

AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE...

# DREAM LEADERS CONFERENCE



"THE DLC MADE ME FEEL LIKE MY WORDS WERE IMPORTANT AND MY WORDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE." -KELLY, AGE 16

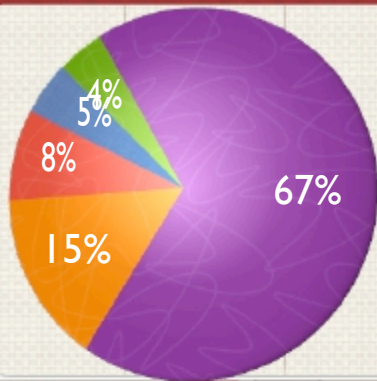
The Dream Leaders Conference is a one-day leadership seminar that brings middle school and high school students together from every background and ability to learn essential leadership skills, the most pressing global issues of our time, and how they can make a positive impact on their local and global community.

## What Makes Us Unique:

- ✓We strategically select students from very different communities, backgrounds, races, and abilities that have had limited opportunities to work with others different from themselves
- ✓We believe anyone can be a leader and change-maker. Many of our Dream Leaders are struggling academically, battling considerable challenges, and have never been told they were leaders before.
- ✓We hold our students accountable to the goals they set for themselves. It is important to us to take the Dream Leaders commitment beyond the one-day Conference. Through weekly communication, our trained facilitators make sure the students are meeting their goals of local community service and global projects.



# BY THE NUMBERS



- BLACK
- WHITE
- LATINO
- ASIAN
- OTHER

DREAM LEADERS IN SCHOOL- 285  
 DREAM LEADERS CONFERENCES- 124  
 TOTAL: 409 STUDENTS



## WHAT ABOUT THE PARENTS?



It's important for us to get the parents involved as well! As the students are working together throughout the day, parents and chaperones are in a separate room working on similar activities. It is a unique opportunity for them to share with and learn from other parents from different backgrounds.

"BEING A DREAM LEADER MEANS BEING THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT WILL GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED. TO LOOK AT THE WORLD WITH OPEN EYES AND OPEN HANDS AND INSPIRE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE PUSHED ASIDE, BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, SOCIAL CLASS, AND ABILITIES."

-GEORGE, AGE 17

# PHOTO BOOK



## DAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9-9:30- BREAKFAST/ !  
! REGISTRATION
- 9:30-10- WELCOME
- 10-11- LEADERSHIP TRAINING
- 11-11:30-STUDENT SPEAKER
- 11:30-12:30- LIFE MAPPING
- 12:30-1:15- LUNCH
- 1:15-2:15- GLOBAL ISSUES
- 2:15-2:45- GLOBAL ISSUES  
! PRESENTATIONS
- 2:45-4:15- TAKE ACTION  
! PLANNING
- 4:15-5:00- CLOSING CEREMONIES

**“THIS IS A BIG STEP IN MY LIFE. THIS IS TRULY A LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM.”**

**-CORTEZ, AGE 18**

We recruit the Dream Leaders from a number of different schools and community organizations throughout the greater Chicago area.

Here are some of the places we've worked with:

- ✓Erie Neighborhood House
- ✓Glenbrook South High School
- ✓Girls in the Game
- ✓Harlan Community Academy
- ✓International Visitor's Center of Illinois
- ✓Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education
- ✓Kenwood Academy
- ✓Mercy Home
- ✓Michele Clark High School
- ✓Morgan Park High School
- ✓New Trier High School
- ✓Rauner College Prep
- ✓Sunlight African Community Center
- ✓Whitney Young Magnet High School
- ✓Young Women's Leadership Charter Academy



Perhaps the most important part of the Dream Leaders Conference is what happens after the Conference is over. Students are challenged to meet goals they have set for themselves to make a positive impact on their local and global communities. Here are some of the opportunities we provide:

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**"WE ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON- A VOICE THAT NEEDS TO BE HEARD. IT MAKES ME WANT TO GO OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE RIGHT NOW, RIGHT AWAY."  
-NICHOLE, AGE 17**

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### Local Community Service-

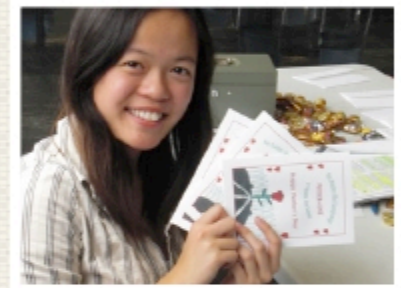
We provide over twenty local community service opportunities throughout the year in a wide range of sectors from homelessness to hunger to environment.

**Global Impact-** We have partnered with ten global organizations that are the leaders in innovation and sustainability in their sectors. Dream Leaders conduct fundraising projects to impact the issues that are most important to them.

**Paying It Forward-** Dream Leaders that have excelled in the other two areas are invited back to Conferences as Junior Facilitators. As Junior Facilitators, they lead workshops and discussions to pass on what they have learned about making a difference to other teens.



DREAM LEADERS VOLUNTEER AT HOLIDAY FOR HOPE



WHITNEY YOUNG DREAM LEADERS RAISED \$450 SELLING MOTHER'S DAY CARDS FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES



ROBERT VOLUNTEERING AT ENGLEWOOD TEAM ACADEMY



DREAM LEADERS AT HARLAN RAISED \$545 AT A SCHOOL CARNIVAL

