



## A Very Special Evening

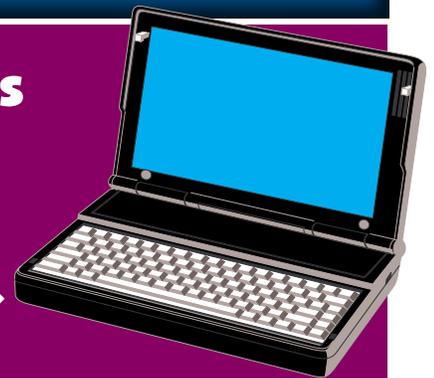
June 25, 2014 was a special day for all of us. Over 200 friends, family, and community members who have been touched by Bobbette Snyder's caring heart gathered together to honor her, celebrate with her, and wish her the best in her retirement from LAMC.

Thank you to all those who came and helped make the evening one that she will never forget. A special thanks to Terri Austin (LAMC '95) for presenting Bobbette with the prestigious **Sagamore of the Wabash Award** and to Jeanne Lee (LAMC '84) for chairing such a beautiful tribute to an amazing woman with a true servant's heart.

Remember...you will always have a place at our table, Bobbette. Thank you for being you.

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We're excited to announce the launch of our new website. Check it out! Many, many thanks to Jim Thiemet of Madison County Federal Credit Union for a great design. We want to keep our site current and relevant, so please send us articles, updates and events. A new feature of our website is the convenience of electronic payments for alumni dues, donations, and sponsorships. You can also update your contact information by selecting the **alumni** link on the right side of most pages and then selecting **Update my information**.

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on Facebook and Twitter.





# Alumni

## Networking Event

**Please help us welcome the new Class of 2015!**

Who's invited, you ask? YOU are! Along with: all LAMC Alumni  
YLA Alumni (over 21) LAMC Class of 2015,

Please bring your spouse and guests!

**Wednesday, September 3, 2014**

**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Hoosier Park**

*(on The Terrace – racing side)*



Free to attend. Light refreshments served. Cash bar available.

RSVP Required:

Contact Beth Erskine at [baerskine@anderson.edu](mailto:baerskine@anderson.edu) or 765-641-3863

Hope to see you there!

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*In Memory*  
**Jerry S. Wayt**  
*LAMC Founder*

Jerry S. Wayt passed away July 13, 2013 in Shepherdstown, WV. As one of the founders of the Leadership Academy of Madison County, Jerry was considered a "mover and shaker" in Madison County, according to Sandy Volk (LAMC Founder). Odail Thorns (LAMC Founder) added that Jerry was "a great supporter of all my efforts in the community." LAMC is honored to be the beneficiary of Jerry's foresight and commitment to Madison County. Thank you, Lou Pettit (LAMC '86), for reaching out to us.



Dear Alumni, Sponsors,  
and Friends of LAMC,

We're gearing up for a great year, and I'm so excited to be here! Both the youth and adult classes are full at 36 leaders each, we have an awesome

Board of Directors, and we even managed to launch our new website! I hope you'll check it out soon and send us your thoughts. We want this to be a site you are excited to visit over and over again. [www.thelamc.org](http://www.thelamc.org)

This year, our Youth have adopted the motto, "**Do Something**," and that is just what Pam and I plan to do. Won't you join us? Connect to your former LAMC classmates, come to an alumni event, join us as a sponsor, serve...let's **Do Something** together!

Beth Erskine (LAMC '96), Executive Director  
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# Kinzie Davis

YLA '11

## A YLA SUCCESS STORY!



As a Junior in high school, I was focused mainly on 3 things; getting into college, improving my skills in the game of softball, and maintaining a “high-profile” social life. When I accepted my offer to join the Youth Leadership Academy in 2010, I thought I was tackling all three of these goals. It took some time before I realized how important my YLA experience really was.

At the time of my acceptance in the Leadership Academy, I was hopeful that I would boost my resume for a college application, improve my leadership skills on the field and also interact with my friends as well as make new ones throughout the school year. YLA did all of this for me and more. I am now approaching my junior year of college and am just now learning how great my appreciation for Pam, Bobbette, and this entire leadership academy really is.

