

DEAR PARENT(S):

Planning is underway for the February 5-7, 2010, LEAD Conference to be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, VA, just across the Potomac River from our nation's capitol. The LEAD Conference is designed for middle level and high school National Honor Society (NHS), National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Association of Student Council (NASC) students and advisers. The NHS, NJHS and the NASC are committed to creating and maintaining an environment in which all persons who participate in programs and activities feel safe and comfortable (see a full overview of these conferences and the Acceptable Conduct and Safe Environment Policy at www.nhs.us/LEAD or www.nasc.us/LEAD). School principals must approve travel of school groups attending the LEAD Conferences and advisers are required to attend and chaperone student attendees.

The theme for the LEAD Conferences is "**Energize Your Leadership!**" The conferences offer attendees an opportunity to *experience leadership, explore new ideas, and exchange concepts and resources with other leaders from around the country.*

What is LEAD? LEAD Conferences provide the vehicle for students to apply skills, develop character, learn responsible behavior, enhance communication skills, and take part in activities to strengthen their leadership skills. All sites offer exclusive workshops such as leadership, communication, goal setting, fundraising, diversity, and organization with the needs of student council and honor society students in mind.

What is special at the LEAD Conferences? The conference will feature the popular **Officer Training Program** for officers or students aspiring to become officers that offer in-depth training geared towards their unique needs as a student council or honor society officer.

NHS & NJHS and Student Council Training Programs Offered

Both Honor Society and Student Council students can take part in workshops and sessions designed specifically with their needs in mind.

This conference is a fun-filled weekend experience for students!

*A World of New Ideas * Sharing * Meeting New Friends
Community * Knowledge * Strength*



Why do students need this training? There is no better way to improve leadership skills than to attend LEAD conferences that connect students with other leaders and offer experiences and information that are relevant to their success. You can be assured that they will return with new ideas that can be used to positively affect their school and community. Attending a LEAD Conference is a great addition to student's resumes. It's a meaningful experience they will never forget.

What are attendees saying about these conferences?

"We are grateful for the opportunity to be here and are very thankful that events like this are available for us. We have learned a lot that will help us improve our chapter and in turn our school and community. Keep doing the great work that you do to develop student leaders, we are all better for the experience." Debby Jackson, Adviser and Students from Hazelwood Southeast Middle School, St. Louis, MO.

Who sponsors this conference? The LEAD Conference is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) designed for students and advisers in the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society & the National Association of Student Councils. For further information about NASSP visit www.principals.org.