



LEADERSHIP DIXIE

2019–2020 APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT:

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Leadership Dixie Academy Activities

Hand-selected from Washington County high schools, the **Leadership Dixie Academy** class of 30 students participate in an overnight Leadership Conference and monthly off-campus field trips with their peers, District and Academy Advisors, and industry leaders who share their knowledge and expertise for that day's topic. The monthly, 6-hour training sessions (*which take place during the school day from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and are officially-excused by the District*) are called "Challenge Days." Students participate in interactive, hands-on activities as they network with local business professionals and learn to become successful contributors to their community. *See next page for a list of Challenge Days and dates.*

Selection Criteria:

Students may apply on their own—or—can be nominated by their teachers, counselors, advisors, coaches or other mentors outside the school. Selection is based on:

- ✓ Student achievements
- ✓ Leadership potential
- ✓ Service to their community
- ✓ Commitment to the program

Students are not required to hold a leadership position in their school to apply. Anyone who will be a Junior or Senior during the 2019-20 school year, and a 3.0 or higher GPA may participate. See application for more details.

An Exclusive Opportunity

Since there are so few openings and the costs to manage this top-notch program are great, your membership comes with accountability. Selected students are required to ensure Leadership Dixie Academy is a top priority, and must fully attend all activities, including the Pine Valley Leadership Retreat in September. Students who attend college or participate in sports are asked to get approval from their teachers or coaches to attend all events prior to applying.

Benefits

Students who have participated in **Leadership Dixie Academy** have oft-times become their school's Sterling Scholars. That's because the program provides ample experiences to utilize in your application for scholarships, colleges, and job opportunities. The required social responsibility project provides students unique, one-of-a-kind leadership roles not usually available for youth, and the service provided will enrich their lives . . . as well as the lives of others.

To Learn More...

Contact the high school Leadership Dixie Academy Advisor —or— the Counseling Office for more information

Desert Hills: Esther Pugmire

Dixie: Manny Tovar

Hurricane: Jon Homer

Pine View: Drew Burton

Snow Canyon: Natalie Neva

Crimson Cliffs: The advisor at your current school



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2019–2020 CHALLENGE DAY CALENDAR

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DATE	TOPIC	ACTIVITIES*
Tuesday, August 27*	Day #1: Student/Parent Orientation Night	Training & Get-to-Know-You Activities
M-T, September 23-24	Day #2: Pine Valley Leadership Retreat	2-Day Overnight Bus Trip (<i>MUST attend</i>)
Saturday, October 26	Day #3: Make a Difference Day	“Pay It Forward” Fundraiser (<i>Mandatory</i>)
Thursday, November 21	Day #4: Healthcare & Technology Day	Jubilee of Trees; Tonaquint Data Center
Tuesday, January 28	Day #5: Law Day	Purgatory Correctional Facility
Wednesday, February 26	Day #6: Economic Development Day	Local Business & Water Treatment Plant
Tuesday, March 24	Day #7: Community Service Day	Presentation of Schools’ Service Projects
Tuesday, April 21	Day #8: Graduation	Ceremony; Luncheon with Parents

**Student/Parent Orientation is at Dixie Tech from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Other activities and dates may also be subject to change; students will be notified*

Leadership Dixie Academy is an elite educational and leadership training program created specifically for high school-age participants within the Washington County School District.

Five students from each local high school in Washington County (*Crimson Cliffs, Desert Hills, Dixie, Hurricane, Pine View, and Snow Canyon*) are hand-selected each school year to attend this unique program. Students may apply on their own—or—can be nominated by their teachers, counselors, advisors, coaches or other mentors outside the school. Students are selected for their achievements and leadership potential, as well as their service to their community. Students are not required to hold a leadership position in their school to apply. Anyone who will be a Junior or Senior during the school year, and a 3.0 or higher GPA may participate.

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For most Challenge Days, students will be required to travel with their in-school advisor, however, there may be a need for students to provide their own transportation, and parents agree to accept liability in case of an accident, as this is strictly a voluntary activity.

Students MUST attend the overnight retreat in Pine Valley. Failure to participate in the retreat will lead to automatic dismissal from the program. Participation in October’s “Make A Difference Day” is also mandatory, preferably on the appointed Saturday unless a conflict with a school-sponsored activity is unavoidable.



CLASS OF 2019–2020 APPLICATION

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Open to anyone attending a local, designated high school within the Washington County School District who will be a Junior or Senior in the year 2019–20 (you don't have to be in a leadership position). The applicant is required to have a current cumulative GPA of 3.0 and must maintain this GPA or higher during the entire school year. If a student receives an incomplete or "NC" at any time during the 2019–20 school year, the student will be suspended from the program immediately and will not be allowed to re-enter without the written consent of his or her principal. Please fill-out and return the application, school transcript, and two (2) letters of recommendation to your high school counseling office –or– your Leadership Dixie Academy advisor by the deadline:

Deadline: Friday, April 12, 2019

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING 2019–20:

____ Desert Hills High
____ Snow Canyon High

____ Dixie High
____ Hurricane High

____ Crimson Cliffs High
____ Pine View High

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Text? Yes No

Have you applied in a previous year? Yes No GRADE IN 2019–20: ____ Junior ____ Senior

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants are required to provide:

- Completed application
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - ✓ One (1) from a school Teacher/Counselor/Advisor/Coach describing classroom behavior and student's ability to miss one day of school each month to attend Challenge Days.
 - ✓ One (1) from someone, not related to student, who has worked with applicant and can attest to character and leadership potential.

