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40th ANNUAL MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOLAR - LEADER AWARDS BANQUET

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Dear Middle Level School Principal,

The Connecticut Association of Schools takes great pleasure in announcing the **40th Annual Connecticut Middle Level Scholar-Leader Banquet** to honor Connecticut's outstanding scholar leaders. The banquet will be held on **Monday, May 18, 2026**, at the Aqua Turf Club, 556 Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT. **Doors will open at 4:15 pm.**

We invite CAS member middle schools to select two outstanding students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship and leadership in their school and community.

Criteria and Selection:

Outstanding academic achievement, citizenship and positive influence in the school community are of primary importance in making your decision.

The honorees will receive plaques in recognition of their academic excellence and positive contributions to their schools, and they will be treated to dinner as our guests.

You may reserve a table of up to a maximum of ten guests, including the honorees, their family members and school personnel.

FAMILY STYLE DINNER:

Dinner will be served family style at each school's table. Please share the following meal information with your anticipated guests before you begin the registration process.

MENU

**Salad, Roast Beef, Chicken Parmesan, Ziti, Vegetables, Potatoes
Dessert, Coffee, Tea**

Should anyone have a food allergy or special dietary need, please contact Cathy Prowe at cprowe@casciac.org or 203-651-3909 with details at the time of registration but **no later than May 11, 2026**. Please, do *not* contact the Aqua Turf directly. CAS will coordinate with the Aqua Turf.

REGISTRATION:

We ask that your school's registration be submitted by the principal's office rather than by a chair/teacher in any of the various art departments.

The registration deadline is April 20, 2026.

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and their leaders*

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Before you begin the registration process:

1. Please verify the spelling of your honorees' first and last names to ensure they will be printed accurately on the plaques and in the program. **ONLY** first and last names will be printed.
2. Please ensure that you have provided the family style dinner information to the honorees and all guests.

Please be advised that we have updated our event registration process.

Instructions to create an account and register can be found at:

<https://casci.ac/12756>

You will receive an immediate email response that confirms your reservation and provides instructions for prompt payment. **Please print this confirmation page; this is your invoice.** Should you need to make any changes before the registration deadline, please login to your account and edit your registration. If updated, a new confirmation/invoice will be emailed to you immediately.

Your school's **Table Assignment and Arrival Instructions** will be sent to you in mid-May. Please anticipate the arrival of this information. You will be responsible for distributing this information to your honorees and all registered guests.

TIMELINE:

- Registration is currently open.
- **Registration deadline is April 20, 2026.**
- Cost for family style dinner is \$54.00 per guest: **CAS covers the cost for honorees.**
- Notify CAS of any food allergies or special dietary needs at time of registration but no later than May 11, 2026
- Table Assignment and Arrival Instructions will be sent to you in mid-May.
- Purchase Order or Payment (school/district check **only**), payable to CAS, is due by May 4, 2026 (no personal checks will be accepted).
- Refunds will not be available for non-attendance or for cancellations made after May 4, 2026.

- Banquet – Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:00pm at the Aqua Turf Club. Doors will open at 4:15pm.

Should you have any questions regarding the banquet, please contact Cathy Prowe at cprowe@casciac.org or at 203-651-3909.

We look forward to receiving your registration and seeing you at the banquet.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Caouette
Assistant Executive Director