

## Who will I Learn From?

District 7470 RYLA prides itself by attaining dynamic, key leaders as speakers for interactive communications with the students. Some former RYLA speakers include:

- The President of AT&T
- The President of Bell Atlantic
- NFL football referee
- VP of Van-Heusen
- VP Chase Bank
- Motivational speakers



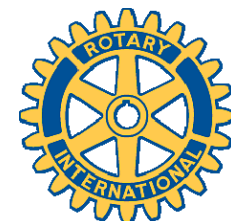
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## *Rotary Youth Leadership Award*



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# What is RYLA ?

The **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) program has been designed to demonstrate Rotary respect and concern for youth by coaching selected student leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective leadership, through an in-depth training experience.

This annual event gives selected young men and women the opportunity to participate in a structured weekend which focuses upon leadership and how each student can make a positive contribution to our society.

This program is a structured learning environment where notable dignitaries and recognized leaders in the community interact with the students, as well as providing the students with real life opportunity to employ new techniques and understandings in an experiential setting.



## Who Supports the Students ?

Local Rotary Districts sponsor students for RYLA. The students are usually selected from high schools that support the local Rotary Club. Once the selection is complete, the Rotary Club asks the nominees to complete the student application form and permission slip that forwarded to the Chairman of RYLA. The RYLA office will then send the formal announcement, together with logistics and information regarding the program directly to the student.

RYLA is held on the campus of Drew University. This site has been selected for the conference not only for its beautiful surroundings and collegiate atmosphere, but its security and willingness to work with volunteer organizations in the pursuit of education and the development of youth.

Many students returning from the program have been energized to



lead and/or participate in various projects within the local community such as helping children in Africa get clean drinking water or setting up a visitation with the elderly. Ask your local Rotary Club how you can become involved.

## Interested in getting started?

If this sounds like you'd be interested in it check your calendar and make sure the second weekend in June is available, and then find your guidance counselor or talk to the local Rotary club. You need to get an application form and make sure the Rotary club is ready to sponsor you. Once you send the application, the rest of the information will be sent directly to you regarding time, place what to bring and what to expect.

