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*The Student Leadership Training Program
Staff & Alumni Notes*

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Isn't it about time to get SMART about setting goals?

Com'on, you remember the system - S.M.A.R.T. Are you setting and reaching goals, or have you settled into a pattern that imitates the weather conditions - - somedays bright and sunny, somedays cold and bitter, some days a blizzard of activity and others just plain all wet! (That kinda sounds like the weather around here for the past month - except for the bright and sunny).

Well, if the above describes your situation it is time to stop being Alice in Wonderland. It's time to be SMART. We know that goal setting works. We know that goal setting relieves stress. We also know that goal setting is risky and therefore sometimes scary - - face your fears. Set your sights on success. Like camp this summer it will be quite an Adventure to SEE.

Make sure your goals are:

- Specific**
- Measurable**
- Action oriented**
- Realistic**
- Time defined.**

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Want to help us to design this summer's Camp Tee Shirt?

Are you artisitic? Is there someone in your group who is? We are accepting design suggestions from member schools for this summer's tee-shirt. If one of the sunmitted designs is chosen, then that school would earn FOUR partial camperships of \$35 each, as well as a special commemerative award for display.

The rules are simple. The art work must be "photo-ready," that is ready for silk screening. The art work must be black and white - no shades of gray. The deadline for submissions is May 3rd.

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"A human being's first responsibility is to shake hands with himself." - Henry Winkler

During our week at SLTP we live and practice something we call 24 hour mutual respect.

What does that actually mean?

This school year like most, has found me in many different school all over the country. Almost all have wonderful mission statements. Almost all of those statements pay homage to acceptance, to respect and to appreciating diversity.

Again I ask, "what does that mean?"

I am not being flip. Nor am I being condesending. I am simply asking you what you think it means.

In most schools it seems to mean ignoring differences. It means not noticing. It means walking through the corridors with blinders on.

Was it like that during our week at SLTP? Did we ignore or did we notice?

I think you'll agree hat we noticed. I think you'll agree that 24 hour mutual respect means taking action. Acceptance requires action. Acceptance requires us to notice differences - - when we notice, we can appreciate. And appreciation is just anoher way to indicate caring.

So take the advise of the old TV star, "the Fonz" and begin your handshakes with yourself. Then get out and meet and greet folks in your corridors. Start saying "hi" to everyone. Share smiles. Share enthusiasm. Make a difference through acceptance.

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Inquiries from a distance . . .

Already signed up to attend this summer are kids from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio and Florida. Inquiries have come in from kids (or their parents) from Vermont, Michigan and Wyoming. Yesterday's email brought an inquiry from Guam - - if those two kids come, they will definitely have enough time to read all of their Magic Notes on the ride home!!!

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SLTP Administrative Board Election

The SLTP is governed by an Administrative Board made up of serving LI's, the CC's, the Director and Helen who is the Director of CASA which is our sponsoring organization ([see the web site for more information www.differencemakers.com/SLTP/](http://www.differencemakers.com/SLTP/))

Joining the AB are Jen McGonagle, Jeanne Gannon (recently married nee Duggan) and Stacey Hurd.

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The Staff Conference 2001

The SLTP staffers descended upon Camp Aldersgate in Scituate, RI last month (actually St Patrick's Day weekend) for a three day training conference. The schedule was filled with teambuilders, energizers, breakaways, and all sorts of TASKS.

Among the highlights of the weekend was the presentation of a play that the LT staff wrote. It was very, very powerful. The play will be included in this summer's camp program.

The parking lot thawed out and became a field of very soft mud. That led to a "monster truck rally" SLTP style. Needless to say, most of the staff ended up with a wittle mud on themselves!

The Staff Conference is really the only chance that the entire staff gets an opportunity to be together - although it may seem like everyone comes to the Thursday night socials!

At the SC, the staff learned who was working with who - - and the Crew teams and the A-Teams all got the opportunity to discuss their assignments and to develop their plans.

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ALC opened up

The phone calls and pleas for understanding have not fallen on deaf ears . . . the ceiling for ALC enrollment has been extended as much as we can to 26 per week.

That means we still have some room in both ALC's. Don't wait any longer!

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Is your Adviser coming?

Is your adviser coming to Adviser Camp? If not - - why not? Adviser Camp is the surest and best way to become an SLTP LI, and wouldn't that be an asset to your school?

See what you can do . . .

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The Officer Training Seminar

The first OTS will be held this summer and it is the best way we know o get officer teams ready for the challenges. It is very inexpensive. It will help. Give your group the opportunity to get a head start, get your officers to the OTS.

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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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