

★ **NEW ENGLAND** ★ **2014 STUDENT LEADERSHIP** C O N F E R E N C E

July 15-18, 2014
Stonehill College - Easton, MA



Sponsored by the NFHS Section 1 State Associations

New England Student Leadership Conference **July 15-18, 2014 - Stonehill College**

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 form of school activity or athletic program. The involvement of these students in the success of a high school is paramount and critical.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and its Section 1 members 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, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont will be hosting the 4th Annual New England Student Leadership Conference from July 15-18, 2014 at Stonehill College in Easton, MA. This conference is a four-day, residential event for over 300 student and adult leaders who participate in interscholastic athletic and activity programs through their state high school athletic/activities associations.

The conference is modeled after the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference that took place in Indianapolis, IN for over a decade. The NFHS event was the only national student leadership conference of its kind for high school athletes and activity participants. The goal of the NFHS event was to assist high school student-athletes and activity participants in developing their leadership abilities while interacting with peers from across the United States and Canada. This conference will replicate the training curriculum for student-athletes and activity participants 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. The conference will also incorporate a community service project as part of the leadership training curriculum that will take place in local communities.

Supervision

In addition to the 30 college and adult curriculum facilitators, approximately 30 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. A conference nurse will be on site throughout the week for any medical issues. In addition, Stonehill College Public Safety and staff will 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 three t-shirts during registration that are intended to be worn on specific days of the conference. Participants are encouraged to bring a set of clothing/footwear that they will not mind getting dirty as community service projects will take place on Wednesday morning. Please do not bring any questionable or offensive attire. A recommended packing list is available in the application packet.

Housing

Participants will be housed in traditional college residence halls. Each room will accommodate 2-4 delegates. There will be bathrooms and showers on each floor. Bed linens (sheets and blanket) and towels will be provided for each participant. Participants are encouraged to bring their own pillow as this item will not be provided. Participants are to sleep in rooms to which they have been assigned. Visiting a room assigned to the opposite gender is not permitted. Student delegates must submit a separate check made payable to "Stonehill College" in the amount of \$60 as a room key/card deposit. When the room key/card is returned at the end of the conference, the deposit check will be returned to the student delegate. In the event that a delegate loses a room key/card, the check will be deposited by Stonehill College. The sponsoring state associations and Stonehill College are not responsible for key/cards lost or misplaced for any reason.

Meals

Meals will be provided by the college food service in the college dining hall. All meals will be provided beginning with dinner on Tuesday, July 15 and ending with breakfast on Friday, July 18. Students who have food allergies or special dietary needs must indicate such information on the Student Health History Form. Some residence halls have vending machines that can be utilized for snacks during the week. Students are encouraged to bring small amounts of money for vending machines in addition to 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. Students are expected to respect each other and themselves while following the rules of the conference. The use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs is strictly prohibited. In addition, students are expected to observe the established conference and Stonehill College campus curfews each night, sleep in their assigned rooms and not visit housing areas of the opposite gender. Students are not permitted to leave the college campus. 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 between 1:00-3:00 pm on July 15. 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 \$225. This fee will cover the cost of meals, lodging, training, materials, and transportation during the four days. To register for this conference, please complete the application materials found at www.miaa.net and submit them to your local state association. **The registration deadline is May 23, 2014.** Registrants will be contacted by their local state association with further information upon receipt of materials.

