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VOLUME 7 ISSUE 9 THE SLTP ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2007



Don't be left out!

On the last two pages of this newsletter are the flyer and registration form for the InterLead. Come join

your voice with the voices of community leaders and student leaders from all across our tri-state region.

The InterLead forum is your chance to be heard on the

politics of hate. The delegation will address the environments that foster racism, homophobia, classism, sexism, - not merely to vent or rant, but to develop action plans.

Join us — there are only 300 seats, and 100 are filled already!

The InterLead By Helen Fitzgerald, CASA Executive Director

It's less than a month away. And the excitement among our staff has been building. The Administrative Board, the staff and the alumni executive board have been busy inviting community and political leaders to view "a place at the table" and to participate in the forum on hate with us. Like last year this was difficult at first — most legislators did not want to give up their family time, but we have been gathering more and more commitments to attend.

InterLead - short for Inter-State Student Leadership Forum - will attempt to be a forum for the expression of student ideas and opinions on the issues which most affect them. And in joining the student voices with the voices of community leadership, we hope to create a real spirit of activism. Last year the InterLead developed a highly acclaimed "white paper" on violence against women.

SLTP is committed to sponsor The InterLead conference to raise,

discuss and explore issues that face students and to explore community action. The Forum portion of the conference will bring together student leaders with community leaders to determine and create action plans.

The InterLead is a conference that makes a statement. It's statement on the issues will be supplemented by the combination of exploration of workshops designed to empower the actions.

This year the Forum will address the issues and effects of hatred, its causes, and will explore action plans. The key element in the program will be the play, "a place at the table." Following a thorough processing of the play which will include a determination of its reality and connection to high school and collegiate school life, there will be discussion groups designed to involve student leaders and community leaders in solution planning. We are inviting state

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The Student Leaders of the Year—2007

Each year we endeavor to celebrate and honor the achievements and involvement of SLTP graduates through the prestigious Student Leader of the Year Awards.

The accomplishments and involvement level of the graduates of SLTP is well known across the country. SLTP Alumni continue to make their mark in their high schools, in their communities and especially at the colleges they choose to attend. This year we have 16 students nominated for the award. Each clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of student leadership and the evidence of that effect was plain to see in their accompanying resumes and testimonial letters.

All will be feted at the InterLead Conference in front of

their parents, teachers and peers. All will receive SLTP scholarships and camperships for deserving students back at their school.

Here are the nominees:

Sarah Groh—Warwick Vets HS, senior

Becky Damon—Rockland HS, senior

Danielle Desrosiers—Warwick Vets HS, senior

Jared Katz—St John's Prep, junior

Michaela Tracy—CoventryHS, sophomore

Micaela Relihan—Belchertown HS, senior

Brittany Perro—Northbridge HS, senior

Mary Hogan—Farmington HS, sophomore

Yunna Leshchinskiy—Beaver Country Day, senior

Gena Ricciardi—Tahanto HS,

senior

Sam Pellerin—Burrillville HS—senior

Chris Sullivan—Nipmuc HS, Senior

Liz Clapp—Norwell HS, senior
Alex Schaller—East Greenwich, senior

Doug Williams—Belchertown HS, senior

Farrar Cooper—Beaver Country Day—senior

A message from the 2006 Student Leader of the Year

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe it has been a year since the last InterLead. Currently I am a freshman at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. Marine biology and SLTP may seem worlds apart, but it is amazing how often the lessons I learned at camp and during staff training have been reinforced here at school.

While I cannot be at the

InterLead to support this year's nominees, my best wishes and warmest thoughts go out to the nominees.

Last year I was blown away by the accomplishments and achievements of my fellow 2006 nominees, and I am certain that I would be by this year's crop as well.

I am most disappointed by not being able to participate in this

year's InterLead forum. Hate in all of its forms—racism, homophobia, sexism, classism, and all of the isms is evident to anyone and everyone in every school. Doing something about it is not as evident.

I am looking forward to reading the white paper. I am proud of our organization. SLTP is not afraid to take a stand.

Love,
Lauren Nutter

In your mailbox soon

The third and final Mailing of SLTP's entire 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. (Check

the article on page 3 for the available openings as of the publication of this newsletter.) One very important note—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 -- register soon. Applications are readily available on line as pdf files.

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 or as soon as it is full -- we only had 3 spaces available at press time.

This Summer—what’s available?



