



*Youth Leadership Rutherford serves as a personal development program designed to educate and enhance the quality of leadership skills of high school seniors while promoting community awareness.*

### **Program Format and Content**

Youth Leadership Rutherford (YLR) consists of an orientation day in September, six program days from October through March, and graduation in April. Each program day focuses on a real-world topic and explores issues of leadership within the context of that subject. The goal of each day is to open the minds of participants to the viewpoints that surround each topic and enable young people to become visionary leaders.

### **Program Objectives**

- To enhance leadership skills and increase community awareness via civic engagement
- To provide students with a practical understanding of challenges and opportunities facing Rutherford County and how to engage civic responsibility
- To enhance the practice of civil discourse while learning about understanding one another

### **Past Program Topics**

- Telling Our Story
- Becoming a Responsible Citizen
- Learning and Leading In Our Community
- Becoming Civically Engaged
- Learning & Leading Through Conversations