



## **Detroit And Dearborn Teens Graduate From Leadership Academy**

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**Detroit, Mich.** At a graduation ceremony today, 34 young women, ages 14 to 16, from Detroit and Dearborn completed the Michigan State Police (MSP) week-long Michigan Youth Leadership Academy.

The Michigan Youth Leadership Academy is designed to provide teens with an opportunity to learn leadership and decision-making skills, as well as build positive relationships with law enforcement officers. The goal is to form a foundation of responsibility, respect and trust benefiting the young women, law enforcement and their community.

During the academy, which was held at the MSP Training Academy in Lansing, the young women received lessons on leadership, responsible citizenship, respect, trust, health, community service and life-coping skills. The academy also included water safety, group workshops and discussions.

Officers from the MSP, Detroit City Police Department and Detroit School Security Department participated as instructors in the academy.

The young women were chosen for the academy based on recommendations from school, community and law enforcement officials. They were required to complete an interview with a panel of law enforcement officers before being accepted into the academy.

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MSP members and Detroit Police Officers conducted informational assemblies at middle schools, high schools and other community functions in Detroit to introduce the concept of the Michigan Youth Leadership Academy. There is no cost for the young women to attend the week-long residential academy.

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### Michigan Youth Leadership Academy - Detroit and Dearborn Student Roster

Last Name	First Name
Ackerman	Stephanie
Ali	Ismahan
Andrews	Mariah
Baker	Ty'Tiana
Bennett	Ni'Kita
Berry	Shaquondre
Dean	Kiandrea
Gordon	Chantel
Gulley	Tashari
Hill	Shanice
Howard	Antashe'
Hunter	Jo'Ann
Hurd	Courtney
Jackson	Cherish
Jennings	Alayrys
Lockett	Sharell
Logan	Ka'Tina
Longmire	Stepanie
Moore	Karyn
Morris	Mia
Nolan	Alyssa
Oldham	Kyairra
Owens	Jenay
Perry	Diane
Pryor	Brionna
Sadoun	Teeba
Smith	Kyra
Sowell	Lauren
Thompson	Setiandra
Wafer	Rylin
Whitfield	Kyiesha
Williams	Britney
Williams	Whitney
Yahya	Hanan