

Building a Climate of Acceptance
Making a Difference at School
Taking Risks & Rising to the Occasion
Social Networking

Middle school leaders and future leaders, jump start 2016 with an intensive leadership training day! Learn new skills, challenge old ideas and prepare to rise to a new level of leadership in your school, home and community!

Come to the Middle Level Leadership Conference 2016 at Trinity College on January 13, 2016.

Participate in workshops led by teachers, administrators, counselors, youth officers, and high school students which are designed to increase your skills in building a climate of acceptance, making a difference at school, taking risks, rising to the occasion, and social networking.

Participate in team-building activities, role-playing, and share experiences and ideas with peers.

A group session will also be offered to the advisors/chaperones who attend the conference with their *students*.

SCHEDULE

Registration	8:00	-	8:20
Team Building Session	8:20	-	9:00
Breakout, Group Sessions	9:05	-	9:55
Breakout, Group Sessions	10:00	-	11:00
Breakout & Lunch	11:05	-	1:25
Assembly A'Rick Jackson	1:30	-	2:30
Departure			2:30

When?

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
 8:00am – 2:30pm

Where?

Trinity College
 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Cost?

The conference registration fee is \$20.00 per student for students attending from CAS or CASC middle level member schools. Chaperones and advisors attend free of charge. Teams from non-member middle schools are welcome with the payment of an additional \$100 per school. Schools are strongly urged to send a diverse group of students leaders: student council and nontraditional leaders, boys and girls in grades 6, 7 and 8; a group that represents the diversity of your school population. Due to program limitations, we may not be able to accommodate requests for additional student participants above the level allowed by school enrollment. Additional students will be added as space permits. We cannot admit any students into the conference who have not been registered in advance. **CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 6, 2016. CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER WILL STILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT. NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 6, 2016.**

School Enrollment	# Students Allowed
500	12
600	14
700	16
800	18

**DRESS FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION!
 (NO SKIRTS OR DRESSES PLEASE)**

FULL LUNCH PROVIDED

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 DECEMBER 18, 2015**

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://casci.ac/1394>

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**CT MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
 2016**



A program of the
 CT Association of Schools and the
 CT Association of Student Councils



Program

The Middle School Student Leadership Conference is a CAS initiative to train middle-level student leaders from the diverse groups in Connecticut middle schools. Since its inception, over 6,000 students in grades 6, 7, and 8 have been trained in bringing about positive change to their school climate. Students will participate in workshops designed to increase their skills in: Building a Climate of Acceptance, Making a Difference at School, Taking Risks & Rising to the Occasion, Social Networking

Led by teachers, administrators, youth officers, high school and college students, and counselors from around Connecticut, students will have opportunities to work together in small groups.

Team Building Activities

Student participants will start the conference with a series of team building activities to introduce them to peers from other schools with whom they will work throughout the day.

Student leaders will:

- Participate in team-building activities with students from other schools;
- Respond to role-play situations;
- Talk with recognized student leaders from Connecticut high schools and universities;
- Share leadership experiences and ideas with peers;
- Go back to their schools and share new knowledge, ideas, and initiatives with decision-makers (i.e. administrators, teachers, and counselors).

Arthur Director Leadership Award

Participating schools are invited to apply for the Arthur Director Leadership award, a prestigious designation for advancing the ideals of the conference. The winning school will be presented with a plaque, and a check to support their work.

Applications will be available at the conference and on our website at: <http://casci.ac/1393>. Applications are due June 1, 2016.



2015 Arthur Director Award Winners
Nathan Hale Middle School, Norwalk



The Dream Achiever

Closing Activity

Students will end the day with **A'Ric Jackson** in their school groups to begin planning "next steps" for improving their school climate back home.