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I was fortunate to be trained in using the Lions Quest curriculum because it dovetailed beautifully with our concept of a high school student government class. We wanted our student council to be more broadly representative of the campus and promote a sense of community through better understanding and communication. The Quest curriculum includes all of the values and skills we wanted our students to develop and practice through their service in and out of this class.

Our class is responsible for most of the campus activities such as homecoming, pep rallies, and prom, along with campus wide service projects such as food and clothing drives and others. The Quest curriculum focuses on the development of personal and social responsibilities and this was very helpful in executing these projects.

This year, our council class was informed that some students were being bullied or shunned. We used the lessons about diversity and the class began an awareness campaign to address the problem and also began to plan a movie or skit that could be used to initiate the discussion with underclassmen. They used the process in the curriculum-first identifying the problem, researching the issue and brainstorming possible projects to address the problem. Once they decided on a plan, they implemented the initial stage. The reflection part of the process is critical as it allows them to develop communication skills and problem-solving skills. These are life-long skills and this process can be applied to almost anything, serious and less serious problems. My students also planned and completed individual service projects using the guidelines in the curriculum. It is amazing what they learn as they complete this service and what they gain as human beings is so valuable! They gain a sense of worth that transfers to successes in other classes.

It's a challenge to adequately describe the treasury this curriculum holds. The lessons can be used in inter-curricular ways, they are well written and planned, and provide several options to make them applicable to different needs and different groups of students. If you have the chance, participate in this training, this curriculum is a goldmine!

Respectfully,
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