- Current school transcript

- Health insurance coverage (if accepted) Does student have health coverage? Yes No

In-school Advisors or Board members can provide information on WCSD insurance or inexpensive third-party cost-sharing plans

*Once students are accepted into program, they will receive a Letter of Admittance and further instructions in May.
Accepted students will be required to submit a non-refundable application fee of \$99 upon acceptance to secure their spot.
An additional participation fee of \$125 will be due in October.*

Please complete the questions on the back of this form and return by the deadline date with the required items

I have read all the requirements (front and back) for attending the Leadership Dixie Academy and agree to fulfill them.

I also understand the consequences of not following through with my obligations.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____

How did you hear about Leadership Dixie Academy *and* what can you tell us about our program?

Why do you want to be a member of the Leadership Dixie Academy?

What skills can you offer the participants and sponsoring businesses involved with Leadership Dixie Academy?

What past experiences, positions, classes, or accomplishments have you achieved that are significant to your leadership potential? (Awards, leadership positions, etc.)

What classes have you taken that may benefit you in this program?

Describe the community service projects you have been involved in:

Do you plan on any college classes, a job, or extra-curricular activities for the 2019–20 school year? If so, list them.

LEADERSHIP DIXIE ACADEMY REQUIREMENTS

All participants need to commit to the ENTIRE 2019–20 school year—with NO early graduation or refunding of fees. Open to anyone attending a designated high school within Washington County School District who will be a Junior or Senior in the year 2019–20 (*student doesn't have to be in a leadership position*). Students are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA.

COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM IS VITAL

Participants are required to attend ALL Challenge Days and stay from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and MUST attend the overnight Leadership Retreat in September to participate in the program. Failure to participate in the retreat will lead to automatic dismissal. Participation in October's "Make a Difference Day" is also mandatory, preferably on the appointed Saturday. If a student has a conflict due to a school-related activity that cannot be missed or made-up, the student is required to discuss their absence in advance with their School Advisor. If a student misses more than one Challenge Day or has continual poor/inconsistent attendance during the day, he or she is in jeopardy of being dismissed from the program.

While in Leadership Dixie Academy, students are expected to provide at least 10 hours of community service with peers from their school. This service project is REQUIRED to participate in the program, as schools compete with each other to present their projects to judges. Service projects MUST be completed by the deadline in March. Other individual acts of service are also encouraged throughout the year.

Leadership Dixie Academy is a 501 (c)(3) organization, supported and financially dependent on local business contributions. These donations supplement the majority of costs associated with the program. Upon acceptance, to show their commitment, students pay a minimal, non-refundable fee of \$99 in May. An additional participation fee of \$125 is due in October. Students may pay this fee themselves or raise donations from sponsors or other fundraising means provided/approved by Leadership Dixie Academy.

Accepted students MUST also be covered by health insurance coverage through parents, WCSD, State of Utah, or a third party cost-sharing plan for the time while participating in Leadership Dixie Academy. In-school Advisors or Board members can provide information on WCSD or third-party cost-sharing plans.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION & EVALUATION

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APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS: Please type-or-print in ink. The student should complete all the relevant questions below, then give this form to a teacher or acquaintance who knows you well to complete the "Ratings" and "Evaluation" sections (NO family members, please). The evaluator may return the completed form to the student applicant -or- email it to: info@LeadershipDixieAcademy.org by **Friday, April 12, 2019**

Student's Full Legal Name: _____ / _____ / _____ Female
Last/Family Name First/Given Name Middle Name Male

Address: _____
Number and Street Apartment # City State Zip Code

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Text? Yes
Do NOT use school E-mail No

School you'll attend 2019-20 _____ Grade (2019-20) _____

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Evaluator's Name: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number Ext.

E-mail: _____

How long have you known student and in what context? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RATINGS: Compared to other students of your acquaintance, how do you rate this student in terms of:

No Basis		Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Outstanding	Exceptional-Rare
	Academic achievement							
	Intellectual promise							
	Finishes what begins							
	Creative, original thought							
	Social skills to manage peers relationships and with adults							
	Disciplined work habits							
	Maturity							
	Motivation							
	Leadership							
	Integrity							
	Reaction to setbacks							
	Concern for others							
	Initiative, independence							
	Overall							

Select One: _____ I fully endorse applicant _____ I endorse this applicant with some reservations _____ I do not endorse this applicant

EVALUATION: Please write whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of leadership and personal characteristics, as demonstrated in school, work, or general activities you've observed. You may also use this section to explain a rating you gave the student in the previous section. We welcome information that will help us differentiate this student from others. Please type-or-print in ink and return this form to the student -or- email it to: info@LeadershipDixieAcademy.org. Please submit your reference promptly to ensure this form is available by the deadline (**Friday, April 12, 2019**) so it doesn't penalize the applicant. **Thank you!**



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