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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 ninth 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 09, 2018 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 3:30 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 four 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 compliment of students from our entire membership.

After April 9, 2018 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 mpssaaslc@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 09, 2018. 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 09, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 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 four 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 mpssaaslc@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 – 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 mpssaaslc@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.



**2018 MPSSAA
Student-Athlete Leadership Conference
Supported by the Allstate Foundation**



Howard High School, June 09, 2018

Student-Athlete Conference

Registration	8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Opening Session – Craig Hillier	8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Workshops (Creating Team Culture, Hazing, Social Media, Group Dynamics)	
Session 1	9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.
Session 2	10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
Session 3	10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Session 4	11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
Lunch	11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker – Craig Hillier	12:35 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.
Group A	
Team Building	1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Allstate Community Challenge	1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Group B	
Allstate Community Challenge	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Team Building	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Closing Session	3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



MPSSAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Registration Information For Athletic Directors



Athletic Directors,

Please use the following information to register student-athletes for the 2018 Student Leadership Conference. Online registration will open on March 12, 2018. If you have any questions about participating in the student-athlete leadership conference should be directed to the Student Leadership Chair, Michael Duffy at 410-313-2874 or mpssaasc@gmail.com

Who Can Attend

Student-Athletes

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 four student representatives. The capacity of the conference is 400 student-athletes. Last year's conference was at capacity. If capacity is not reached by April 9, 2018 registration will open to more than four students per school.

Adult 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.

How to Register Your School Delegation

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.

Go to www.mpssaa.org and select the student leadership conference page under membership services. Select Student Leadership Conference Registration Form. Fill out the registration information for your school and select submit.

Please fax consent forms to the MPSSAA at 410-333-3111, scan forms to Jason.bursick@maryland.gov or mail forms to 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21201.



**2018 MPSSAA
Student-Athlete Leadership Conference
Student/Parent Release From**



Student Name _____ **School** _____

Contact Email (for updated conference information) _____

Grade: _____ **T-Shirt Size:** _____

Student Emergency Contact Name _____ **Phone:** _____

Location: Howard High School **Date:** Saturday, June 09, 2018

I, the undersigned student leader, do hereby agree:

- **To honor my commitment to attend the Student Leadership Conference.**
- To abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the MPSSAA, the Adult Delegates, and all adult supervisors.
- To waive and release any and all rights and claims for any damages I may have against the MPSSAA, and any other employee of the MPSSAA for any injuries arising from my participation in this activity.
- To accept responsibility for my behavior so that it does not reflect discredit on my school, my state association, or myself.
- To treat all student and adult delegates with respect and dignity.
- I understand that if I break any of the rules of the Conference that I will be sent home immediately at my own expense, after the MPSSAA has made arrangements with my parent/legal guardian.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

I the parent/guardian of the above signed student understand the obligations accepted by my son/daughter and give my consent for his/her participation in the MPSSAA Student Leadership Conference. My son/daughter does not have a pre-existing medical condition that would bar him/her from participating in said conference. I do further release the MPSSAA, Anne Arundel County School System, sponsors of said conference, and any other employee of said organizations from any claim for damages incurred by the said student that might be a direct or indirect outgrowth of his/her participation in said conference.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

Please return to your school Athletic Director who will submit with your registration to the MPSSAA.