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LAW AND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, LLC

*Establishing Pathways to the Law and
Developing Leaders along the Way*

Our Mission: The Law and Leadership Institute, LLC is a state-wide initiative in collaboration with the legal community that inspires and prepares students from underserved communities for post-secondary and professional success through a comprehensive four-year academic program in law, leadership, analytical thinking, problem solving, writing skills and professionalism.

Our Methods: The Law and Leadership Institute, LLC (“LLI”) provides programming that introduces high school students from under-served communities to the wide array of legal careers and prepares those students to achieve the scholastic success needed to ultimately obtain a law degree. Students attend classes during the five week LLI Summer Institute and on Saturdays during the school year at each of the eight Ohio law schools located in urban areas, namely in the cities of **Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton and Toledo.**

Our Motivation: LLI students are recruited to produce a class composition that promotes diversity and can serve to diversify the pipeline of students entering the legal profession. In doing so, LLI hopes to enhance the administration of justice in Ohio and nationwide by infusing the legal profession with individuals who reflect the communities they serve and, along the way, groom young leaders who excel as high school and college students.

Our Historic Origins: The Law and Leadership Institute began as a summer initiative of the Supreme Court of Ohio with just 40 students in 2008. Today, LLI provides legally-based academic instruction and leadership training to over 400 students statewide due to the support of all nine Ohio law schools, the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Law School Admission Council, the Supreme Court of Ohio, AEP Foundation, Kaplan Pre-Law Programs, the metropolitan bar associations and corporate and individual stewards of the community who recognize the value of the work LLI performs.

Join us and be a part of **Our Movement Forward.**



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Web story – Thursday, June 21, 2012

First Law and Leadership Institute Graduates Recognized

COLUMBUS – The Law and Leadership Institute, LLC (LLI) introduced its first 20 graduates from Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton at a beautiful reception of over 100 guests on June 14. LLI hosted guests, graduates and their families in the Atrium of the historic Ohio Statehouse.

LLI began at law schools in Columbus and Cleveland in 2008 to provide an opportunity for a diverse group of students from underserved schools in six Ohio cities (Akron, Cincinnati and Toledo began in 2009) to learn skills that may help them become lawyers or leaders in their communities. The program enriches high school instruction through a four-year academic program in law, leadership, analytical thinking, problem solving, writing skills and professionalism.

In his keynote remarks, Judge Algenon Marbley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio challenged the graduates as they enroll in college to show discipline, embrace sweat equity, set and pursue goals relentlessly, and to distinguish themselves.

Judge Marbley also urged them to do justice. “We have made significant strides in making this a just society, but there is work to be done,” he said. “It will be your responsibility to make the laws on the books a reality, and to ensure that the rule of law prevails.”

Each graduate – 12 from Cleveland, six from Columbus and two from Dayton – received a blue LLI graduation stole as they were recognized for successfully completing a rigorous academic program over the past four years. These high school graduates were accepted to public and private colleges in Ohio, as well as to Georgetown, Harvard and the University of Illinois, among others.

LLI student Jessica Fite, a 2012 graduate of Columbus’ Brookhaven High School, who will attend Otterbein University in the fall, also spoke at the event. “To me this program is more than the academics; it’s about the commitment to being who you are,” she said.

She also summarized her lasting impression: “If this program has taught me and my classmates anything, it is to be the leaders that we were born to be.”

LLI began as a summer pilot program for 40 students in 2008 in a collaboration between the nine Ohio law schools, the Ohio Supreme Court, the Ohio State Bar Association. It has evolved into a year-round program at law schools in six cities serving nearly 400 high school students. LLI currently operates on eight of Ohio’s nine law school campuses in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo.

The Law and Leadership Institute, LLC is made possible, in part, by grants from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the Law School Admission Council, and other public and private donors. It is through these generous donations and volunteer support from the legal and education communities that the vision of Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer and former Ohio Attorney General Nancy Rogers is being realized.

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2011
Year In Review



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AKRON

CINCINNATI

DAYTON



TOLEDO

COLUMBUS

CLEVELAND

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM IN LAW AND LEADERSHIP

- ❖ Mock Trial Competition
- ❖ Moot Court Competition
- ❖ Leadership Showcase
- ❖ Community Service
- ❖ Kaplan ACT/SAT test prep
- ❖ Writing Contests



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2011 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Held Summer Institute for 11th grade classes statewide
- Hired Full-time Deputy Director
- College tours conducted statewide
- Kaplan ACT Advantage prep available statewide



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ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

City	Law School Partner	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	Total Students
Akron	University of Akron School of Law	20	22	20	N/A	66
Cincinnati	University of Cincinnati College of Law	28	21	17	N/A	65
Cleveland	Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Case Western Reserve University School of Law	23	16	11	6	57
Columbus	Capital University Law School and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law	24	27	13	8	77
Dayton	University of Dayton College of Law	26	15	7	N/A	52
Toledo	University of Toledo College of Law	20	21	22	N/A	70
Totals		141	122	90	14	367

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

10th Grade Internships



Four Days

120+ Interns each summer in public, private and corporate law offices

INCREASED ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT



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INDEPENDENT EVALUATION

PERFORMED BY RESEARCHERS FROM OHIO UNIVERSITY
GEORGE VOINOVICH SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Findings:

- 96% of LLI Students now expect to be college graduates
- 59% of LLI Students are now considering a career in law

Increases Observed:

- 90% in legal knowledge
- 74% in problem-solving skills
- 78% in public speaking
- 72% in writing
- 60% in self-confidence
- 71% in self-discipline

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2011 DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- \$250,000 Fundraising Goal Achieved
- Development Plan
- Publications and web presence
- Pursuit of Educational Funding



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DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Spotlight:
Columbus Class of
2014



\$100,000
CLASS
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DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

**Spotlight: Cincinnati
Law Student
Teaching Fellows**



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2011 FINANCE/BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Independent Audit
- Continue Sustainability Planning
- Conversion to calendar year fiscal year



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