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A Newsletter for SLTP Alumni and Staff

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Get to's

What is Community Service? Why is it necessary? Who benefits? Does it really make a difference?

The answers to those questions are EASY. Any leader who understands their role as a citizen can readily answer the easy questions -- but there are harder questions. Such as -- "how to keep everyone seeing the real meaning behind the service?" -- and "how to make the service experience a real learning experience?"

SLTP teaches and encourages leaders to see leadership as a "GET to" and not a "HAVE TO." And we honestly feel that the service experience could and should be among the most meaningful experiences any student can have during high school or college.

On April 6, at the DifferenceMaker Showcase we have enlisted the assistance of service professionals to come to speak to student leaders from all across our region. We plan to examine service as a learning experience, and we hope to discuss, explore and delineate the benefits of service as a learning venture.

Please make plans to join us. Registrations will be accepted until April 1. The fee is only \$10. The site is of course - Nichols College.

Join us for an SLTP afternoon. We will explore Service Learning SLTP-style -- which means with all the enthusiasm we can muster.

Registration forms are available at: www.sltp.info ; go to the applications section ([DifferenceMaker Showcase Registration](#))

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Student Leader of the Year

Among the highlights of the DifferenceMaker Showcase Conference will be the celebration of the Student Leader of the Year, SLTP's most prestigious and most recognized award. Come help us to recognize and to celebrate his or her achievements.

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Lifetime DifferenceMaker Awards

Additionally at the Showcase SLTP will celebrate some of the most remarkable individuals in all of New England. We will be honoring the lifetime of Differences made for young people all across New England in and out of the classroom.

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Application Packets

The third and Final Mailing of SLTP's Application Packets will arrive at your school in the next two weeks -- please direct this packet to the students and advisers who are interested in learning how to make a difference.

Applications for all of our summer conferences are rolling in at this point. We are expecting our highest enrollment to date. Because of staffing limitations this year, we may have to restrict the size of some of the sessions -- so if a particular session is the only one you can attend -- please register soon. Do not be left out.

One deadline is fast approaching -- and that is the deadline for TLC (the Leadership Center, which is our most advanced leadership seminar) -- the deadline to apply for TLC is APRIL 25.

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Tie a Yellow Ribbon

Regardless of whether you support the war or find the war unsupportable, that is a political ideal. Support of our troops crosses political boundaries. Wishing them well, and praying for their safe return is the least anyone can do.

SLTP is encouraging our family and our member schools to join in a demonstration of support by decorating their homes and schools with Yellow Ribbons and to wear a yellow ribbon until the troops come home.

The young men and women who are in harm's way in Iraq include many SLTP alumni, family members, friends, and parents -- and all of our prayers go out for their safe return.

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The 2003 SLTP Conference Schedule

at

Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts

Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!

DifferenceMaker Showcase - April 6

Leadership in Athletics Conference - June 29 - July 1

Officer Training Seminar - - July 1 - 2

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

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

TLC - - July 16 - 21

Adviser Certification - - July 30 - Aug 2

The ReEnergizer Conference - November 29

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