



# The YLI Leader

January 2010

## YLI Update - Winter Weather

In December we were scheduled to have our Law & Order class but were forced to cancel due to weather conditions. We plan to try to re-insert a few elements of that class later this year. As a reminder, if Des Moines Public Schools cancel classes on a day when we are scheduled for a class, we will cancel our activities as well. We will always post cancellations on our website, Facebook page, and alert parents by email and students by email and text message.



Checking out a sculpture at the Arts Class

## YLI Receives Community Betterment Grant from Prairie Meadows



YLI has received a \$10,000 grant from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino through its 2009 Community Betterment Grant Program. Grant funds will help to offset 2009-2010 program operation costs. "We are very excited to receive funding from Prairie

Meadows this year," said Tim Rittgers, YLI Program Director. "These funds will allow us to continue our mission of empowering, encouraging, and engaging young leaders for the future leadership of our community." YLI salutes Prairie Meadows for giving more than \$435 million back to our community to promote education, economic development, agriculture, jobs and tourism in Central Iowa.

**"You do not lead by hitting people over the head - that's assault, not leadership."**

**- Dwight D. Eisenhower**

## Individual Service Projects Due in February

YLI students are required to complete an individual service project before the Processing Session on February 22nd. Some students have already completed a portion of their project, showing great leadership and initiative. You can find out more information about the Individual Service Project component and download a form suitable for printing from the Youth Leadership website under "This Year's Class." For more information about individual service projects or project ideas, contact Program Director Tim Rittgers at 779-0362 or by email at [director@youthleadershipdm.org](mailto:director@youthleadershipdm.org).



## Selection for YLI 2010-2011 is Underway!

Do you know a freshman or sophomore in the Des Moines metro area who has not had the opportunity to reach their full leadership potential? We begin taking applications for our next year's class starting in January. Students may submit their applications online, download the PDF version from the website and submit by fax or mail, or request an application from Program Director Tim Rittgers at: 1350 E Washington Ave, Des Moines, IA 50316. Visit [www.youthleadershipdm.org](http://www.youthleadershipdm.org) for more information. Applications and references are due by March 5, 2010.



## Upcoming YLI Events

Mark these dates on your calendar now!

January 18, 2010	Diversity	7:30 am
January 25, 2010	Processing Session	5:30 pm
February 19, 2010	Greater DM Leadership	7:30 am
February 22, 2010	Processing Session	5:30 pm
March 5, 2010	Entrepreneurship	7:30 am
March 8, 2010	Processing Session	5:30 pm
April 23, 2010	Service Project Day	7:30 am
April 26, 2010	Processing Session	5:30 pm

All classes begin and end at the United Way Building at 1111 9th St in Des Moines. Please contact Program Director at [director@youthleadershipdm.org](mailto:director@youthleadershipdm.org) or by phone at 779-0362 with any questions or concerns. All classes and processing sessions are required; please have a parent or guardian notify the Program Director ASAP if you cannot attend a class.

The January Diversity class will once again be very active, so please wear comfortable clothing that you can move in.



YLI is sponsored by the United Way of Central Iowa with support from private donations and the Boys & Girls Club of Central Iowa.

## The next class is Monday, January 18: Diversity