, continuing throughout their college careers
- Develop strong corporate and private partnerships that will foster future growth
- Drive increased awareness and knowledge of the Appalachian region and its people

• first five years. The young people of Appalachia Our goal is to continue to grow and provide possible!"

-Patrick Klein, Founder

We offer three sequential tiers of our Summer Leadership Workshop, as well as events held throughout the school year. This continual skill building, in combination with the valuable peer and mentor relationships that develop, truly impact each student, and in turn, their schools and communities."

- Connie Miley, Director of Programming

### *providing* **OPPORTUNITY**

Everyone deserves an opportunity to be successful. To believe in themselves. To realize what they can achieve. We jump-start our students' iBELIEVE experience with an immersive 5-day, 4-night summer camp. Then, unique to our program, we continue to build on this learning with year round programming over the course of their remaining three years in high school. iBELIEVE doesn't just provide opportunity for Appalachian students, but gives a hopeful perspective that you are not limited by where you come from or the circumstances you are facing."

-Marlee Maynard | Southern High School

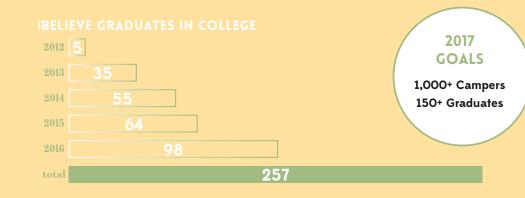
# **ACCESSIBILITY**

Every student deserves access to higher education. Education that in turn will provide further opportunities. With Appalachian students attending college at rates as low as 35% (Appalachian Regional Commission), iBELIEVE has set out to directly address this lack of access to a college education. Over 250 of iBELIEVE's graduating seniors have gone on to pursue a college degree.

#### SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



# **SUCCESS & GROWTH**



# Patrick Klein founder & executive director

A native of Belpre, Ohio, Patrick Klein holds two degrees from The Ohio State University, a Bachelor's degree in finance as well as an MBA from the Fisher College of Business.

Patrick has spent his career using the game of basketball to positively affect youth. At 23, Klein was hired at the University of Illinois and became the youngest assistant coach in the Big Ten. Currently he serves as the Associate Head Coach of The Ohio State University's Women's Basketball. Patrick uses his experiences on the basketball court to help coach youth all over the country in the game of LIFE.

Patrick Klein started iBELIEVE in 2011 to provide more opportunities for the youth of the Appalachian region. His focus is on helping students to develop their own voice and reach their full academic potential. Ultimately, Patrick wants to see iBELIEVE become the premier organization for leadership development in the region.

## meet our DIRECTORS

# Christopher Dutton associate director

Christopher grew up on a farm near Flushing, Ohio, a small mining town in Belmont County. Upon graduating high school, he was one of only a few in his class to attend college when he left to study at Ohio University. He earned his degree in Urban Planning and has since been working in the real estate field. His initial work in real estate development and construction led to an instrumental role in creating a 36-acre golf course community in eastern Ohio. A licensed Realtor, Christopher currently works as an agent for RZ Realty in Columbus.

Through iBELIEVE, Christopher is dedicated to building awareness for the needs of Appalachian students. He shares the great pride for these communities and understands investing in our youth to become future leaders is paramount for the future of our hometowns.



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