

# 2023

# Student Leadership Program

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The Student Leadership Training Program is a series of conferences that are designed to help students gain skills in leadership.

Each conference is unique, with an agenda arranged by the current year's student directors and the planning committee. The conferences are an interactive educational experience where students learn various leadership techniques. At each workshop, a main theme is presented by a featured speaker, followed by breakout sessions guided by the Student Directors, with facilitation by instructors from Adventure Programs at Clark Sports Center and support from the Counselor Education graduate students at SUNY Oneonta. Students enjoy the exchange of ideas and practices that they are able to implement in their home schools.

The Student Directors play a large role in the Leadership Program. At the March program, high school juniors are nominated by their peers to run for the next year's Student Director positions. The nominees prepare speeches to be presented at the April program, which are followed by a general election. At the beginning of the next program year, the newly-elected Student Directors are trained in conference planning, group facilitation, and debriefing of activities.

The conferences are held at the State University College at Oneonta, in the Hunt Union. They typically run from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.



**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

**“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”**

**- John Quincy Adams**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

High School Workshop #1

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

High School Workshop #2

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

High School Workshop #3  
and ELECTION DAY

***Meet the Student Directors...***

Onyx Lowenguth, Cooperstown C.S., Ava Lesko, Cooperstown C.S., Emerson Toulson, Cooperstown C.S., Lauren Scott, Unatego C.S., Liam Johnson, Oneonta C.S., Phillip Eggers, Downsville C.S., Evelyn Kersmanc, Worcester C.S, Risdon Muther Reed, Delaware Academy, Ryan Burrows, Delaware Academy, Everett Pondolfino, Morris C.S.

***Meet the planning committee...***

Suzanne Swantak-Furman – Executive Coordinator, CASSC  
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“The leadership program offered through the Catskill Area Student Study Council has been one the highlights of my senior year. As a Student Director in a position of leadership and responsibility, the program has allowed me to flourish and experience some of the best memories I have ever made with some of the best people I have ever met. Not only have I developed truly wonderful relationships and connections, but I have built my character through this program. I would not trade this experience and the lessons I have learned for anything”

**Tyler Branigan, Delaware Academy C.S.**

“This program has been such a great experience for me during my senior year. I learned so much about leadership, community building, and stepping out of my comfort zone. I met some amazing people and am very grateful for the experience.”

**Katie Lewis, Oneonta CSD**

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