

Lawrence County Junior Leaders

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Ralph Joseph Youth Leadership Program (RJYLP) is designed to teach leadership skills to the youth of Lawrence County. Every year, four Juniors from each school in the county are chosen to participate in the program. Kelsey Carter, Emily Luffman, Jordan Dail and Jacob Smith are the Sloan-Hendrix members of the 23rd class of the leadership program. Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Rorex are serving as advisors for the group.

On September 12, the RJYLP left for Little Rock, Arkansas. They first toured the capitol with Representative Frances Cavanaugh and met Governor Asa Hutchinson. After that, they went to the 4H Center at Ferndale, where they stayed the night and participated in the program True Colors, a personality assessment. The next day they engaged in team building activities and the 4H Center's Ropes Course, through the EXCEL Program.

Upcoming events in the Ralph Joseph Program include an Etiquette Luncheon on September 27 at Williams Baptist College, a Decision Making meeting at Walnut Ridge on October 12, Project Reports at Hillcrest on November 1, and Sloan-Hendrix will host the last meeting on November 8 where the topic will be Diversity. On November 19, the twenty-third class of Ralph Joseph will graduate from the leadership program at Williams Baptist College.