

New England Student Leadership Conference

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Tomorrow's Leaders: High School Athletics and Activities Participants

Incredible attention is being paid to high school athletics and activities programs today. Participants in these programs are looked up to as leaders because of their position on the team or club. The impact that these young people have on the climate and culture of their schools, fellow students and community is incredible. In fact, studies show that more than one-half of high school students participate in some sort of school activity or athletic program. The involvement of these students in the success of a high school is paramount and critical.

The New England state associations of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) want to be the leaders in training talented, committed young people to become better citizens who will be positive, contributing adults and role models for youth. We are pleased to announce that in partnership, the state associations from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island will be hosting a New England Student Leadership Conference from July 21-24, 2011 at Stonehill College in North Easton, MA. This conference is a four-day, residential leadership event for over 200 student and adult leaders who participate in interscholastic athletics and activity programs through their state high school athletic/activities associations.

The event is being modeled after the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference that has taken place in Indianapolis, IN for the past decade. The NFHS event was the only national student leadership conference for high school athletes and activity participants. This conference will replicate the training curriculum by assisting high school student-athletes and activity participants in developing their leadership abilities while interacting with peers from across the Northeast.

Conference Curriculum

The curriculum for the conference will focus on Respect, Positive Values, Perspective, Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Healthy Lifestyles, Community Service and Self-Evaluation. These components will be presented in large and small-group sessions, led by outstanding adult and college facilitators specifically chosen for their involvement in athletics at the high school and collegiate level, and will address contemporary issues that impact a young person being a leader and role model. In addition to group discussion, special guest speakers will share inspirational messages, stories of overcoming adversity and utilizing the power of positive influence. Delegates will be able to choose from a menu of elective topic sessions including: bullying/cyberbullying; hazing; drug and alcohol prevention; the role of the high school captain; participation in collegiate athletics; the college admissions process; mental toughness and peak performance; and personal wellness. The conference will also incorporate a community service project as part of the leadership training curriculum that will take place in the local community.

Supervision

In addition to the 30 college and adult curriculum facilitators, approximately 20 adult delegates will serve as advisors and chaperones as they oversee the student delegates from their respective states. These adults will take an active part in the discussions and curriculum of the conference. The adult delegates and adult staff members will be available to help the students with any questions or concerns they might have during the four-day event. Stonehill College Public Safety and staff will also be available 24 hours a day on campus for any safety and security needs.

Attire

The conference takes place in a relaxed atmosphere to encourage learning and facilitate interaction. The high temperatures and humid weather during the mid-summer dictate casual clothing for this event. Jeans, shorts, sneakers and t-shirts are appropriate for the majority of the conference functions. Participants will be provided with two t-shirts during registration that are intended to be worn on specific days of the conference. There are two occasions when attire needs to be specific. The first event is a community service project when participants should wear clothing/footwear that they will not mind getting dirty. The second event is a celebration/dance on Saturday evening when participants should wear casual clothing.

Housing

Delegates will be housed in traditional college dormitories. Each room will accommodate 2-4 delegates. There will be bathrooms and showers on each floor. Bed linens (sheets, pillow, blanket) and towels will be provided for each participant. Delegates are to sleep in rooms to which they have been assigned. Delegates will be required to submit a dorm key/card deposit that will be returned at the end of the conference, provided the dorm key/card is returned.

Meals

Meals will be provided by the college food service in the college dining hall. All meals will be provided beginning with dinner on Thursday, July 21 and ending with breakfast on Sunday, July 24. Students who have food allergies or special dietary needs are asked to indicate such information on the Student Health History Form in the conference application. Some dorms have vending machines that can be utilized for snacks during the week. Students are encouraged to bring small amounts of money for vending machines or their own snacks/bottled drinks if necessary.

Code of Conduct/Conference Policies

Student participants are expected to act in a responsible manner that will reflect well on themselves, their schools, their state associations and the New England Student Leadership Conference. Participants will be required to sign a code of conduct and agree to observe all conference policies in order to participate in this event. Students who violate any of the conference policies will be asked to leave at their own expense without a refund.

Transportation

Students are not permitted to drive to the conference or leave cars on the Stonehill College campus. Participants from Massachusetts should make arrangements to be dropped off at the event registration area from 1:00-3:00 pm on July 21. Participants travelling from outside Massachusetts will be contacted by their local state associations regarding travel arrangements.

Registration

The student registration fee to attend this conference is \$100. This fee will cover the cost of meals, lodging, training materials, and transportation during the four days. To register for this conference, please download the conference brochure and application materials found at www.miaa.net/NESLC-Brochure.pdf. **The registration deadline is May 18, 2011.** The materials listed below should be submitted to each applicant's local state association (contact information listed on page 13 of the brochure) before the deadline. Registrants will be contacted by their local state association with further information upon receipt of materials.

- Student Delegate Application - Page 7
- Student Health History/Consent for Treatment - Page 8
- Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement - Page 9
- Student Code of Conduct - Page 10
- Elective Session Selection Form - Page 11
- Registration check (\$100) payable to your local state association
- Room key/card deposit check (\$60) payable to "Stonehill College"