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The Student Leadership Training Program
Staff & Alumni Notes

Thank You Garden

Believe it or not Spring is right around the corner. So as you plan your spring calendar of activities, why not begin with a project to acknowledge the contributions of those folks who have provided support and encouragement all year long?

Select a spot on your school property and designate it as a Thank You Garden for the advisers, adult volunteers, coaches and anyone else who has made a difference for the young people in your school and community. *Popcorn* the possible nominees, and then send every honoree a card saying that a flowering plant has been donated to the garden in his or her name.

Have a garden party celebration for all the recipients after the first round of planting has been completed.

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A Crisis of Trust

If *trust* were an animal it would be on the endangered species list! At least that is what the results indicate from a study by the National Opinion Research Center. Just one in five teenagers think people are generally trustworthy - that's a meager 20%. Tom Smith, the NORC director, says teens think people are less trustworthy and that human nature is less good overall. The study goes on to suggest that the numbers seem to suggest as the source the numbers of teens who come from broken homes.

Notably the study points out that teens are more willing to trust other teens. This is just one more piece of evidence for STUDENT leadership.

STUDENT led organizations and activities can provide ALL students opportunities to learn and to experience trust in their daily lives. Working together, sharing responsibilities and learning to depend on others is a large part of what student activities are about.

Anxieties about betrayal leads many young people into making bad choices in their relationships, in their friendships, about school and about their everyday lives.

Trusting others and accepting another's trust are part of the leadership experience AND yet another way that a STUDENT leader can make a difference.

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Listening Check-up

Are you a good listener? Do you remember the physical traits of a good listener?

- L - look `em in the eye** - - make eye contact
- I - inch closer** - - lean in, turn your body toward the speaker
- S - smile appropriately** - - mirroring the emotional content
- T - touch appropriately** - - touch lightly to indicate for emphasis
- E - emote** - - sound off!!
- N - nod** - - nod or shake your head in tune with what is said
- E - engage** - - encourage your speaker to say more
- R - repeat** - - restate what they said to clarify or stress

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The Officer Training Seminar

The newest SLTP offering is the Officer Training Seminar, which will be offered July 6 & 7 at Nichols College. The OTS has been designed to be a practical "nuts and bolts" conference specifically for officers of student organizations. Workshops will cover the specific skills necessary to hold and administer student offices. Additional sessions will enable officer teams to plan and strategize as well as learn techniques to build stronger teams and more focused organizations.

Much more detailed information regarding the OTS is available at our Website (<http://differencemakers.com/SLTP/>)

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Application packets

The application packets for the entire 2001 Program will be mailed later this month. Everyone who attended last summer, every member school and every school in New England will receive the mailing.

Applications are available on line at the SLTP Website too.
(<http://differencemakers.com/SLTP/>)

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Make a difference so that we can make a difference

We need your help AND we need it badly. SLTP is strictly a "word of mouth" program. We do not have an advertising budget. We do not produce wonderful colorful brochures. We do not run ads on TV. We cannot afford it. All of our resources are focused on the students who attend the program.

We need you help to spread the word.

We need your help to invite students to attend our program.

We need your help to enable others the chance to learn about making a difference.

Won't you please help us? Will you tell your brother, or your sister?

Will you invite your friends? Will you suggest SLTP to your cousins?

Without the help of our graduates, present and former staffers, SLTP would be empty.

It is a big risk to enroll for a leadership camp. The fact is that only a very small percentage of the students who would like to make a difference take that risk. Those that take the risk never regret it.

So, once again, will you help us? We promise not to let you down. We are planning an exciting and ambitious schedule this summer.

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Peace Angels

The count is : **7,211**

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ALC update

Currently there are just 13 spaces remaining for ALC this coming summer!

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A new SLTP Webpage

Recently SLTP opened a new webpage - The SLTP Staff ToolBox - this webpage has been designed to enhance and enable experiential instruction. It is a resource for *teambuilders, warm-ups, mixers, games and icebreakers*. There are over 70 activities defined and described at this site.

<http://www.angelfire.com/ma3/sltpteam/index.html>

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Fowarding addresses

Let us know if your email address is going to change. Also, let us know if you know any alumni or former staffers who are not receiving this newsletter - - tap us their email addresses so we can include them on our mailings.

Also let us know if your snail mail address has changed!!

The 2001 SLTP

at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts

Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!

LTC's - - July 17 - 21; July 24 - 28; July 31 - Aug 4; Aug 7 - 11

ALC's - - July 25 - 28; Aug 8 - 11

Collegiate Initiative - - July 2 & 3

Officer Training Seminar - - July 6 & 7

Adviser Certification - - Aug 1 - 4

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