Registrations for all our summer conferences are underway in earnest! There are just over 15 weeks to go before our summer conferences kick off. All of the applications are available on line as pdf files at www.sltp.info

OTS

There is one session which is open to all forms of officer teams – from full cabinets to co-captains – from clubs to classes to student gov-

ernment. (The team requirement is that there must be at least a pair of officers)

July 5-6

LTC

There are four sessions. And there are just over 100 slots available at this point.

July 10-14; July 17-21;
July 31– August 4
and Aug 7-11

ALC

There are four sessions and approximately 30 slots available.

July 11-14; July 18-21;
August 1-4; and Aug 8-11

TLC

There is only one session and there are 3 slots left.

July 11-14

Adviser Certification

There is only one session which is open to all teachers, coaches and collegians and there are 9 slots left.

July 26-27

Leadership in Athletics

There is only one session which is open to secondary and collegiate athletes and their coaches and there are 24 slots left.

July 26-27

National Teacher’s Day



Mark your calendar. The date is May 8. Celebrate the day by making a difference. Celebrate the day by sharing an affirmation. On each and every one of our personal thankful lists teachers names can be found.

Reach out to one or two of them. Send them a real thank you note. Be specific. Make their day. When you do, you know that you will also be making the day for all of the students they reach.

Staff Appreciation Day

For staff appreciation day, for new teachers, or substitutes the survival kit can be filled with a variety of little gifts or classroom necessities.

Start with a plain white lunch sized bag or a small plain white gift box. Incorporating the school logo, design labels to apply to the top and front of the box. Line with tissue paper. Attach a hand written card indicating the use of the items inside the box. Fill the box with the items (see below). Be sure to hand deliver personally to each recipient.

For the new teacher: the box might contain, among other things,

- a package of Life Savers,
- a red pen,
- school plan and map,

- a history of the school,
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- a logo button to wear, and an engraved name tag for back to school nights.

For staff appreciation: Among other things

- Big Hunk Candy bars - We'd be missing a big hunk without you
- Hersey's Kiss & Hugs - Hugs and Kisses from the students
- Band aids - prevent infections from some of us cut ups
- Alka Seltzer - for those rare moments when the Zoo goes wild
- Pencils - to rewrite the history

Activity idea

of the school

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- box of raisins - Thanks for your help in Raisin school spirit
- ruler - with us excellence is the rule.
- Post-it note pad - Thanks for helping us stick to our goals.
- Baseball cards - with us you're in the major leagues.

National Day of Silence

The Day of Silence, a project of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in collaboration with the United States Student Association (USSA), is a student-led day of action where those who support making anti-LGBT bias unacceptable in schools take a day-long vow of silence to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment -- in effect, the silencing -- experienced by LGBT students and their allies.

The Day of Silence is scheduled to take place on **April 18, 2007**.

The Day of Silence is an awesome opportunity to create more inclusive school environments and make some noise by being visibly silent. The Day of Silence has been taking place annually since 1996 and this year tens of thousands of students are expected to participate. Last year many of the SLTP member high schools and colleges participated. And al-

ready 15 of our member schools have tapped to indicate they are participating again this year.

For a student's perspective on this day visit page 3 of this newsletter.

For more information about the Day of Silence visit:

<http://www.dayofsilence.org/>

Invite Your Community Leaders

Invite your community leaders to join you at the InterLead. The SLTP Staff, our Alumni Board and the folks at Nichols are sending personal invitations to legislators and community leaders. And we have been getting many "yeses."

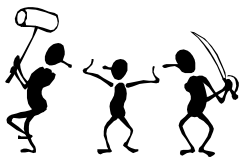
But don't leave it all up to us. In fact, please help us by inviting your legislators and the leaders of your community.

We believe that this issue is too important to try to solve by accident. We believe that intentionality is the best course of action. We believe that students should be part of the solution.

Last year at the InterLead, the results were incredible and included the white paper that is very much in demand from community leaders across the country. Each of our previous plays "stop, look

and listen" and "silence is NOT an option" got a lot of student leaders actively involved in trying to work on these problems, we believe that the Forum this year will allow for substantial discussions and that it will lead to even more activism.

So help us to reach out.—check out page 6 for letter suggestions and for the email addresses of the legislators!



Spring—tis the season for conflict

In any group conflict is inevitable because different people have different viewpoints. A conflict can be defined as a situation where the concerns or interests of two or more persons appear incompatible. Group members may see the needs of the organization differently because of their different ages, values, situations, jobs, or prior experiences. In most organizations conflicts arise over questions such as:

What should we be doing?

