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Our mission: To lead and support education that promotes workforce development and enhances the quality of life in the Blackstone Valley.

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*Enriching Education.  
Strengthening Leadership.*

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# **Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy**

**Do you have what it  
takes to be a leader?**

**We want to hear from you!**



Members of the 2009 BVYLA class at graduation at Alternatives Within Mill.

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## Calling All Young Leaders!

## Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy



2005 BVYLA alumni volunteered at the Blackstone Gorge transition site for the Greenway Challenge.



2007 BVYLA students organized an Earth Day cleanup at River Bend Farm. They were joined by more than 40 community volunteers.

**Do you want to meet other students and adults who are leaders in the region?**

**Do you hesitate to get involved, but know you have good ideas?**

**Do you want to gain confidence in your communication skills?**

**Do you want to learn more about the Blackstone Valley?**

**Do you want to discover ways to volunteer in your community?**

**Do you want to be recognized as a leader in your school and community?**

**Do you want to join a growing alumni network of young leaders in the Valley?**

**The Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy is a unique leadership program for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in Massachusetts member high schools across the Blackstone Valley.**

**The Academy seeks to enhance the leadership skills of young people and strengthen their connection to the Blackstone Valley.**

The Academy runs twice a month after school on Tuesday afternoons from November to May. Meetings are held at selected locations in the Blackstone Valley.

Students must provide their own transportation and commit to attend all sessions. There is a \$75 tuition fee for students from member schools.

Students put their leadership skills to work through planning and implementing an individual community service project. They also have several volunteer and internship opportunities following graduation from the Academy.

There are over 115 alumni in the 10 Blackstone Valley High Schools.



2006 BVYLA Class Graduation



2008 Team building activity

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*Or contact Mary Lou Anderson, Youth Leadership Academy Coordinator, at 508-234-9090 or by email at [mlanderson@blackstonevalley.org](mailto:mlanderson@blackstonevalley.org).*

*Are you an educator or community volunteer who would like to work with the next generation of leaders? Do you have suggestions for a youth led community service project? Please contact us.*