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BUCYRUS SECONDARY SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN HOBY SEMINAR

BUCYRUS, OH (Nov. 9, 2010) – Have you ever heard the popular saying, “Leaders are born, not made?” The Bucyrus Secondary School administration and staff disagree. They believe students, if given the proper tools, can become great leaders. One tool used time and time again by the school comes by way of a nation-wide leadership program known as the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar or HOBY.

Founded in 1958, HOBY is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to “inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation.” This annual program offers sophomores in high school “unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences,” which will impact them for life.

For several years, the Bucyrus Secondary School has participated in the program, sending one sophomore student each school year. This year is no different, with one sophomore being selected to represent the school at the upcoming seminar this summer. “This program gives students the opportunity to collaborate and share experiences regarding leadership,” said Dean of Students Jay Dennison. “We hope to see a high interest in the program again this year. Students that have attended in the past have really seemed to enjoy the seminar, as well as the overall experience,” he concluded.

Bucyrus junior Bryant Gerger was the summer, 2010, representative. “I wanted to get involved because I do a lot anyway, but this was another way to enhance my leadership roles and do more in school,” said Gerger. “The girl who went the year before me highly recommended the program, so I looked online for myself to find out more about it. I didn’t really know what to expect when I went, but it was a great experience. I learned lots of new things and even got to help with community service. I liked it so much I want to go back and be a senior ambassador.”



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Gerger had such a great experience he suggested his peers look into HOBY too. "It's something you need to do; it changes you. The speakers are deep, and they really opened my eyes to what was going on in the world around me. It made me want to go out and change things. I know it may not sound fun, community service, but just seeing the looks on people's faces after you've helped them makes it well worth it." Gerger concluded by saying he caught the HOBY Fever. "All I want to do is help others. I hope whoever goes this year catches the fever too!"

Students interested in attending the three day, two night seminar must apply by Friday, Nov. 12, to be considered. The seminar will be held at Ohio Northern University, June 9-12, 2011. Students are picked based on GPA, interview and short written essay. For more information on how you can catch the "HOBY Fever," contact Jay Dennison at jdennison@bucyrusschools.org or by calling (419) 562-7721.

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