How should we be doing it?
Who should do it?
Should it be done at all?
Why can't we do it MY way?
Who says?

Since conflict is natural AND inevitable, the goal of the group should not be to eliminate conflict, any more than it should be to eliminate mistakes. Both conflict and mistakes go hand in hand with growth! At the same time though, it is not a good idea to ignore conflict any more than it is to ignore a mistake.

When conflict is ignored, or approached on a win/lose basis, communication breaks down, animosities develop and the ability of the group to function is destroyed or at least impaired.

Conflicts need to be resolved constructively. When conflict arises and is dealt with openly, group members are stimulated to employ creativity as alternatives are considered and commitment continues because collaboration allows positive relationships to develop.

The InterLead— a sneak peek!

According to the American Journal of Preventive medicine, prejudice and hatred are institutionalized. Prejudice and hatred are not pre-existing conditions. Both are learned. The Student Leadership Training Program alumni and staff are working to find solutions to the escalating problem of school violence in New England.

On April 29, at Nichols College, SLTP will host a unique event. It is called the InterLead, and it will be a forum joining student leaders with community leaders to discuss, investigate and collaborate on this problem. The attendees at the InterLead Conference will see *a place at the table*, a powerful and dramatic play based on the real life stories of high school students who experi-

ence the hatred everyday.

a place at the table is the story of two young students who warmly invite us to see their everyday lives – lives that have been disrupted by a major incident.

Following the processing of the play, the audience - student leaders from all across New England and invited state legislators from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut will engage in a discussion aimed at collaborative solutions.

SLTP is once again raising an issue that is usually met with silence. Silence is complicity. Silence contributes to validate the violence of the hatreds. These are the very issues where it is important to bring together the student leaders with the community leaders. Because student leadership must be involved with community leadership if solutions are to be found.

Dr. Jim Fitzgerald, founder

and director of SLTP said, “Our hope is to heighten awareness and to engage the best minds from our schools and communities to develop solutions that will result in a cultural shift that does not accept hatred as natural or provide excuses about how impossible it is to solve this problem.”

Dr. Fitzgerald adds, “That is the point of the InterLead, bringing student leaders from so many schools to engage with community leaders on this issue is sure to get both groups actively engaged seeking solutions. Our alumni believe that leaders must stand up for what is right, even if they are standing alone. On April 29, at the InterLead, student leaders will get a chance to stand side by side with their community leaders. We are pleased to give them a place to stand. Archimedes said that with a place to stand he could move the world. At SLTP we believe that leaders have the power to change the world.”

Come join us on April 29!

The Play—a place at the table

The Schedule

8:15 - 8:55	Registration	<i>Auditorium Foyer</i>	1:35	Skill session 3	<i>Assigned Rooms</i>
	Activity Fair			Formal presentations	
	Reception for Legislators & Special Guests—				
	Ingraham Room		2:25	Closing Session	<i>Auditorium</i>
9:01	Welcome	<i>Auditorium</i>		Campership Drawings	
	Opening Ceremonies			Student Leader of the Year Award	
	Getting Started			Lifetime of Difference Award	
	Introduction of guests			Wrap / rap	
9:21	<i>a place at the table</i>	<i>Auditorium</i>	3:15	Departure	
10:45	Collaboration	<i>Auditorium in sections</i>			
	What can be done?				
	Group Reports				
11:35	Working Lunch	<i>Davis Hall Foyer</i>			
12:15	Skill session 1	<i>Assigned Rooms</i>			
	Problem solving				
12:55	Skill session 2	<i>Assigned Rooms</i>			
	Consensus building				

The InterLead— a sneak peek!

Hey everyone,
I just emailed my senator to invite him to the Interlead and I figured I'd send along a copy of the letter letters I sent to my senator this year and last - one is from last year when he had never heard about this before and the second one is for this year because he had already attended one InterLead. They aren't form letters that you can just cut and paste but if you've been wondering what you might even start off saying maybe it'll spark some ideas. For mine I definitely tried to play up my personal connections with him and if you know your legislator in any capacity and can mention it I feel like that's always helpful. Good luck writing to your senator!
Good luck!

Dear Senator Moore,

My name is Lauren Nutter. It is quite possible that you remember me, I was a high school senior representative at

Reaching out—the letters

the Future Committee from several weeks ago. Our paths also collided the following day when you helped to present me with the John and Abigail Adams scholarship. It has been wonderful from a student's perspective to have a senator who is quite involved with the welfare of Uxbridge's future and its youth.

