



March 22, 2012
Dear Vineyard Teachers,

You are invited to nominate young people to serve as delegates to the 2012 Youth Leadership Summit.

**MVYLI's New Year begins with the 2012 Youth Leadership Summit.
Orientation • Wednesday April 11 at 2:30 pm @ MVRHS
MVYLI youth will share their experiences.
Inspire other young people to join them!**

MVYLI's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development inspires, educates and empowers young people to take initiative in their lives and on their island. In this weeklong intensive leadership training youth delegates (ages 14-22) envision their personal, professional, island and planetary goals; and begin creating action plans for sustainable projects. Youth delegates will represent the islands of Hawaii, Nantucket, Japan and the Philippines. We begin with a Sustainable Vineyard Tour to learn first-hand about the green projects: sustainable agriculture, building, cultures, energy and environment. We learn about best practices from other islands. We work in teams to explore and support our professional goals. MVYLI youth share their progress during the last year and inspire a new batch of young people to realize their dreams. Our faculty includes the Institute's leaders, the Vineyard's sustainable champions, and seasoned youth leaders from other youth leadership initiatives. We will produce a video on their dreams for their lives, the Island and the world. As their Leave-A-Legacy Project, they create the first Sustainable Vineyard Map and 2020 Report in partnership with the Martha's Vineyard Commission and present it at the Institute's annual Walter Cronkite Awards Ceremony.

MVYLI's Youth Leadership Summit • June 23-29, 2012

MVYLI's year-round program builds on the youth's goals from the Youth Leadership Summit and provides them leadership development opportunities including Job Shadow Day, College Prep & Field Program, internships with Martha's Vineyard Community Television, Junior members of the NAACP and Bioneers-By-the Bay Conference. MVYLI members are representatives of the Governor's Youth Council and the Cape & Islands Youth Congress. We conduct weekly coaching and monthly workshops on college planning, career development, service learning projects for their island and the world. Young people are nominated by non-profit organizations, schools and community leaders to serve as delegates. We then develop projects with nominating organizations during the year.

Please think about young people who have the potential to be leaders – imagine if they could have this experience! Together we will prepare a new generation of leaders for the 21st century.

Sincerely,
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