

The Virginia School Consortium for Learning ANNUAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE “Cultivating Just & Joyful Schools”

Friday, March 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Virtual Conference

PLANNING and PREPARATION for a VaSCL SLC CREATIVE EXPRESSION PRESENTATION

The virtual format of this year’s Student Leadership Conference makes possible a new feature. Schools are encouraged to submit video recordings of various forms of student art work which might motivate other conference participants to embrace the goal of creating more just and joyful schools. Creative Expression Presentations will be 2-5 minute video-recordings, submitted before the SLC, that feature the artistic creations of students from your school. All submissions will be included in a Gallery of Creative Expression Presentations, and selected presentations will be shown during the conference. Creative Expression Presentations can feature the artistic accomplishments of any student or group of students from your school. Schools which take on the project of creating a Virtual Creative Expression Presentation will be given the opportunity to add two more students to their school’s team (for a total of up to seven students). If you choose to submit a Share Fair Presentation as well, your school can have up to nine students participate in this year’s Student Leadership Conference.

GOAL of Creative Expression Presentations:

- empower students by giving them the opportunity to share their artistic and creative talents
- celebrate the artistic and creative accomplishments of an individual student or a group of students
- highlight how students’ artistic creations can help meet social and emotional needs and create a more joyful environment in schools
- spark ideas for innovative artistic ways to explore what justice and/or injustice look like in one or more domains (racial, cultural, economic, generational, social, ecological)
- provide a fulfilling and meaningful learning experience for students who produce a presentation
- exercise voice and choice as school teams collaborate to produce authentic work and as students respond to other students’ presentations

FOCUS of Creative Expression Presentations:

- explore how artistic performances and displays can enhance students’ sense of well-being and create a more nurturing environment in schools
- share creative performances and displays which increase the acceptance and inclusion of all students in the school community
- building on students’ interests and passions, as well as their personal and cultural sense of identity, to create works of art that other students can reflect on, learn from, and be inspired by

SUGGESTIONS for GENERAL TYPES of Creative Expression Presentations:

- student performance of music (solo or group; vocal and/or instrumental)
- display of student visual artwork (paintings, drawings, sculptures, or crafts)
- enactment (or dramatic reading) of a scene from a play (focused on one or more domains of justice/injustice)
- inspirational speech (addressing one or more domains of justice/injustice)
- poetry reading (focused on one or more domains of justice/injustice)
- report on a student’s independent learning project (which encouraged exploration of and engagement in one or more domains of justice/injustice)
- description of a newly envisioned event, project, program, or activity which students believe would be effective in creating school environments in which students feel they are treated with respect and valued by others

GUIDELINES for ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS of Creative Expression Presentations:

- Pre-recorded video, 2-5 minutes long, submitted two weeks before the conference
- Incorporation of photos, images, graphics, and/or video and audio clips that capture student artistic creations
- Utilization of voice-over audio recordings or written text to explain how presentation reflects conference theme of creating more just and joyful schools
- Emphasis on entertaining and engaging audience in order to inspire students to pursue both justice and joy

BASIC ELEMENTS to INCLUDE in Creative Expression Presentations:

- Identification of Presentation:
 - label of “Creative Expression Presentation”
 - title for your presentation (“name” for your Creative Expression)
 - name of high school and school division
 - images that effectively evoke the key themes of the presentation
 - name(s) of student(s) whose artistic work is featured in presentation
 - names of students who worked on creating the presentation
- Brief Description (oral voice-over or written) of the Goal of the Presentation:
 - how this presentation might encourage student to embrace a commitment to creating schools that are more just and joyful

REQUIREMENTS for SUBMISSION PROCESS for Creative Expression Presentations:

- Visit the **SLC website** for complete step-by-step information on how to create a virtual Creative Expression Presentation:
bit.ly/slccreativeexpression
- If Faculty Advisors or students have questions or need any advice or technical assistance, SLC IT Support Staff will be providing “**Office Hours**” from 5:00-5:30 on the following Tuesdays: February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 2:
bit.ly/slcofficehours
- By Friday, February 12, complete **Proposal Form** for Creative Expression Presentation:
<http://bit.ly/slcssubmit>
- By Friday, March 5, submit video recording of 2–5-minute presentation, by uploading to **VaSCL SLC CEP FlipGrid**:
flipgrid.com/4849e202

REQUIREMENTS for FACULTY ADVISORS for Creative Expression Presentations:

- Oversee the planning and preparation of your school’s Creative Expression Presentation
- Make sure that the various tools which students use during the creation process are approved by your school
- Make sure that the various suggestions for the content of a Creative Expression Presentation are incorporated
- Make sure that the two DEADLINES are met (February 12, for the initial submission of your school’s proposal for a presentation; March 5, for final submission of the pre-recorded 2-5 minute video)
- Give final APPROVAL to ALL aspects of your school’s presentation before final submission, to ensure that everything is APPROPRIATE for an audience of high school students

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, SUGGESTIONS??

We hope that your team of students DOES decide that they have a creative talent or accomplishment that they want to share because they believe it can help create more “Just and Joyful Schools,” and that they take on the FUN challenge of preparing a 2-5 minute video-recording to submit as their Creative Expression Presentation.

It will be a rewarding experience for them personally and will help ensure the effectiveness of this year’s VaSCL Student Leadership Conference for all participants!

Please contact Liza Scallet (Lscallet@vascl.org) if you have ANY questions, concerns, or suggestions!