Therefore I would personally like to invite you to come and witness youth throughout Massachusetts and the local regions come together and raise their voices. It's a conference coming up April 2 that is put on by the Student Leadership Training Program, of which I myself am part of. I believe you may also know our curriculum director, Jim Fitzgerald, because our conferences take place at Nichols College and he has attended several graduations there.

A brief of overview of the program- we put on a wide variety of day conferences, such as this one called the InterLead Conference, as well as longer overnight summer sessions. The purpose behind all of this and everything we do is to empower student leadership. I am calling on your presence at this particular conference because we are setting it up to be a student based discussion forum centering on the issues students face in school in regards to violence, especially against woman. We are seeking out a variety of different perspectives to provide insight and participate in the discussion. The entire SLTP program and I would be more than pleased if you would consider joining us on that day. It would take place at Nichols College. Please let me know what your thoughts or questions are, and I look for-

ward to hearing from you soon.

With much enthusiasm,

Lauren Nutter

Dear Senator Moore,

I am looking to invite you to the Student Leadership Training Program's Interlead Conference. As a graduate of Uxbridge High School and a passionate volunteer for SLTP I was pleased to have you attend the Interlead conference last year. I am hoping that you will be available again this year to open dialogue once more with students thorough out the New England area.

As you may recall last year we had a large number of students, professionals, and legislators come together to discuss issue of violence against women. The conversations were intense and we all walked away feeling a renewed commitment to tackling the issue. SLTP was then proud to put our efforts together to produce a white paper on violence against women.

This year the issue for the forum will be hate. Once again using a theatrical performance to ground the audience in the words of hate and how they affect students specifically we will launch into a forum and delve into the issues that surround hate, from racism to sexism; we hope to engage in the depth of the problem. It will take place Sunday April 29.

I hope you will be able to join us again this year and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Lauren Nutter

Email Contacts ...

Here are website links to the contact information for the State Reps and Senators for MA, RI, and CT.

MA:Rep and Sen.- <http://www.mass.gov/legis/citytown.htm>

RI: Reps- <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Email/RepEmailListDistrict.asp>

RI: Sen.- <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Email/SenEmailListDistrict.asp>

CT: Reps- <http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/hlist.asp>

CT: Sen.- <http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/slist.asp>

Good Luck with inviting yours!

National Teacher Day, Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools

Thousands of communities will take time out today to honor their local educators and acknowledge the contributions they make to our lives.

"Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools" draws attention to the crucial role teachers play in making sure every child receives a quality public education and conveys the hard work they do each day to make public schools great for every child.

The origins of National Teacher Day are murky. Around 1944

Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. Woodridge wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953 persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day.

NEA, along with its Kansas and Indiana state affiliates and the Dodge City (Kan.) Local, lobbied Congress to create a national day celebrating teachers. Congress declared March 7, 1980, as National Teacher Day for that year only.

NEA and its affiliates contin-

ued to observe National Teacher Day on the first Tuesday in March until 1985, when the National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week of May. The NEA Representative Assembly then voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day.

Celebrated on the Tuesday of the first full week of May, the actual date varies each year. In 2007, National Teacher Day takes place May 8.

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legislators, and community leaders from all over our region. And we need everyone's help to reach out.

As last year -- we will utilize a Forum format for the General Assembly after the processing of the play. This would enable us to raise several ideas for discussion in the shortest amount of time. This is NOT as a confrontation between student leaders and community leaders -- it is an opportunity to collaborate while extrapolating solutions.

Legislators and civic leaders get to see student leaders as what they are -- leaders. And students get to see legislators as what they are -- difference-makers. It will raise awareness as to the seriousness of today's student leaders. It will raise awareness of the quality of today's political leaders.

Make your plans today, we must limit the size of the audience to approximately 300 to accommodate the presentation of "a place at the table." So it will be first come

first served.

The date is Sunday, April 29th. The time will be 9AM-3PM.

See the last two pages of this newsletter for a brochure and registration form. Now, get busy -- lets fill the auditorium.

Newsletter Submissions



SLTP welcomes contributions to our newsletters from our alumni and friends.

Articles should be no longer than 200 words. Each article submitted for publication must address a topic of interest to student leadership. The article must include a bio of the author - name; address; email address; phone; school; year in school; & SLTP graduation year.

