



## WISCONSIN LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

### WILS AT A GLANCE

We are excited to announce that Wisconsin Leadership Seminars (WILS) will once again be holding its annual 3-day leadership seminar for outstanding high school sophomores from across Wisconsin in June 12-14, 2020. This seminar will be held at Carroll University. **This marks the 43rd straight year that our program will be offered at no cost to the schools or students!** WILS is a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that identifies high school sophomore leaders from throughout Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, providing them with the opportunity and encouragement to develop their leadership potential. Each high school in the state is invited to nominate one student who exhibits positive leadership qualities in their school and community to attend our annual seminar.

With the current climate of the world, it is essential for us to create leaders that will think about both the present and the future. Leaders that not only unite people but also utilize their strengths to develop and create opportunities for future generations to be successful. **WILS is set up to provide both recognition and growth opportunities to students who act positively, acknowledging that we value their contributions and encouraging their continued civic engagement.** The students selected to attend the seminar have demonstrated their ability to be responsible citizens in their community and thoughtful individuals in their school.

Our high-energy weekend seminar consists of team-building activities, motivational speakers, volunteer service, leadership development workshops, panels on current issues, small group discussions, and more. **We encourage leadership development through emphasis on our four pillars: responsibility, service, inclusiveness, and decision-making.** Our past participants have expressed the profound impact that the seminar had on their life and commitment to advancing both their school and community.

Upon completion of the 3-day seminar, participants become members of the WILS Alumni Association. Through the Alumni Association, they are able to continue on a path that fosters the growth and development of their leadership skills, volunteerism, and community involvement to become successful, responsible contributors to society. Our alumni participate in leadership retreats throughout the year, perform volunteer service, interact with community leaders, and develop friendships with other ambitious individuals. **As an organization WILS volunteers over 1,400 hours in our communities each year.** In addition, our alumni volunteer as seminar staff members, fundraisers, seminar planning committee members, and members of the WILS Board of Directors.

The annual seminar is an experience which we'd like to keep open to as many students as possible. In fact, **our organization is 100% volunteer run**, which enables us to keep our administrative costs extremely low. Because we provide the seminar free of charge, we can ensure that students are selected based on their merits, not their financial means. We've worked over the years to ensure that our relationships with contributing groups continue to grow and enhance the strength of our organization. *This support is invaluable to the successful continuation of our program.*

**WILS provides an outlet for outstanding sophomores to gain confidence, engage in our communities, develop their leadership skills, and become the best versions of themselves.** They take what they have learned back to their schools and communities and implement these skills in their daily lives. The development and experiences gained through WILS have a tremendous impact on these students throughout their lives.

Thank you for your interest in Wisconsin Leadership Seminars. For more information on how you can get involved, please visit our website at [www.wils.us](http://www.wils.us). Feel free to contact any of the staff listed there with questions you may have or if you would like to learn more about WILS.