

ALWAYS HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

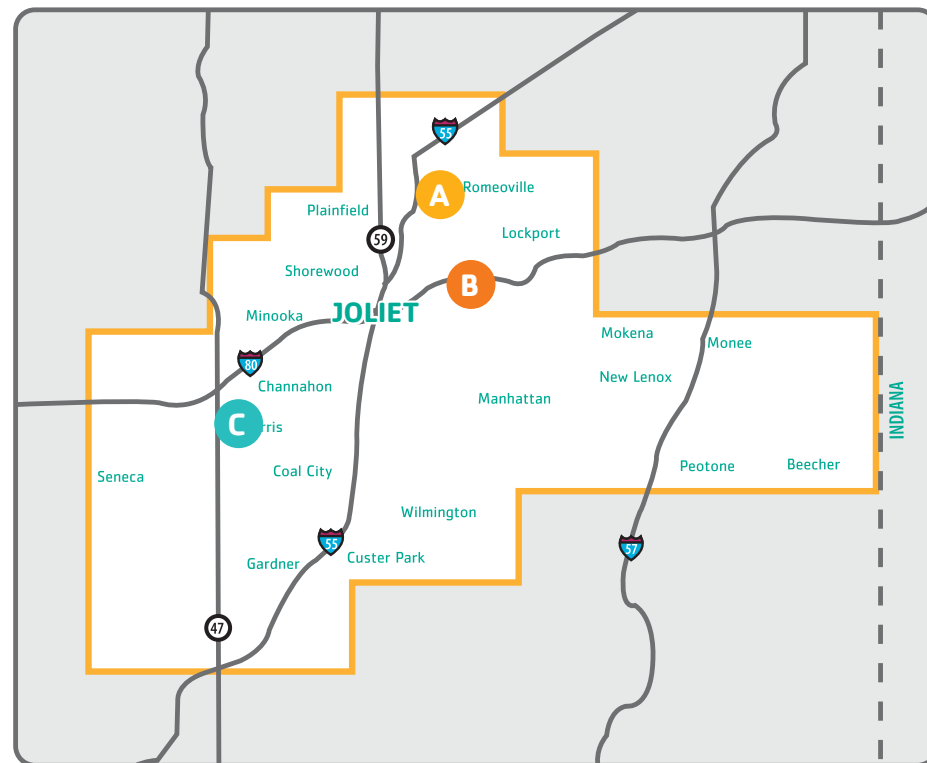
ABOUT THE GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA

The Greater Joliet Area YMCA has been serving families—regardless of age, income or background—from throughout Will and Grundy Counties and the surrounding areas since 1926. A mainstay in the Joliet community for more than 95 years, the Y brings families closer together, encourages good health, and fosters connections through fitness, sports, fun, and shared interests.

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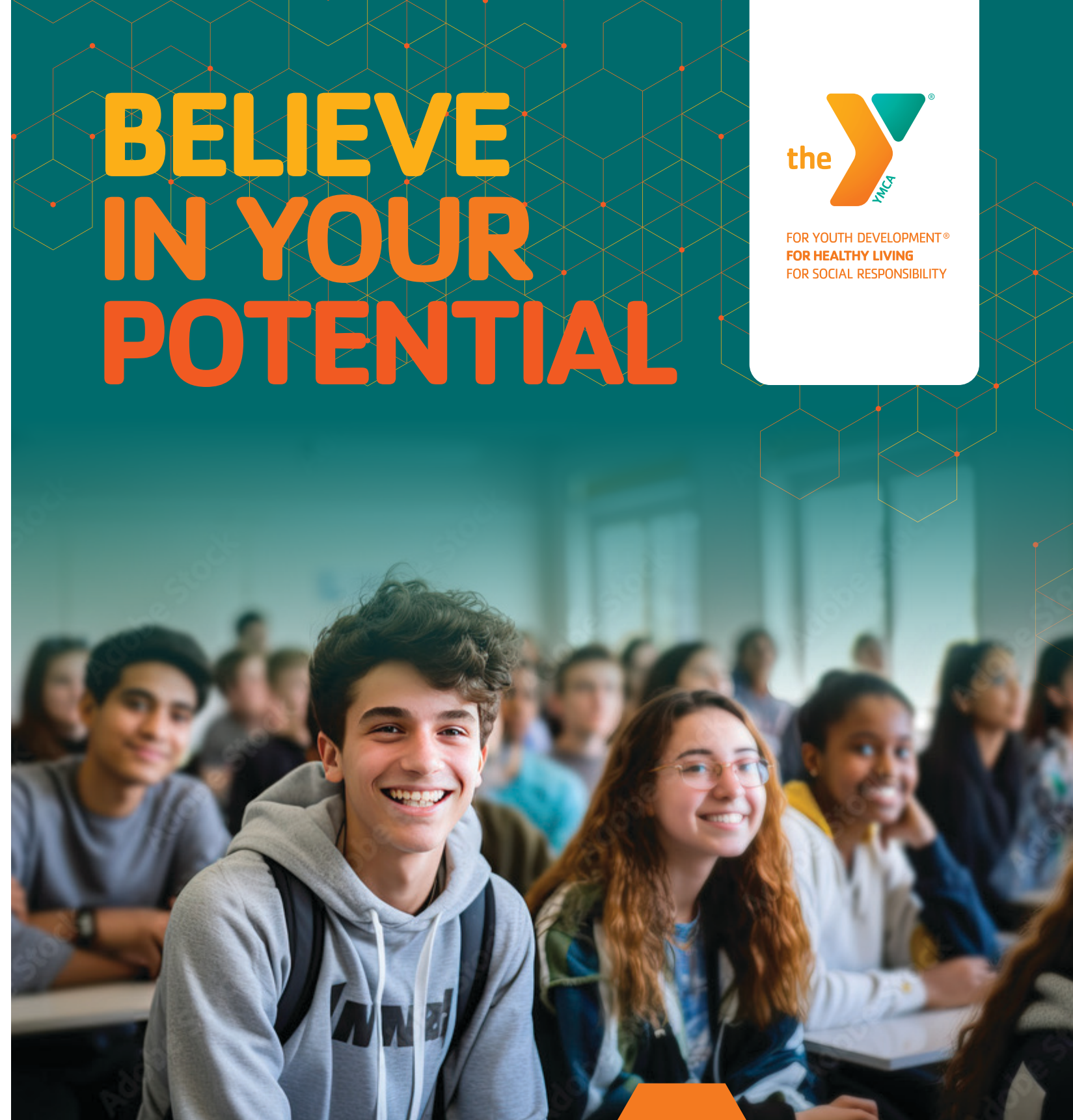
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BELIEVE IN YOUR POTENTIAL



