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An Email Newsletter for SLTP Alumni & Staff

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Our Most Successful To Date

The 2002 summer conferences were our most well attended ever. Some of the results of that attendance were predictable -- our differencemaking numbers for ornaments, food / clothing / toiletry collection were off the scale. But what made the experience the most successful was not the numbers -- it was the participation and spirit of each session. All four sessions were as different as could be, yet all four shared an awakening of energy that had to be felt to be believed.

Alyssa and I want to thank everyone who attended and / or staffed this summer -- the Safari was incredible!

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The ReEnergizer

Our annual ReEnergizer Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, November 30** at Nichols College - - the registration forms are on the CD you received before Closing Circle AND in the packet your parents received at the parent Orientation.

The registration fee is only \$15.

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The Earliest Bird Applications

Also on that CD are the Super Early Bird Applications for next summer. If you already know you are coming -- don't wait -- sign up now!

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2002 Video's

The final date for ordering a copy of the 2002 Camp Video is October 15. Video's are \$15 (checks made out to CASA-LEAD). Send the check with name, address, phone and

email address PLUS the SESSION # (1, 2 , 3, or 4).
Videos will be distributed at the REE.

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Conference Coordinators for 2003

The 2003 CC's will be **Alyssa Currier**, **Shira Hirshberg** and **Michelle Tiu**.

Alyssa will be returning for her third summer serving as CC. Last summer, Alyssa worked all 4 sessions! Alyssa is a sophomore at UMass Amherst.

Shira will be serving her fourth year on staff and her first as CC. Shira is a freshman at Syracuse University.

Michelle will be serving her third year on staff and her first as CC. Michelle is a sophomore at MIT.

Welcome aboard, now buckle up and keep your arms and legs in the vehicle at all times as this is a wild ride!

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2003 SLTP Staff

The staff selection process for 2003 is almost complete. Last week the C-Team (the CC's and Director) met for a two day session to select the 2003 LT's. This year there were over 100 finalists which needed to be narrowed down to a roster of 36. The essays, resumes and letters of recommendation were incredible. 37 were selected and will begin the Staff Development Program next month.

The LI roster is coming together also, the Orientation for LI Staff is scheduled for the second weekend in October.\

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The SLTP Alumni Network

When an educational program states its fundamental credo as "*leaders walk their talk*," that sets an extraordinary standard for any organization created for its alumni. And that is exactly what we have done with SMD. Students Making Differences is a proactive service organization - - an organization through which SLTP leaders and others will MAKE a DIFFERENCE together.

SMD will become the year-long action arm of SLTP, and the best part is that this action will be LOCAL and STUDENT directed. Every SLTP graduate and staffer are encouraged to form local SMD Chapters at their school, at their college, or in their community. The applications for Chapter certification will be available on the SMD Website which should be activated by September 25.

SMD has been founded on three basic principles - *Inclusion*, *Growth* and *DifferenceMaking*. Each Chapter will create plans to put these principles in action. The SMD structure has been formatted from the ground up. Beginning at the local level, SMD has been organized into Chapters.

Forming a SMD Chapter

To form SLTP SMD Chapters applicants need annual SLTP certification which is dependent

upon:

- > *submission of membership roster - - at least **one** member must be a SLTP graduate or staffer - - the minimum number of student members is **5***
- > *submission of Action Plans for Inclusion, Growth and Differencemaking*
- > *within 30 days of certification submission of constitution/charter/officers and election of Regional Board Representative*

SMD Membership benefits

SMD Chapters will receive (as benefits of membership):

- > local leadership and differencemaking opportunities
- > a membership packet from SLTP that will include the membership certificate
- > special camperships to SLTP
- > special recognition at all SLTP events
- > differencemaking informational sharing
- > recognition for action plan achievement
- > expanded student leadership opportunities (chapter offices, regional rep office, conferences)
- > access to Connections; the ACTion Project (workshops & special presentations) for their school or event

There are 24 geographically defined regions at this point. Some of the large more involved areas will eventually split - - but for now the regional definitions will stay as they are - - the website will include a full roster of the regions as well as a list of the Regional Directors.

Each region will:

- > have a student oversight board composed of one representative from each Chapter
- > become an information sharing platform for its Chapters
- > strive to recognize the efforts and achievements of the local chapters - - especially related to *Inclusion; Growth and Differencemaking*

For example - - a Chapter might receive a commendation from the Regional Board for *Inclusion* (based upon doubling the membership of the chapter) or a *DifferenceMaker* Award for volunteering at the local hospital or a Special *Growth* Citation for being a **Grand Slam Award School** . . .

Let us know what you think about this . . . We're looking forward to seeing the Chapter applications.

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Address check

Please check with all of the campers and former staffers with whom you are still in contact to see if they received this issue of our alumni/staff newsletter - - and if they didn't, please ask them to tap us a line with their correct email address, unfortunately there are still a few mistakes on our email lists.

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The 2003 SLTP Conference Schedule

at

Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts

Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!

The ReEnergizer Conference - Saturday, November 30

Collegiate Initiative - - January 12

DifferenceMaker Showcase - April TBA

Leadership in Athletics Conference - June 27 - 29

Officer Training Seminar - - June 30 - July 1

LTC's - - July 8 - 12; July 15 - 21; July 29 - Aug 2; Aug 5 - 9

ALC's - - July 8 - 12; July 16 - 21; July 30 - Aug 2; Aug 6 - 9

Adviser Certification - - July 30 - Aug 2

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