



# **STUDENTS LEAD DAYTON** CONFERENCE

**NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

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# ABOUT STUDENTS LEAD DAYTON 2023

The annual SLD conference allows high school students from across the region to explore the true meaning of leadership through interactive and engaging sessions led by leaders of all kinds. We are looking for professional partners and community leaders from any background and industry to host a 45-minute interactive breakout session on a leadership topic of their choice. Help us shape Dayton's next generation of leaders!

DATE - Monday, November 20th, 2023

LOCATION - The Dayton Regional STEM School, 1724 Woodman Dr. Kettering, OH 45420

PARTNER SESSIONS - [CLICK HERE](#) to signup to present on your favorite leadership topic! Partners will be scheduled for a 45-minute concurrent breakout session(s) between 8:30am-1:30pm. All presenters will be in a classroom setting with provided laptop, WIFI, projector, AV, podium/desk, whiteboard, etc. Flip charts, markers, post-its, paper, and other activity supplies will be provided. You will have access to your presentation room 30 minutes prior to your session to set up.

SESSION INSPIRATION - A list of past session topics and descriptions are included at the end of this packet.

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QUESTIONS? - Contact [stephanie.adamstaylor@daytonstemschool.org](mailto:stephanie.adamstaylor@daytonstemschool.org).



## SLD22 PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

**Purpose-Driven Leadership** - What characteristics does it take to be an effective leader? During this presentation, students will break into small groups and share stories of who they know to be influential leaders. Students will learn about effective leadership characteristics and how they can identify their own characteristics through various assessment tools.

Presented by Stephanie Llacuna, Sam Ingersoll, & Jessamyn Rice  
Therapeutic Riding Institute  
[Sllacuna@triohio.org](mailto:Sllacuna@triohio.org)

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**You Have the Leader in You** - Everyone has leadership qualities; do you know what yours are? Do you know what your strengths are and how to use them to benefit yourself and others? In this activity-based presentation, come learn about yourself and what it means to find the leader in you.

Presented by Jackie Duffy, Melody Gast, & Danielle Williams  
Clark State College  
[duffyj@clarkstate.edu](mailto:duffyj@clarkstate.edu)

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**How to Act with Integrity and Why Courage is Key** - We often hear that leaders must act with integrity, but the statement raises more questions than it answers. What is a leader? What is it to act with integrity? How can I be sure that I act accordingly? During this session, students will work to answer these questions, bringing to light the importance of courage in particular. Students will then gain strategies to cultivate courage, and in turn, integrity.

Presented by Christa Johnson  
University of Dayton Ethics and Leadership Initiative  
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**What's RIGHT with You?** - We are taught not to speak highly of ourselves or 'brag' in the name of humility, but job interviews and college applications ask the opposite: "What are your strengths?" It's tough to answer the question without practice. This session will provide participants a framework to begin labeling unique strengths and crafting language to describe them to others.

Presented by Lindsay Pitstick  
Sinclair College / Moxie by Nature  
[moxiebynature@yahoo.com](mailto:moxiebynature@yahoo.com)

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**Emotional Intelligence: Why it's More Important than IQ!** - Emotional intelligence (EQ)- you've heard the phrase but do you really understand what it is? EQ is recognizing, understanding, and choosing how we think, act, and feel. Unlike IQ, EQ is not fixed- you can grow your skills by doing simple things! Come to this interactive session where you can learn about EQ and what you can do to improve your skills to positively impact your relationship with both yourself and others.

Presented by Lindsay Tate  
Sinclair College  
[lindsay.tate@sinclair.edu](mailto:lindsay.tate@sinclair.edu)

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**Discovering the Awesomeness of Leadership in You!** - Leadership can sometimes be presented as an abstract art or concept that only a few can be a part of. This has caused many to believe that, in order to be a leader, one must be chosen or discovered. However, I beg to differ. There is a hero waiting for you to create, play, serve, save, and change the day! This presentation seeks to uplift the awesomeness that makes you who you are, unselfishly giving yourself permission to discover, answer, and unlock the superpowers within you to become the leader you have been waiting for!

Presented by Stephen Williams  
Clark State College  
[williamss1@clarkstate.edu](mailto:williamss1@clarkstate.edu)

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**Building Confidence through Improvisation** - Have you ever been nervous before presenting a speech in front of a group of people? Join Dayton Live's Stephanie Radford and Gary Minyard as they lead you through a series of activities that will help you build assuredness as a speaker and provide techniques to help turn those nervous butterflies into focused confidence.

Presented by Gary Minyard and Stephanie Radford  
Dayton Live  
[gary.minyard@daytonlive.org](mailto:gary.minyard@daytonlive.org)

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**Goal Setting for Leaders** - This session will focus on why goal setting is the most reliable motivational technique and how leaders can use goals to get the most out of themselves and the people they lead. Topics will include the six manifestations of motivation, the planning fallacy, goal commitment, and SMART goals.

Presented by Dr. Scott Williams  
Wright State University Raj Soin College of Business  
[scott.williams@wright.edu](mailto:scott.williams@wright.edu)

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**Networking in a Global World: How to Secure Your Future through Social Networking** - Interactive discussion on leveraging a professional brand on social media to reach career and community engagement goals for a bright future. Students will feel empowered to present their unique personal and professional brand identity for the world on platforms like LinkedIn and learn the fundamentals of virtual networking.

Presented by Jen Papadakis  
Jen Gets Social  
[jen@jengetssocial.com](mailto:jen@jengetssocial.com)

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**The Emotionally Intelligent Leader: Reading & Responding to the People Around You** - How well do you think you can 'read a room' or pick up on and understand the emotional cues of others? Why would this even be important? Reading and understanding emotional cues is one of the most critical elements of being an effective leader. Dealing effectively with emotions (ours and others) is important to the human condition. In this workshop, you'll discover tools to help you grasp the concept of emotional intelligence, and how it's used toward influencing others.

Presented by Dan Noel  
Wright State University Organizational Leadership  
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**Communicating Your Message to Build Strong Relationships** - You have a network of people in your life, and you can make a HUGE impact by leveraging it! Often we ask our network to support us by giving their time, talents, or treasure. If we only take without giving anything back, the relationship can quickly run dry. Through cultivation, cause connection, and stewardship, you can communicate in a way that grows the relationship and opens a door for the future. This strategy can be used in every area of your life, and we will practice this through the lens of fundraising.

Presented by Abby Adams  
Dayton Children's Hospital Foundation  
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**Commanding the Room: How Your Presence Leads Others** - Presentation skills are vital to any leader in an organization. A leader's presence can make people want to listen or can drive people away. This workshop will help you refine your skills needed for effective physical delivery, vocal delivery, and content. Bonus tips about presentation slides will be included!

Presented by Kelly Schellhouse  
Wright State University Leadership Studies  
[kelly.schellhouse@wright.edu](mailto:kelly.schellhouse@wright.edu)

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**Building Your Career in the Dayton Region-** Help students understand the career opportunities waiting for them in the Dayton Region and how our quality of life can make their paycheck go farther.

Presented by Micah Newburg  
Dayton Development Coalition  
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