

## **MSVMA Choral Student Leadership Conference “Upbeat!” July 28-29, 2020**

Student leadership in the choral classroom provides the opportunity for emerging leaders to set the pace musically, organizationally and inspirationally within their choir community. Recognizing the potential of young people early offers them time to consider the type of leadership style that fits with their values and beliefs. Consciously considering the leadership styles that they are experiencing in their daily lives creates an awareness of effective leadership and its impact.

MSVMA has created a conference experience designed to encourage and develop the leadership skills and knowledge of our high school and college student leaders. Our second Student Leadership Conference will be held prior to the MSVMA Summer Conference.

### **Objective**

Provide an inspirational and educational experience for high school and college students focused on examining, developing and enhancing leadership skills. Matthew Arau, Lawrence University will provide a presentation focused on the importance of developing leadership skills and creating a positive culture in choral ensembles. MSVMA members will serve as facilitators for related sessions.

### **Outcomes**

Students will:

- Create a personal strategic plan for living leadership that includes specific goals.
- Learn to communicate in ways that motivate and encourage listeners.
- Explore the dynamics and the strategies of win-win negotiation and conflict solution.
- Examine the power of teamwork and how to encourage collaboration in a group.
- Evaluate personal leadership strengths and identify those areas that they wish to improve.

Students will apply these outcomes in their choral experience to:

- Lead effectively in formal and informal roles in their choirs, ensembles and sections.
- Interact with peers and professionals from other schools and develop confidence in their skills as leaders and as followers.
- Understand the art of singing in community and be able to articulate their standards of excellence to other singers.
- Recognize the potential for their leadership roles in future ensembles at the university and community levels.
- Connect with MSVMA mentors and gain an understanding of MSVMA and its mission.

### **Conference Location**

The Student Leadership Conference and the MSVMA Summer Conference will be held at the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron.

### **Conference Schedule**

#### **Tuesday, July 28**

Noon	Conference check-in
12:30 - 1 pm	Opening/Welcome
1 - 5:30 pm	Leadership Sessions - Dr. Matthew Arau, headliner
5:45 - 7:45 pm	SLC Dinner (provided)
8 - 9:15 pm	Q&A Time + Activities led by MSVMA College Mentors
9:30 - 11pm	Social time: Activities & Music Making

#### **Wednesday, July 29**

8:30 - 12 noon am	Leaderships Sessions - Dr. Matthew Arau, headliner
Noon	Leadership and Summer Conferences Luncheon (provided)
1:30 - 3 pm	Putting it all together; Closing

### **Registration Deadline - June 15, 2020**

#### **Registration**

High School directors may register up to ten high school students per MSVMA school for the Conference. Registration link can be found at [www.msvma.org](http://www.msvma.org) under the heading of *Professional Development*.

If specific students are not able to be identified by name at the time of registration, directors may register "TBD student(s)" to hold spots. Registration fees will be \$100 per student and will include SLC Conference materials along with Tuesday evening dinner and Wednesday lunch. Maximum is 100 students. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Directors will be notified by email of student's status.

Once the conference has reached registration capacity, a waitlist will be established. Directors will be contacted should cancellations occur.

MSVMA college members may register as attendees with a maximum of up to 25. Registration fees for college students will be \$100 per student and will include SLC conference materials and the option to attend the MSVMA Summer Conference at no additional cost.

MSVMA college members also have an opportunity to be a part of the SLC leadership team as mentors. College members who wish to be considered for mentors should complete the college registration. Selected mentors will have hotel and registration costs covered.

### **Payment for SLC Conference**

The fee of \$100, must be paid via credit card according to instructions high school directors and college members will receive via email upon acceptance. All payments are due by June 15, 2020.

### **MSVMA Choir Director/School Responsibilities**

Directors/Schools are responsible to provide one chaperone for up to four students attending.

All attendees are responsible for travel, hotel and other expenses not included in the registration fee.

As indicated above, students and chaperone(s) are expected to provide their own housing. While attendees are not required to stay at the hotel connected to the convention center, a special conference rate is available at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Port Huron. If interested in booking at the DoubleTree, here is the information:

Phone: 810.984.8000

Room Rate for Single/Double occupancy: \$109

Group Rate Code: 9MS

Questions or additional information can be obtained by contacting:

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