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Leadership Blair County Youth kicks-off year with orientation

Leadership Blair County Youth (LBCY) began another exciting year with an orientation that brought together twenty-six high school sophomores, many meeting for the first time.

Launched twenty-four years ago, the program, sponsored by [Berry Solutions Group](#), was created based on the highly successful Leadership Blair County Adult program. The youth class consists of students representing five public schools in Blair County in addition to three private schools.



"The Leadership Blair County Youth program brings 10th grade students together from area schools to help them grow as leaders through hands-on experiences, community engagement, public speaking and personal development. It's exciting to see their energy and potential as we kicked off this year's journey together," said Tami Chadick, LBCY facilitator.

Throughout the nine-month long program students will learn a full range of leadership skills that will enable them to become active members in their communities. The curriculum is carefully designed to address issues that many young people face. The key points of instruction come from the guidance of an advisory group that strategically develops topics and activities. Everything from social pressures, leadership skills, public speaking, local history, and community service are covered. There is no cost for students to participate. All the funding to run the program comes from grants, fundraisers and the business community.

"With the help of feedback from the prior year students, the Advisory Group meets monthly during the school year and reviews the upcoming sessions to ensure they include current topics that are both informative and interactive for the students, while remaining focused on servant leadership," said Gary Drenning, chair of the LBCY Advisory Group.

LBCY CLASS OF 2027

Brayden Augustine
Elias Baker
Sydney Bard
Meghan Bertram
Abigail Burchfield
Aidan Casillo
Timothy Clossin
Caleb Cox
Abigail DeArmitt

Faith Detwiler
Aleia Eckenrode
Morgan Geishauser
Luke Gioiosa
Chloe Jabbour
Peyton Lauder
Sophie Lovrich
David Maney
Bianca Melgar

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Abigail Onishi
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Elliana Scott
Lainey Stinson
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Saluting Our Renewals

We would like to thank those members that have continued to invest with the organization by renewing their membership in the month of July.

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Seven Mountains Media
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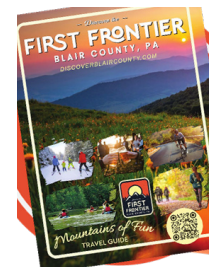
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It's Here! The Discover Blair County travel guides have arrived!



Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or looking to rediscover what is in your own backyard, the new First Frontier Blair County Travel Guide is your

go-to resource for exploring everything our region has to offer. Packed with inspiration, the guide highlights Blair County's outdoor adventures, rich railroad heritage, vibrant downtowns, local dining, family-friendly attractions, arts and culture, and unforgettable events, all designed to help visitors make the most of their time here. Free printed copies are now available at locations throughout the county and can also be requested by mail or viewed [digitally online](#).

"This guide is an invitation to experience the very best of Blair County," said Morgan Koziar, Director of Operations & Marketing for Discover Blair County. "Whether you're visiting for the first time or have lived here for years, we hope it inspires you to discover something new and create lasting memories in the First Frontier."



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