

200+ ARRIVE FOR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

On Tuesday, November 15th, the 2016 WRC Leadership Summit was held at Willoughby South. Over 200 students were in attendance for a day filled with guest speakers and activities centering around leadership. Student leaders from Brush, Chardon, Kenston, Madison, Mayfield, North, Riverside and South were in attendance as well as 8th grade future leaders from Willoughby Middle, Willowick Middle and Eastlake Middle.

The Student Council members at South were in charge of planning, organizing and executing this big event. The theme chosen was The Power of One, being a catalyst for change in your school, your community and the WRC. The theme was chosen to encourage and showcase how one person can influence change.



The day began with a guest speaker James Schleicher, a South alumnus, who spoke to the crowd about not giving up, setting goals and making a difference. He shared his personal journey of failures and successes and encouraged these young leaders to surround themselves with people who will push them to be their best, and spread positive influence everywhere they go.

A Reb Talk (similar to a Ted Talk) was given by three South senior students, Lydia Abrams, Cami Swaney, and Emily Woodcock, who shared their story of the growth of South's United Way Campaign over the past 3 years. They conveyed how the campaign had impacted and changed their lives and encouraged them to want to be more and do more.

The students then rotated through three breakout sessions, which focused on teambuilding activities, discussions on what it takes to be a leader and how to impact their schools, communities and the WRC. The day ended with a closing speaker, Dr. Patrick Ward, former Principal at South, who challenged the student leaders to take action and not settle for mediocrity and the way things are always done.

South student council members showcased their leadership abilities by running a very successful leadership summit. The time, effort and dedication by this group and the experience gained from all that went into this event will not be forgotten by these students. These students gave 212 and are to be commended for their efforts.

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