Opinions must be clearly identified as those of the author.

We reserve the right to edit for length, clarity and style. We also reserve the right not to publish articles which do not meet the criteria established in our guidelines.

For additional information, please refer to the guidelines posted on sltp.info

Walk for Hunger by Mina Makarious



Imagine that you could make a dramatic statement about your generation's willingness to make a difference by simply taking a walk. Imagine if going on a very fun walk on a morning in May through some of the most scenic parts of Boston could help thousands of Bay State residents throughout the year. With the Walk for Hunger you have precisely this opportunity. For the 38th Project Bread's Walk for Hunger will be held on May 6th to raise money for the over 400

foodbanks and soup kitchens with which the organization works.

The Walk, which starts and ends on Boston Common involves over 30,000 annually and spans 20 miles. You can even sign up as a volunteer to marshal at any of the checkpoints.

You can walk one mile or all 20. Throughout you will enjoy music, food, and the support of the thousands of Walk for Hunger Volunteers all over the course.

Additionally, through the pledges for donations that you get, you will be helping to address the problems of hunger and malnourishment facing 449,000 Massachusetts residents.

Collect the pledges either by mile or for the whole Walk. To make the walk even more enjoyable think of bringing your whole

student council, sports team, or community group.

Since the walk's inception in 1969 Project Bread has raised 59 million dollars for 400 local food banks and shelters.

Of course, Project Bread doesn't sit still during the rest of the year. Project Bread constantly collects food to distribute to food banks and shelters, operates an emergency food hotline, works with individual families to end hunger issues, and even lobbies for hunger issues in Massachusetts.

Visit the website:

<http://www.projectbread.org>
Or contact them directly at:
Project Bread - The Walk for Hunger • 145 Border Street,
East Boston, MA 02128-1903
• Tel 617-723-5000 • Fax 617-248-8877

The 2007 SLTP Conference Schedule

Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!

- **The Core Adviser Seminar**
March 28
- **Spring Leadership Forum**
April 29
- **Officer Training Seminar**
July 5 - 6
- **Leadership Training Conferences (4)**
July 10 - 14; July 17 - 21;
July 31 - Aug 4; Aug 7 - 11
- **Advanced Leadership Conferences (4)**

July 11 - 14; July 18 - 21;
Aug 1 - 4; Aug 8 - 11

- **Leadership in Athletics**
July 26 - 27
- **Adviser Certification**
July 26 - 27
- **The Leadership Center**
July 11 - 14
- **The ReEnergizer Conference**
November 24

We're on the Web!

www.sltp.info

Information for Parents, Teachers, Students,

Administrators

Applications *

Photos

From where I sit by Jim Fitzgerald



Why should anyone attend SLTP? What makes us so special? Why should attending SLTP be on every kid's to-do list? Why do kids

and adults thrive in our environment? Take a look at the following quotes:

The best way to get praise is to die.

--Italian Proverb

The only way to get praise is to die.

- Ben Franklin

It is easier to praise people when they are dead.

- Woody Allen

Praise is spread like a carpet on graves.

- Abe Lincoln

Praise seems to happen when it is too late to enjoy it! The common practice at SLTP, "catching people doing things right" is **revolutionary**. I was looking for quotes on praise (part of my preparation for Tranquillity introductions) and I came across these. Anyway, the quotes above were prominently featured in four of the sources under the topic PRAISE as were a whole bunch of others which followed that train of thought

It's no wonder kids and adults thrive in our atmosphere. At SLTP praise is freely given with no strings attached, it is almost surreal in comparison.

One of my friends who is a college recruiter asked me rhetorically, "why are kids so negative today?" I replied, *it certainly does make the positive ones stand out, doesn't it?* He said, "it sure does, and those kids jump to the top of my list, but the problem is they are at the top of everyone else's list too."

In the past few weeks I have been reminded over and over

again by my collegiate friends how important *Personal Development* is to anyone's aspirations for scholarship money and admission to college. As I always do at this time of year, I reach out to everyone I know who is in the business of either accepting students to college or advising them how to get there. In a very short time I will be speaking to the parents of this summer's SLTP campers and even sooner to the parents of HOBY and MassSTAR delegates. Those parents are at a loss about the whole college admission "thing." It is different from years ago when the parents were applying and while the parents want as much information as they can get, they don't have a lot of access. Generally the guidance people at school are too busy or have very little information. So I make it my goal to know what I am talking about -- at least in the broadest possible senses.

