Youth Leadership Omaha

About YLO
Youth Leadership Omaha (YLO) is an interactive leadership development program which informs, motivates and increases the awareness of selected high school sophomores from the greater Omaha metro area through issue-oriented seminars and interaction with community decision-makers. The program outcome is an investment in the Omaha community’s future leadership.

Since its inception, the annual program has brought together a diverse group of 40 student participants to examine their schools, neighborhoods, ethnicities, faiths, leadership skills and life experiences in a forum that allows for the free exchange of ideas, information and advice.

Creighton University staff members, Maryanne Rouse and Jeremy Fisher, oversee the program and provide direction and management of college student leadership mentors, a team of business majors who participate in Creighton’s four-year leadership development program – the Anna Tyler Waite Leadership Scholars Program.

An Investment in Omaha’s Future
“YLO has given me the knowledge, confidence and encouragement to apply my leadership skills and give back to the Omaha community.”
- Zach Christensen, Class 15

Mission & Goal of YLO and Ignatian Values:

They fit like a hand in the glove.

Men and Women for Others: Class members learn revolutionary things about themselves, others, and the community especially the areas with unmet needs and unfulfilled dreams.

The oft-repeated question: What are you, a future community leader, going to do positive changes?

Finding God In All Things: Leadership resides in a variety of people and places. YLO presents as many as possible. Students encounter some of these and are prompted to see God, the realities and possibilities wherever they encounter them within the program activities and beyond.

Cura Personalis: Compassion born of new experiences, new skills, keeping themselves, the class, their schools and the community in mind.

Magis: Students are stretched far beyond their comfort zones by their encounters with each other, community values, and community concerns to develop leadership that will be for the service of all.

Program Goal: The mission of YLO is to develop leadership among our youth for the benefit of participants and our community.