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The Connecticut Association of Schools takes great pleasure in announcing that the **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Connecticut Middle Level Scholar-Leader Banquet** will be held on **Monday, May 20, 2024**, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington beginning at 5:00 p.m. Doors will open at 4:15 p.m.

**Selection Criteria:** This program is designed to give public recognition to **two students** in each middle level school in Connecticut who have distinguished themselves in scholarship and leadership in their school and community. The academic standard established by CAS is based on a cumulative middle school average of at least 85% or "B" or 3.0 or the equivalent standard of excellence for schools that do not use any of these scales. For leadership, schools are welcome to create their own standards but are encouraged to consider active participation in school and community organizations, citizenship, a positive influence on school climate, dependability, responsibility, character, and integrity.

**Again, each school is invited to select TWO students for recognition. No more than two scholar-leaders per school will be accepted.**

**Banquet Details:** Scholar-leaders, their parents, and school officials, **up to a total of ten**, are invited to attend this statewide awards banquet. Scholar-leaders will receive a plaque signifying the honor and will attend the banquet as guests of the Connecticut Association of Schools. The cost for all other attendees from CAS middle level member schools will be \$49.00 per person (*Please send one check to cover all attendees*). Schools that are not middle-level members of CAS are welcome to participate in the program for an additional fee of \$100 and will be required to pay for their scholar leaders' dinners as well.

Meals will be served *family style*. The turkey, chicken, and vegetarian entrees will be served at every table. There will be no need to provide meal selections for each guest who attends this banquet. If any guest has a food allergy or dietary restriction, please notify Cathy Prowe at [cprowe@casciac.org](mailto:cprowe@casciac.org).

**Registration Procedures:** Scholar-Leader Banquet registration must be completed online. Please verify the spelling of your honorees' names so that their plaques are correct and have the names of each guest from your school attending before you begin the online registration.

**Please be advised that we have a temporary registration process in place that is conducted via our new CIAC website.**

**Instructions to create an account and register can be found at:** <https://casci.ac/10333>.

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.

Coordinating a major event for over 1,500 people requires a great deal of advance planning; therefore, it will not be possible to accept walk-ins or admit anyone who has not registered beforehand. Confirmation and table assignments will be sent to you prior to the banquet. Schools will be seated in the order in which their **completed** registrations are received. An early response of a completed registration will determine a favorable seating location. The deadline for registration is **April 26, 2024**.

We look forward to receiving your reservations and seeing you at the banquet. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cathy Prowe at 203-651-3909 or via email at [cprowe@casciac.org](mailto:cprowe@casciac.org).

Sincerely,

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