In a nutshell, the four legs of the admission table remain - SATs, grades, citizenship (proof provided by resume of involvement in activities and service) and the essay. The "strength" or importance of each leg varies from school to school and a few add on a fifth leg - an interview.

SLTP is a vital part of this picture -- it's in the *Personal Development* resume references -- attending a leadership camp is not a "have to," students are not required to take the course. Students attend for themselves and BY themselves, it is not a school field trip. Attending a leadership camp is done purely for educational growth. It says a lot about the person who has taken that step. It says even more when that student attends a program with a reputation for excellence.

Each year I receive hundreds of letters from alumni noting the difference SLTP made in

your acceptance to college. For most it made a positive significant difference in the amount of money they received from that college. More importantly though, SLTP made a positive significant difference in YOUR life way beyond the college admission process.

It is time to give back to SLTP. It is time to pay your debt. Help us by spreading the word. Help some kids to make better choices this summer -- sure, they can get a job at the local CVS and make 6 bucks an hour. And wow oh wowie when they get their first paycheck after taxes, they will have 83 whole dollars and that will help pay the cell phone bill BUT that won't help them get into college, nor will it put one cent in their scholarship account.

Last week I attended a conference for Peer Mediators in Massachusetts. One parent came to me with a question - it seems her school participates in both the MA HOBY & MassSTAR (both host conferences for high school sophomores, each asks that the school send one representative-- MassSTAR is free; HOBY costs 170 dollars). There are 200 students in the sophomore class at her town's school -- and the principal choose to recognize and reward only ONE of them to attend both HOBY and MassSTAR.. The woman asked me how many I thought should go to SLTP -- I answered 150.

How many kids should go to SLTP? My God, what a question!! I can only think of a few from any school I know who should not go. At Holbrook for example there are about 63 kids in the junior class -- probably 59 of them should go. At Warwick, there are about 400 kids in the sophomore class -- probably 398 of them should go. At Belchertown and Uxbridge, the classes are about 100 students each -- 98 plus should go from each. I measure the "should" with the answers to the questions: *would they benefit?*; **and** *are they going to college?*

Help us give a whole bunch of kids the best week of their entire lives! *It is up to us to make a difference. It is up to us to care.*

Who should attend SLTP?

So, who should attend a program like SLTP ?

Our answer is based on just one qualification.

We believe SLTP is for *any student or adviser* who is interested in learning how to make a difference ! **Student leadership does not require a title.** Nor is it defined through membership in certain activities. Nor is it defined by popularity. To that end, we do not believe that ANY one activity is THE most important activity in a school. Each activity helps to create the fabric of belonging, and therefore ALL of the activities are THE most important.

The majority of students who attend SLTP are very involved in their school and in their community. All are seeking to learn how TO DO more.

The willingness to learn is

vital. So is the understanding that leadership is about DOING. Leaders are defined by what they do - - not by the titles they hold or by the organizations they belong to.

The only program requirements that exist are based on experience.

- *Delegates to the LTC's* - must be secondary students (junior high or high school).
 - *Delegates to the ALC's* - must have completed the first level.
 - *Delegates to the TLC* - must be graduates of both LTC & ALC.
 - *Delegates to the Adviser Program* - must be practicing or aspiring coaches or advisers.
- Delegates to the OTS* - must be officers and /or advisers and have **at least one** other team member in attendance.

What each participant should "bring"

*a desire to make a difference
a willingness to learn
enthusiasm
an acceptance of growth
a desire to master change
a dream to work on*

What SLTP will provide
*an atmosphere of unconditional acceptance
significant learnings and understandings
the opportunity to practice what we teach*

Conference Profile: Leadership in Athletics



Every day teens are in a battle that is really not a game at all. It is a battle. It is a fight. It is a race . . . for their social lives, for their spirit, for their friends, for their reputation.

It's real. It's raw. It

gets dangerous.

So are you ready?

Are you?

The Leadership In Athletics program offers extreme training to prepare student athletes for the challenges they face.

Make no mistake, Leadership in Athletics is more than "X's

and O's." It is life training.

Today's student athletes are perceived and portrayed in the media as bullies, druggies and cheaters. We believe that perception to be false.

In the two days of training we plan to prepare the

student athlete to be an effective leader for their team and for their school.

Athletics can and should inspire the best in student leadership. The athletic field offer many tangible applications for student based leadership.

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