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Washington Youth Academy



WYA Class 2010-2, in the know!

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Open House Dates/Times:

- Sat., September 18 @ 10:00 am
- Sat., October 16 @ 10:00 am
- Sat, November 20 @ 10:00 am
- Sat, December –TBA

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Class 2010-2 started on July 18, 2010. 346 students were recruited; 242 applied (completed applications); 202 students were invited to an orientation; and 149 students started the class. Currently, we have 128 Cadets in week 7, going on their first home pass (September 3-7, 2010). 126 Cadets returned from home pass eager to continue the ChalleNGe. Class 2010-2 is represented by 85% more counties than class 2010-1. The current class will complete the residential phase of the program on December 18, 2010. WYA class 2011-1 will begin on January 16, 2011. We are currently taking applications for the January class.



Post-Residential Update

Class 2009-1, 83 cadets, have completed the post-residential phase of the 17 1/2 month Washington Youth Academy ChalleNGe Program. National average of 60% was surpassed by WYA graduates with an average of 72% (see graph below). Students have returned back to their home high schools and continued to retrieve high school credits in order to graduate on time with their class; go on to community college; military; and employment opportunities.

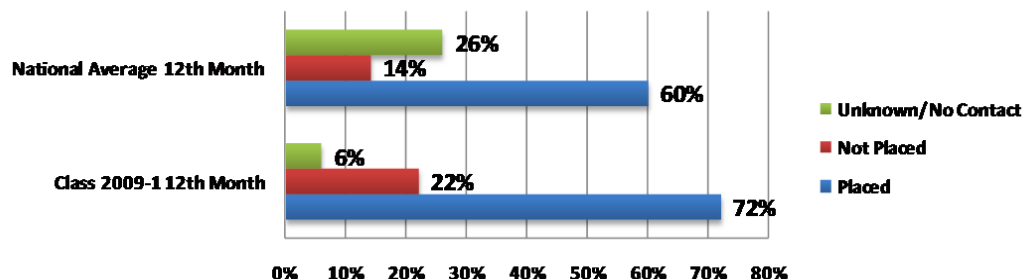
WYA class 2009-2, 121 graduates of the residential phase of the program, in the sixth month of the post-residential phase of the program, 81% of graduates are placed in educational setting such as high school, adult education, vocational technical college, two year college, NCCC, and Job Corp. 7% of graduates are employed, and 1% of graduates are placed in military.

WYA class 2010-1, 116 students who graduated June 18th from the residential phase are in their

second month of the post-residential phase of the program. 74% of graduates are placed in educational settings such as high school, adult education, vocational technical college, and two and four year colleges. 34% of graduates are employed, and 3% are volunteering within their communities.

Graduates continue to follow their Post-Residential Action Plans (PRAP) -intermediate, transition, and long term goals they create while at the WYA ..

Class 2009-1 Post Residential 12th Month Success WYA-National Comparison





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**"Today's ChalleNGes,
Tomorrow's Success."**

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ChalleNGe was designed to be

...an intervention, rather than a remedial program. We would deal with the symptoms and underlying causes in a construct that fully embraced a "whole person" change and readied the students for the post-program environment. We would arm them with the skills and experiences necessary to succeed and we would ensure there was "a way back" to mainstream society (Donohue 2008).

Donohue (2008)



Principal's Corner

"Training for a better future in Bremerton" Read the headline of a local newspaper the Bremerton Patriot this past week. The article featured Lynn Caddell, Washington Youth Academy's new principal and social studies teacher. The 23 teenage boys marching into Lynn Caddell's U.S. history class, all with identical uniforms and backpacks, were perhaps not meant to succeed in school in the eyes of some.

They are high school drop-outs, or near drop-outs, but on Tuesday, as they analyzed the Bill of Rights and delved into the archaic language, they showed an interest they may have never shown in school before. "It's amazing," said Caddell

It is week four of the voluntary 22-week program aimed at getting kids back to high school, and it is the fourth class to come through the program. The cadets fidget in class and sometimes have to remind each other not to talk without permission, but Caddell already sees progress in the teens in a place where he says they can press the "restart" button on their lives. (Reported by Bremerton Patriot Staff Writer Lynsi Burton).

"Tough Standards but Impressive Results!"

The table below provides an overview of the last three class sessions of cadets who completed the residential phase of the program. The lowest credits earned, average credits earned, % achieving all 8.0 credits; and the average grade gain on TABE test. Assessment test given at the academy include: Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE); Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB); United States Citizenship Test; Classroom quizzes, tests, projects; and President's Personal Fitness Test.

Session	Lowest Credits Earned	Average Credits Earned	% Achieving all 8.0 credits	Average grade gain on TABE test
2009-01	5.0 credits	7.38 credits	40.0%	2.28 grades
2009-02	6.0 credits	7.76 credits	71.1%	2.50 grades
2010-01	6.0 credits	7.86 credits	81.9%	2.41 grades