



MINORITY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT NETWORK

2016 MSAN Student Conference Chaperone Commitments

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District is honored to welcome you to the 2016 MSAN Student Conference: *Every Step Leaves A Trail*. Our theme builds on last year's conference theme of "Exploring Deeper Roots." The opportunity to explore deeper roots last year allowed us to think critically and examine equity, advocacy, and student voice. Our planning committee has been working to make this an exceptional experience for each scholar in attendance. Your commitment to develop positive relationships is key to making this a successful conference for everyone. We are so excited about hosting you this year. Thank you for taking time to share this experience with us.

Please take some time to review the following MSAN Chaperone Commitments:

Before the Conference

- 1. Know your students.** Take some time to build relationships with the MSAN scholars from your district. Getting to know your students prior to the conference is important for a successful conference experience.
- 2. Communicate expectations with your students.** MSAN Scholars serve as ambassadors of their respective districts to this national venue. Having shared expectations and understandings about the privilege of conference attendance will enhance this opportunity.
- 3. Review registration process, readings, action planning documents, and conference schedule.** This year students will have the unique opportunity to have 2 personalized campus visits: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) and North Carolina Central University (NCCU). Please note that all students will be visiting both campuses. Students will have lunch on the campus where they have their morning tour.
- 4. Commit to being an MSAN Chaperone.** There will be many opportunities for you to grow as a leader for equity during the conference. Read the MSAN mission statement, become familiar with your district's equity initiatives, and review the guidelines for engaging in conversations about race, equity, student voice, and advocacy. You are role models for MSAN scholars and you will be working with students from multiple districts.

During the Conference

- 1. Become familiar with the setting.** The Sheraton is a beautiful venue located a few miles from downtown Chapel Hill. We will be sharing this facility with other guests and groups. Students are NOT allowed to leave the hotel at any time and should be supervised at all times. You will be asked to take turns monitoring different areas of the hotel throughout the conference.
- 2. Meet with your counterparts from other districts.** All chaperones are required to attend a meeting on Wednesday night during the student icebreakers. We will learn about each other and discuss the conference schedule, expectations, and activities.
- 3. Be willing to work with EVERY student.** You will each be given a white lanyard for students to identify you as an MSAN Chaperone. You will be with students from other districts during the campus tours, discussion sessions, and during inter-district dinners. Every student belongs to each chaperone.
- 4. Be present for conference activities.** Students will look to you for guidance. Scheduled activities are not optional for students or chaperones. When you need a break, you should take time to refresh yourself, provided you communicate with other chaperones from your district **to ensure students are supervised at all times.**
- 5. Curfew is at 10:30 pm; Lights out at 11:00 pm.** MSAN will provide a late night snack each night of the conference. There should be no additional food orders to the hotel after curfew and lights out.

After the Conference

- 1. Celebrate with your scholars.** The MSAN Student Conference is a memorable, life-changing experience for many students and adults. It's a great opportunity to network. Enjoy the moment!
- 2. Communicate your action plan.** Work with your scholars to present the equity action plan that they created and build support for their efforts.
- 3. Stay engaged and connected.** The MSAN network is a powerful way to sustain equity work and your personal growth as a leader for equity. The more connected we are, the more we can achieve.