

The Virginia School Consortium for Learning

2023 ANNUAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP Design Institute

“Think Globally, Act Locally: Teen-designed Solutions”

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Student Leadership Conference Design Institute Website

Thursday, March 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (grab and go lunch at 12:30 pm)

[Holiday Inn Charlottesville](#) (Emmett Street)

PLANNING & PREPARATION for FACULTY ADVISORS

This year’s Student Leadership Conference will be held as a **Design Institute**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23. Faculty Advisors will need to arrange for transportation for students to attend the Institute.

Faculty Advisors will need to ensure that student design team members have permission from their parents and the school to participate. If your school would like to participate in the VaSCL 2023 Student Leadership Design Institute, you will also need to complete the following tasks:

STUDENT TEAMS

Please register one or two teams of 3-5 students each, no later than Friday, January 27 at this [link](#). Please designate each team’s Student Leader who will facilitate team design activities. **If you need more time to develop teams, you may add and revise team members through February 28.**

We are open to teens participating who are part of both the formal and informal leadership of your school and who may not meet traditional criteria for being a student leader but are recognized by peers as having leadership influence. Team members may come from leadership classes, athletic, club, and activity programs or are viewed as student leaders outside of traditional leadership structures.

You may use any method you wish to select your team of students, but please consider the following:

- Will the students feel comfortable participating in this onsite event and be willing to engage in activities with teams from other schools with whom they may interact?
- Will the students be comfortable talking and sharing their ideas? Will they participate actively and voice their thoughts clearly in their own team discussions and with students from other schools?
- Will they be able to bring back ideas from the Institute which they can share with other team members and the rest of your school community including adult decision-makers such as a principal, superintendent, school board members, or others?
- Do the students represent a cross-section of different ages and the various social groups and demographics within your school?
- Can they adhere to the following civil discourse protocols that we will use as Commitments to Problem-Solving?
 - **Critically think** about your own opinions compared to research and the experiences of others.
 - **Collaborate** by seeking to understand and incorporate the voices and talents of others.
 - **Communicate** by listening intently and sharing with awareness of verbal and nonverbal language.
 - **Creatively** share your ideas in bold, non-traditional ways.

Please complete the [online form](#) to register teams for the conference. You can indicate an intent to have teams attend and whether you will have one or two teams by January 27 and then continue to revise and add team member names through February 28.

STUDENT TEAM LEADERS

Determine a student team leader for your school's team(s) participants who would like to volunteer to take on a leadership role before and during the onsite Institute by serving as a team facilitator of the design challenge. If you register two teams, you will need a student team leader for each team.

The student team leaders are choosing to take on the extra responsibility of facilitating their teams and to act as a spokesperson for their team in the large Institute convening. Facilitators will take the lead in engaging all students in their group as they respond to the design challenge.

All team leaders who serve as Facilitators will need to participate in synchronous or asynchronous Facilitator Training Sessions, held virtually, via Zoom, on February 1 and 15 with Dee Lanier who will be facilitating the design challenge and support for the conference. Student team leaders can choose to attend from either 9-10 am or 4-5 pm or watch zoom recordings of those training sessions. Faculty advisors also can attend the session with their team leader.

On the [registration form](#), there will be a space to indicate who your team leader(s) are. A school email address will be requested for each student team leader, so we can communicate with them about their facilitating role. (If that is not possible, a Faculty Advisor can serve as the email point of contact for the team Facilitator.)

In identifying teen(s) to facilitate as Team Leaders, please consider the following:

- Will the student be effective in encouraging other students to open up, share their ideas, and participate actively in Breakout Group discussions and activities?
- Will the team leader be able to follow and use Civil Discourse protocols?
- Will the student be able to take good notes or assign a good note taker and share the team solution with others in the large group showcase at the end of the Institute?

REGISTRATION

[REGISTER](#) your school, team leader, faculty advisor, and team members if known by FRIDAY, January 27, 2023. You will receive a confirmation email if your registration is successfully submitted. Contact adwierselden@vascl.org if you experience registration issues and our tech support will help you with the process.

You can add or revise team members through 5 p.m. on February 28 using your original registration form after the school's registration has been submitted. Please use the same email you used to register if you need to go back to your form.

There is NO CHARGE for your school to participate in this conference. However, if your team is not able to attend, please cancel your registration by March 17, if possible.

TEAM PREPARATION

The team members should discuss the following in a pre-conference meeting(s) with you:

- A challenge they would like to address locally which affects their high school or local community. They may choose their own challenge or consider one of the following topics: Education, Housing, Criminal Justice, Poverty, Pollution, Sickness & Disease, Gender Inequality, Decent Work Opportunities and Economic Growth.
- Ideas and solutions they believe could become a plan of action to address their identified problem.
- The [overview](#) of what will take place during the Design Institute and student responsibilities during the Institute. Dee Lanier, Institute facilitator will share this with team leaders in the zoom training sessions. (Faculty Advisors will be sent additional details about the conference schedule and activities by Monday, March 13.)

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions?

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact the VaSCL Student Leadership Design Institute Coordinator, [Alison Dwier-Selden](#).