Learning the values of Servant Leadership, did not only help me to sharpen myself as an athlete but as a sister, friend and an overall member to society. First and foremost, the people that I met were unbelievable. My new friends, the wonderful guest speakers and especially Pam each provided me with knowledge that I would use for the rest of my life. Learning to appreciate the differences of each student in our Leadership Academy class helped me to appreciate the differences of the many people in our society today. The Youth Leadership Academy has helped me to develop excellent communication skills that have set me apart from many students that I now compete with for internships, jobs and clubs within my college. It has helped to prepare me for a professional life in the business world. Because of the Leadership Academy, I am able to read people better, express myself and discover what motivates people to succeed. Working in a team, whether that be an athletic

team, a job, or a school organization is very important. Because of YLA, I was able to master the art of teamwork and Servant Leadership that I needed to be successful.

I am a junior at Purdue University. I major in Agribusiness Management and was very much a minority, or so I thought, when I entered this college. Being a female who did not grow up on a farm, I felt that I had a major disadvantage when it came to opportunities at school and also when it came to applying for internships. After holding a job as a sales rep for The Exponent, school newspaper, for just 3 short months I was promoted to a supervisor. My abilities to communicate with my customers and also my capabilities in leading a team, helped me to excel at this job. I am now a teaching assistant in a large lecture hall and have also landed a position as an Agriculture Ambassador for a prestigious group called the Agricultural Economic Envoys. Because of the skills that I acquired in YLA, I was able to stand out against students who are more familiar with agriculture and arguably more qualified than I am.

YLA has been a huge blessing for me. It taught me the necessary skills to succeed in a team and also to succeed within myself. I have learned better how to motivate people and can function much more efficiently in a team. YLA has also allowed me to make lifelong friendships with people that I otherwise wouldn't have met. This is an opportunity of a lifetime. A part of me wishes I would have appreciated it as a junior in high school as much I do now as a junior in college. The difference that it has made in my life has been incredible and I know it will continue to better me as a person.



# CLASS OF 2015



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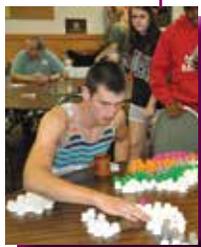
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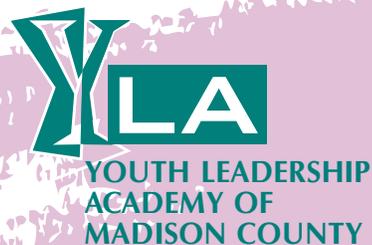
The weekend of YLA Camp 2014 was, without a doubt, one of the best experiences of my life. Before that weekend, I never pictured having to ever carry someone I barely knew on a gurney through the woods along a very vigorous obstacle course. But that activity was exactly the type that brought out the leader in everyone in my group. The group I was in was picked by my peers, so it was seemingly diverse based on everyone's learning styles- which became very important as the weekend progressed. Towards the end of the time limit we had been given to complete the course, each person in my group tended to throw out ideas. We all took the time to listen to each other and would try to execute the more logical ideas. Although we didn't finish the course in the prescribed amount of time, we learned that listening to each other is absolutely essential to getting anything done.

Camp Tecumseh successfully placed all thirty-five of my YLA friends and me outside our comfort zones at some point during the weekend. Whether it was simply introducing ourselves, sleeping in a room with seven people you hardly knew, or hoisting one another over a twelve-foot wall using only the arms, shoulders, and hands of other people, being uncomfortable was just a part of it all! That is not necessarily a bad thing either. Without experiencing a little discomfort along the way, you would only be able to do things that you know. What's the fun in that?

By Sunday afternoon, I had grown so close to my thirty-five new friends that I found it difficult to part ways with them. So many events and activities had taken place that immediately made me feel comfortable around everyone. One of the most important activities that weekend was the timeline on Saturday night. Each person in the room shared significant points in his or her life with everyone else. Had we done that on Friday night, it would have been the most awkward experience ever. Some of the events that

were talked about were happy, sad, inspiring, etc. But after hearing each and every person share, pieces of the stories and those who told them were held in my heart and gave me the feeling of community. It was at that very moment when I realized that YLA was about so much more than becoming a leader. It was about meeting new people and seeing what each person can contribute to this community. It was truly amazing to see how fast we all went from being friends to family.

