

OHIO STATE BUCKEYES



LiFE*sports*
YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



2015 ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP CONSORTIUM
PAPER SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP SESSION 3
WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPT., 9:00 – 10:30 AM



THE PEOPLE. THE TRADITION. THE EXCELLENCE.

What is the YLA?



The LiFE Sports Youth Leadership Academy is dedicated to preparing college and career-ready students. The Leadership Academy seeks to expand on the important skills taught at LiFE Sports (i.e., self-control, effort, teamwork, and social responsibility) by providing older youth with additional educational and work experiences that will help them gain the necessary skills to succeed at work and life, as well as the knowledge of what it takes to be a leader at LiFE Sports and in their community.



Structure of YLA



- **Skills Academy**

- ✦ 8 themed sessions focused on building job, career, and college readiness skills.

- **Success Academy**

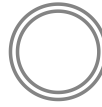
- ✦ serve as assistant camp counselors at the LiFE Sports summer camp, working approximately 32 hours a week for 4 weeks alongside LiFE Sports camp staff.

- **Culminating Event**

- ✦ design and implement a final culminating experience to give back to LiFE Sports and their communities with a youth driven design.



University and Community Partners



- College of Social Work
- Department of Athletics
- Office of Outreach & Engagement
- Huntington National Bank
- College of Nursing
- Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
- College of Dentistry
- Facilities Operations and Development
- College of Optometry
- Dining Services
- Michigan State University
- After-School All-Stars
- Boys and Girls Club of Columbus
- Local Matters
- Mid-Ohio Foodbank
- Ohio Child Care Resources and Referral (OCCRRA)
- Cardinal Health
- Greater Columbus Arts Council
- Ortho Neuro
- Pitney Bowes Presort Services
- Willis of Ohio
- Ohio Department of Education



Partner Engagement



- Assess partner resources.
- Identify motivated ground level staff for collaboration.
- Determine/adjust necessary times and spaces to utilize resources.



Partnership Examples



- **Huntington National Bank**
 - Financial Management Modules
 - Downtown Branch Visit
- **Department of Athletics**
 - Bucks Go Pro
 - Student – Athlete Speakers



Annual LiFE Sports Celebration



- Donors, Potential partners, youth, and families.
- Student speaker
- Highlights of the year
- Follow up thank you notes



Blending private and university funding



- Huntington connected LiFE Sports with Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority to secure joint grant funding for youth.



Utilizing University – Wide Students



- **Spread awareness at career fairs and classes**
 - Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, Public Health, and Social Work.
- **Preparation and Training**
 - Prior to event meet and discuss role and provide curriculum lesson ahead of time.
- **Match students with youth who have similar interests/career aspirations.**
- **Doctoral student working with program curriculum development and research related to area of study.**



To find out more about YLA:

- <http://www.osulifesports.org/parents-families/youth-leadership-program/>
- Contact Luke O'Quinn at oquinn.6@osu.edu

