



FUTURE ACHIEVERS^{.ORG}

"Because everyone deserves the opportunity to be their best self."

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ABOUT US

How we started and who we are



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WHO ARE WE?

In the spring of 2011 three graduates of the Institute of Creative Leadership came together to design a program that would equip high school students with the skills necessary to transition from high school to the next phase of their lives. The program that was developed was called the Money Matters program and was described as a financial literacy program. In January 2012, grant dollars awarded by The Stamm Koechlein Family Foundation was used to fund the Money Matters program. In partnership with the Townsend Community Center about 13 students were able to receive education on banking, preparing for college, job readiness, and giving back to the community. This program was such a success, it was decided that the program would try to grow so that more students could benefit from this opportunity.

Since then the program has expanded to include summer programming, as well as, changed its name to more accurately describe the purpose of the program. The Future Achievers Program has formed new partnerships in an effort to reach more students and to provide an array of educational opportunities. The Future Achievers Program will continue to evaluate the needs of the community and develop relevant programming that will improve the futures of high school students.

visit our website futureachievers.org to learn more about us and where we started.

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THE FIVE PILLARS

Life Enrichment Webinar Series

PERSONAL FINANCE • COLLEGE PREPARATION • JOB READINESS HEALTH & WELLNESS • GIVING BACK & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

This program consists of a series of recorded webinars/interviews that teach youth various skills related to our 5 Pillars. It is our belief that skills and training in these 5 key areas will help youth become successful, productive, and engaged adults. The information given to students through this program lines up nicely with our current [Indiana State Teaching Standards](#). This program is unique because it utilizes local community members to present each of the 5 Pillars, while providing a networking/relationship building component to our program. This program is best for teens and young adults (typically 18-21)

• PERSONAL FINANCE

Video discusses bank, credit unions, personal accounts, lending, and life insurance.

Contributors: *Natco CU, Natco Empowerment Center, and Shelter Insurance*

• COLLEGE PREPARATION

Video discusses how to apply for college, how to choose the right college for you, paying for school, and resources available.

Contributors: *Earlham, IUE, Ivy Tech, and Purdue Poly Technic*

• JOB READINESS

Video discusses employment opportunities in the Richmond area, skills needed to get employed, and what teens can do now to prepare for employment as adults.

Contributor: *Manpower*

• HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Video discusses types and benefits of mental health services and exercise.

Contributors: *Centerstone and Rare Breed Fitness*

• GIVING BACK & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Video discusses the benefits of serving the community and ways that youth can get involved and make positive change.

Contributors: *Mayor Dave Snow, Pastor Cassandra Brown, Kelley Cruse-Nicholson, and Nick Elder*



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LIFECOACHING

1-on-1 or small group

**IDENTIFY GOALS AND INTERESTS • TEACH SKILLS • CREATE A PLAN
CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY BASED MENTORS**

Some teens and young adults may be struggling with finding out who they are and where they want to go in life. This program helps them create a plan to follow to accomplish those goals. Life coaching is one-on-one and individualized to each participant. Life coaching works best when the participant is motivated and open to exploring who they are, and are willing to make changes.



We understand that we do not have all the answers and may only be able to provide a portion of what the participant needs. This is why we actively look for community based mentors to connect the participant with. This allowed them to efficiently continue their exploration and learning.

Participants will have weekly contact with their life coach. Coaching will come in a variety of forms depending on the need and task to be completed: in person, virtual, phone/text follow up, and community outings. This program is best for teens and young adults (typically 18-21 years old)



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Future Achievers values all youth and family serving organizations and all those in our community that contribute to making this a community. We value collaboration and synergy over competition. We understand that, together, we can come up with better ideas than any one of us alone. Partnerships open doors to opportunities and helps break down the barriers that limit access to opportunities, information, and services. Current partnerships include; Brick Road Media, Reid Health, The City of Richmond, IN, Richmond Community Schools, and Kiwanis of Richmond



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LOVE INITIATIVE

Love is all we need

#SpreadLoveRichmondIN • #Spread_Love_Everyone

In this program we collaborate with youth and adults to help them uncover what “Love” is and support them in spreading this message throughout their environment. We use the phrase “Love is All We Need” in our marketing (clothing and on various online platforms) to help spread the message and remind people that love is important and is the key to making lasting, positive change. We use #SpreadLoveRichmondIN on social media posts. This hashtag allows anyone that searches for it to view all the ways we love one another in our community.



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INSPIRATIONAL INTERVIEWS



SHOW THE HARD WORK • SHOW THE CHALLENGES • INSPIRE THE YOUTH

Interviews consist of local community members and those outside of Richmond sharing their story. Speakers span a variety of ages, professions and experiences. The goals of the interviews are to; Show the hard work/sacrifices that are required to be successful. Show that challenges must be overcome to be successful. and Inspire youth to take action. Below are just a few of our recent inspirational interviews.

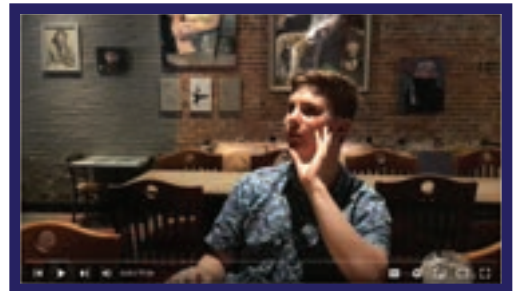


MATTHIAS INGLE

In this conversation we talk about Mr. Ingle's military service, why the military was a good choice for him and how he manages the challenges of life. This is a great video to watch for all, but especially if you want to understand what the military is like and what it can do for you. This is an inspiring story because Mr. Ingle found himself in a situation like so many teens. He was able to find direction and set a course for the benefit of himself and his family.

JAXIN BOHN

Jaxin is an 18 year old high school student. He shares his story of challenges but also what has helped and motivated him. Jaxin has a job, a car, is an entrepreneur, is saving for college, and is involved in activities in and out of school. Jaxin believes that he has to work for what he wants and he shares how he is getting this done.



AL DIAMOND

Al Diamond is a Richmond IN native and real estate agent at Better Homes & Gardens First Reality Group. In this interview, Al answers the following questions to help teens get a better understanding of the business and what is needed to be successful in business and in life.

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FUTURE ACHIEVERS PLEDGE

I AM AN **ACHIEVER** AND I AM DESTINED FOR **GREATNESS**

I WAS PLACED THIS EARTH TO SUCCEED AND TO DO SO...

I MUST **LOVE** MYSELF, **LOVE** MY NEIGHBOR, **LOVE** EDUCATION
AND ELIMINATE ANYTHING THAT IS STOPPING ME FROM REACHING MY GOALS

I MUST BE **STRONG** ENOUGH TO ASK FOR HELP WHEN I NEED IT
AND WILLING TO LET OTHERS HELP ME

I MUST LEARN TO CONTROL MY THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS,
IN DOING SO, I WILL BE IN CONTROL OF MY WHOLE SELF

I MUST NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT I CAN'T SEE.

SUCCESS AND **GREATNESS** ARE SPECIFIC TO EACH INDIVIDUAL, SO

I MUST ALWAYS WORK TO ACHIEVE MY GOALS

NOT KNOWING WHAT IS AHEAD, BUT TRUSTING THAT IF I STICK TO MY PLAN,
GREAT THINGS WILL HAPPEN

I AM AN ACHIEVER