

# NURTURING POTENTIAL

The Westfield Area Y Achievers program inspires youth in high school throughout Union County to become leaders in their community and achieve academic excellence.

The College Readiness program develops positive sense of self, raises academic standards, develops life skills, offers college and career guidance, and provides positive role models.

Our participants become leaders and role models in their own right, and give back to the community.

“I am a 5-star ambassador. I represent myself, my family, my community, my school and my race with pride, dignity and excellence. I am a Black Achiever!”

— Achievers Pledge

Achievers provide workshops and activities for high school students that encourage positive character and attitude fulfilling their maximum potential.

The program includes: professional tutoring, SAT Prep, college readiness, resume/college essay writing workshops, career development, community service projects, mentoring, opportunities for professional shadowing, college fairs/tours, YMCA Teen Membership, FAFSA/Scholarship workshops and life skills training. College scholarships are available to the participating high school graduates of the program who qualify.

## HISTORY

The Black Achievers Program began at the Harlem YMCA in 1968 as a conduit to helping youth develop life coping skills and educational goals. The Westfield Area Y began offering the program in 1998 and has flourished with active participants throughout Union County.

The Y isn't just the name on a building. We are a spirit, a movement and a cause with three areas of focus:

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

We believe that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. Our programs and services nurture the potential of every child and teen.

**HEALTHY LIVING:** We offer the guidance, facilities and programs to improve health and well-being.

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** We believe in giving back to, and supporting, our community while instilling the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility in all that we do.

### WESTFIELD AREA Y MISSION

The Westfield Area Y is a nonprofit human service organization dedicated to developing the full potential of every individual and family in the communities it serves through programs that build healthy spirit, body, and mind for all.

The Westfield Area Y is a 501 (c) 3 charitable nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



WELCOME TO THE Y



“It takes a village to raise a child.”

We graciously thank the following professionals, community members and organizations for participating and volunteering their time and efforts.

Achievers Committee  
AGL Resources  
ASPIRE  
Carlton Blake  
Connell Company  
Children’s Specialized Hospital (Mountainside)  
Delta Teens  
HESAA  
Hyacinth Foundation  
Overlook Hospital Volunteer Department  
Plainfield YMCA  
The Three Doctors

**3D’s for Excellence:**

Determination, Discipline and Diligence!

**The Strategic M Process for Success:**

Master It, Make It, Matter It

Support the Westfield Area Y Achievers with your time or a contribution

**ADULT AMBASSADOR**

Give back to the community and enrich the lives of deserving students. Share your work/life experiences, open the doors of your business or career path, mentor a future leader, grants the opportunity to positively impact and connect with our youth and future leaders.

**SPONSOR**

If you would like to contribute to this program, which is offered at little to no cost to participants, please contact us.

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**Program Meets:**

Wednesday’s 7:00p-8:30p

**Locations:**

**WESTFIELD AREA Y  
PLAINFIELD YMCA**



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