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TO: Principals, Athletic Directors, MPSSAA Member High Schools
FROM: Michael Duffy, MPSSAA Student Leadership Conference Chair
RE: MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce the MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference sponsored by the Allstate Foundation returns for its eighth consecutive year. The Student-Athlete Leadership Conference is designed to develop student leadership skills that enhance sportsmanship, making good decisions and promotes teamwork, time management, perspective, inclusion, healthy lifestyle, and community service.

These positive values have been well documented through research as benefits of participating in interscholastic athletics. The structure of the conference provides student interaction through dynamic guest speakers and interactive workshops. Students will create their own solutions for enhancing sportsmanship, leadership, and community involvement in their own school setting.

The conference is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Howard High School, in Howard County. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by the first opening session at 8:45 a.m. The conference will conclude by 4:00 p.m.

The conference is open to rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who participate in interscholastic athletics at MPSSAA member schools and who have not attended a previous MPSSAA Student-Leadership Conference. Each school has the opportunity to send up to three student delegates.

Once you have identified viable candidates to represent your school, please follow the instructions in this packet. Please emphasize to your selected athletes that they must make a commitment to attend the conference. The MPSSAA is hopeful the conference will be administered with a full complement of students from our entire membership.

After April 6, 2017 the MPSSAA will open the remaining unfilled spots for the conference to as many student-athletes from any school that would like to attend until we reach our capacity of 400 student-athletes.

Any questions about participating in the student-athlete leadership conference should be directed to the Student Leadership Conference Chair, Michael Duffy at 410-313-2874 or mpssaasc@gmail.com.

www.mpssaa.org



MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Information



The MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference sponsored by the Allstate Foundation will begin with registration at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The first session begins at 8:45 a.m. so we advise all students to show up early and be ready for a great day.

Information Center

For the latest information on the Student-Athlete Leadership Conference, go to www.mpssaa.org and click on the Student Leadership Conf. tab under membership services. This page contains information on the day's events, a listing of participating schools, location, and directions.

Date/Time

Saturday, June 10, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location

Howard High School
8700 Old Annapolis Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Who Can Attend

The conference is open to rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who participate in interscholastic athletics at MPSSAA member schools. **Those who have attended a previous conference are not eligible to attend.**

Initial registration allots each school three representatives. Athletic Directors should identify students they wish to represent their school at the conference. Provide students with the student/parent consent form found in the registration packet. Have students and parent's sign and return the consent form.

School Representatives

School representatives may attend and observe all the general and workshop sessions. The MPSSAA asks you to provide your name in advance to Michael Duffy at mpssaasc@gmail.com so we may provide you with a lunch and ID badge. School representatives wishing to assist in facilitating the conference should email Michael Duffy at the above address.

Cost

FREE – There is no registration fee. The conference is put on as a service of the MPSSAA and conference sponsors.

Transportation

Student transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of participants. Please try to arrive by 8:15 a.m. to ensure registration runs smoothly and we start the conference promptly at 8:45 a.m. Please check with your local school system regarding any bus transportation that may be supplied.

Meals

Lunch will be provided by the MPSSAA. If attendees need special meals based on allergies please email mpssaasc@gmail.com

Attire

Students should wear shorts of proper length, t-shirt, and tennis shoes.

Materials

Conference materials and handouts will be distributed at registration. Participants will also receive a gift and T-shirt.

Registration

Students wishing to attend the conference must register through their Athletic Director. Athletic Directors will be provided a consent form to have signed and will register their school's representatives at mpssaa.org and clicking on the Student Leadership Conference page.