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GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCHES THE 2016-17 CHICK-FIL-A LEADER ACADEMY

October 4, 2016 - Germantown High School is proud to announce that thirty GHS students and three staff facilitators, have launched the 2016-17 Chick-fil-A Leader Academy with a two hour kick-off event held at the high school on Monday, September 26.

Sponsorship for the leadership academy has been provided by a local Chick-fil-A Operator, Chick-fil-A, Inc. and Coca-Cola. The program itself was developed by ADDO, a national leadership organization. The Leader Academy engages students through a unique Engage-Expose-Equip approach, within a 7-month curriculum. Students learn valuable leadership lessons, culminating in an end-of-program "Impact Project." The academy includes seven web-based Leader Labs (one per month), video-driven curriculum, and innovative technology combined with authentic teacher-student interaction. The benefits of the academy serve to strengthen the qualities of those that currently demonstrate leadership in various academic and/or co-curricular settings, while offering a venue to those that may show leadership potential in non-traditional ways within the school setting.

During the kick-off event, students and facilitators had the opportunity to engage in various activities that allowed participants to get to know and become comfortable with one another. In addition, students were able to engage in their first service project by completing a meal pack project. Seventy-five meals were packed and shipped to a local food bank to help area families in need. The local Chick-fil-A operator was on hand with lunch for the participants, and to show his support for the program. The program concluded with students acknowledging those that have had a positive impact on their lives, with encouragement to seek out and thank those individuals.

This is our first year with the program and the plan is to continue on with a new group of thirty students each year. For more information on the program, feel free to contact Mr. Jolliff at the contact information noted at the top of this document.

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