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA

Teen Achievers

Teen Achievers
is open to area
high school
students.

A Life-Readiness Program for Area High School Students

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE Y

At the YMCA, no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. In keeping with our mission, the Greater Joliet Area YMCA provides financial assistance, as funds are available, to those who qualify, based on a sliding fee scale. To learn more about the Y's Financial Assistance Program, please visit www.jolietymca.org or stop by your local branch today.



EMPOWERING YOU TO PURSUE YOUR DREAMS

One of the Y's most beloved programs, Teen Achievers provides area high school students with the guidance and support they need to discover their identities, embrace their passions, and become their best selves. With the support of the Y's dedicated Teen and Young Adult staff team, students learn to manage their stress, time, and emotions, and learn about the importance of making confident and wise decisions during their high school years. Through weekly conversations, informative guest speakers, and college visits, students learn about life after high school and receive the encouragement to, not just complete twelfth grade, but to be truly prepared for whatever comes next.

PROGRAM GOALS

The Y's Teen Achievers Program aims:

1. To encourage students to set and achieve high educational, professional and personal goals.
2. To help students develop their talents and leadership skills.
3. To open doors for students to get involved in their community.
4. To celebrate the unique contributions of the young people in our community.



SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

The Greater Joliet Area YMCA's Teen Achievers program is offered on site at the following area high schools:

- Joliet Central High School
- Joliet West High School
- Lockport Township High School
- Morris Community High School
- Plainfield Central High School
- Plainfield East High School
- Plainfield North High School
- Plainfield South High School

PROGRAM CURRICULUM



The YMCA's character building campaign pledges to incorporate the values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility into all of its teen and young adult programming. Participants in the Y's Teen Achievers program have access to innovative programming throughout the school year, including:

- Tutoring and mentoring support
- Leadership development opportunities
- Career and empowerment workshops
- In-state and out-of-state college tours
- College and career fairs
- Test and notetaking tips
- Stress and time management
- Interview tips for jobs and scholarships
- Workplace tours and job shadowing opportunities
- Career exploration
- Soft-skills and job-related training
- Money management
- College and scholarship application tips/practice
- Personal and professional relationship management
- Networking opportunities
- Community involvement and service projects
- Friendship, fellowship and much more!



PROGRAM BENEFITS

The YMCA's Teen Achievers program meets weekly during the school year, from October through April.

All Teen Achiever students receive:

- An official Teen Achievers t-shirt
- Complimentary registration for all Teen Achievers workshops
- The opportunity to participate in local college tours (for a nominal fee)
- Monthly access to your local YMCA branch



INSPIRING GENEROSITY

Past supporters of the Greater Joliet Area YMCA's Teen Achievers Program have included:

- Community Science
- Joliet Township
- Midland States Bank
- Old National Bank
- Ron Tirapelli Ford
- Silver Cross Hospital
- TC Energy Foundation
- United Way of Will County
- Walmart Foundation
- YMCA of the USA

GET INVOLVED TODAY

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