



Lincoln-Way District 210

News Release

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RE: Lincoln-Way Central student attends leadership seminar

On Friday, June 2, 2017 Lincoln-Way Central student Ethan Fazio attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois, along with several other sophomores in his class. The seminar ran from Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4. Students attended to learn about implementing their own leadership personalities into Lincoln-Way Central, their community, and their activities.

Fazio learned about the opportunity through his Pupil Purpose Services (PPS) counselor. Students who wished to attend were asked to write an essay reflecting on the definition of leadership, including examples of how they could be leaders in their own communities. A number of sophomores competed for a sponsorship offered by the Mokena Women's Club, and ultimately, Fazio was chosen as the winner; his winning essay allowed him to attend the seminar at no cost.

"I believe leadership is the ability to work with people, so that everyone reaches their full potential," he wrote. Of the experience, he said, "We did a lot of team building exercises and cheering on one another; it was amazing."

The HOBY Leadership Seminar aims to recognize the students' leadership capabilities and talents through activities that allow the sophomores to discover their personal leadership potential.

"It was truly one of the most amazing things I have ever experienced, and it benefited me in a way that I can now go out and be comfortable calling myself a leader and helping out with everyone else being successful," says Fazio.

Each sophomore was asked to join the HOBY Leadership Seminar to become active, ethical leaders in their homes, schools, and communities.

