

Lewis Leadership Program

@ John R. Lewis High School

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Welcome to the 2023–2024 School Year!



Lewis Legacy Trip: Birthplace of Congressman John R. Lewis, April 2023

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEWIS LEADERSHIP TEAM

There are so many reasons people choose not to take action to address the problems we face in our community and world. But Lewis staff, students, and partners have chosen to take action anyway. In just one year, the Lewis Leadership Program has become a force for positive change in our school and beyond. We took **21 field trips**, hosted **39 guest speakers**, grew the leadership capacity of **41 student ambassadors**, and engaged hundreds of students in meaningful learning about leadership, justice, service, and advocacy as part of their ordinary school day.

We celebrate our first year's progress. But we have only begun to understand what the Lewis Leadership Program can be for our students, our classes, and our school. Every Lewis staff member brings a crucial perspective to the work of improving and expanding this program. We are excited to partner in ways that are meaningful and supportive for you.

In community,

Deborah March, Program Manager
 Erik Giblin, Assistant Principal
 Mirella Saldaña Torres, Work-Based Learning Teacher



Lewis Leadership Summer Institute, July 2023

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are immensely grateful to our staff and community members who took time from their summer to create and execute our inaugural **Lewis Leadership Summer Institute**.

Lauren Hill, Learning Disabilities Teacher, **Norma Cruz Mayorga**, Special Education Department Office Assistant, and **Milka Mered**, Lewis High School Community Partner, led students in goal setting, community building, and experiential learning. Our outstanding student group included incoming, current, and outgoing Lancers as well as students of varied home language. Students explored ways they could be of service to the Lewis community and identified ways to apply this into the new school year.





UNLOCKING LANCERS' POTENTIAL

Through the Lewis Leadership Program

As we review our first year of the Lewis Leadership Program and start our 2023-2024 school year, the following stand out:

- Students value the opportunity to get to know and **collaborate with their teachers**
- Students are eager to be in spaces where they **see themselves represented** and thrive in opportunities that **elevate their voice**
- Students value the various **hands-on experiences** including guest speakers, field trips, and **student-led professional development**
- Students **grew as communicators and public speakers in a supportive community** (see picture of Jefferson QH, *Student Ambassador*, posing a question to the Surgeon General and the Secretary of Education at the Youth Mental Health Town Hall!)



It is our hope that more students will access these opportunities, and we stand ready to support any Lewis staff who would like to provide them to their students.

New Developments- August and September 2023:

- **Course** open to students 2nd and 8th period for the academic year
- **Partnership with TODOS Mathematics for All:**
 - Event **Math Minds: Inspiring Math Excellence in Lancers** on **September 8th** at Lewis open to students to learn from professionals in various career areas that use math
 - Opportunity for students to apply for the TODOS Student Recognition Award (3 awards available)
- **Collaboration with Student Services** to pair newly registered Lewis students with Lewis Leadership Ambassadors
 - Training for student ambassadors Monday, August 28 during advisory at Library 53K

Ways to Connect

- [Apply for a Grant to Fund a Student Experience](#)
- [Bring Your Class on a "Field Trip" to Library 53K](#)
- [Invite Us to Document What You Do with Your Students](#)
- [Host Lewis Leadership staff in your CT or Department](#)



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