After Saturday night, it was obvious that we had all formed such special bonds with each other. It was even more obvious on Sunday morning when we were told by Neal to climb a wall that had nothing at all to hold on to. We circled up and put our brains together. We all had a common goal: to get each and every one of us over that wall. At that time, trust played a huge role. We were all forced to put trust into one another so that we could go over the wall safely. That was the true test. In the end, we got everyone over the wall, but not in the time we were given. When the last person jumped and grabbed onto the hands that were reaching for him, we all cheered and high-fived knowing that we had achieved what we had set out to do. It was one of the best moments of that weekend. I can say that with absolute certainty that the YLA class of 2015 is meant to accomplish great things. Sure there will be obstacles along the way, but if we all work towards a common goal, the rest will fall into place. We will 'Do Something.'



It is important for leaders to be honest, so that is what I am going to do. This is not an easy article to write and it is because my experiences with my Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) family have been so special thus far. I have already learned so much and am anxious to not only see myself grow but also the other individuals in this group and our community as well.



**Erin  
Smith**

An important thing I learned was that my uniqueness is a good thing. We all bring to the table different things and that is good. If it is your best, then it is enough. You are special and talented in your own way and that is beautiful. Because of a few of my fellow YLA members, I believe this to be true about myself.

YLA camp was an incredible experience. I learned so much. It was such an encouraging and exciting time! I was blessed by every single person in unique ways. It was great to see us grow and build trust. We have already overcome obstacles and are ready to face more, together. I have never loved a group so much so quickly. YLA is already such a blessing in my life. I think it will be great year, much like the experience already has been. I our community of 36 will definitely DO SOMETHING!

I love YLA!

## “Ready As I’ll Ever Be”

Give a hug and say goodbye  
 Take a deep breath and walk through the door  
 Smile as I meet my new friends  
 Fun games and get-to-know-yous  
 Anxious to get on the road  
 More fun games and a long drive  
 “We’re here!” (Finally)  
 Funny foods to learn names  
 1, 2, 3, 4  
 All different but all important  
 Fun challenges and then patience with games  
 Good morning, rise and shine!  
 More learning, more games  
 Dots and robots  
 Small groups, so super cool  
 Task after task  
 Completed to the best of our abilities  
 Teamwork and communication  
 Tennis balls, rowing boats, marbles  
 (Thought we had lost them)  
 Bigger groups, still super cool  
 “Ready to climb!”  
 Adrenaline pumping, muscles straining  
 Could not have done it without my partner in this  
 crime  
 Trust  
 Safety, help, encouragement  
 Trust  
 Crazy difficult but amazing and fun obstacle course  
 An injured friend and some wood  
 Strategy and collaborative efforts and assistance  
 Sometimes frustrating but also rewarding  
 Not easy but neither are trips to the moon  
 Fun times, many laughs  
 We all went splish, splash  
 Adventures are more fun with friends and Shrek  
 bridges  
 Serious time  
 Real time  
 Hard time  
 Trust time  
 Timeline

Stories are told, hearts poured out  
 New perspectives made and trust gained  
 Tears shed and hugs given  
 No way to tell what went on  
 Now more games!  
 How about carpetball  
 Silliness should be our middle name  
 Coffee creamer poker, have you ever played  
 Good morning, rise and shine!  
 Smile for the camera  
 Fun photos make up for it, I suppose  
 Now for the biggest challenge of all  
 Quite the task  
 All together now  
 Time to conquer that not wrapped wall  
 12 feet tall  
 36 people  
 Time to listen to each other  
 Stay positive  
 Lift and pull, try your best  
 Strategize and have a plan  
 But do not lose heart  
 Hiccups and bumps but not to be dismayed  
 We did it! Everyone over!  
 We did it together  
 A web of color  
 All connected in a special way  
 So many people I was affected  
 Blessed by friendship  
 On the road again  
 All sleepy and weary  
 A van of snores  
 And finally, goodbyes  
 But not forever  
 We will be reunited soon  
 Trust  
 Love  
 Indescribable  
 Family  
 “Do Something”

YLA CAMP



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lems to survive or to stave off tyranny.  
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- John Gardner*

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