

"CASL is more than a leadership conference with a bunch of "smart kids." It is an unforgettable experience that will provide you with knowledge you'll take with you for the rest of your life; to make a difference in your community or even the world." Z. Blanchard, CASL '10

Overview

The Capital Area Student Leadership program encourages students to become active and effective participants and leaders in their schools and community.

Goals

- To recruit sophomores from area high schools who show leadership potential and young adults likely to assume greater community responsibilities. The CASL program has graduated over 400 students over the last two decades.
- To inspire students to develop, refine and utilize their leadership skills in order to contribute to the greater Concord community.
- To educate students about local issues through the perspective of community leaders.
- To demonstrate problem-solving methods when dealing with opportunities and challenges within the greater Concord community.
- To create a dialogue and develop a network among the students and local leaders.
 - To encourage students to recognize and develop leadership styles, skills and roles.



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Schedule*

Reception for Students & Parents/Guardians

Wednesday, February 22 • 5:15 pm

The CASL committee welcomes students and parents and provides an overview of the entire program. Students will meet other participants and receive a packet containing schedules and details regarding each session.

Orientation for Students

Monday, March 5 • 4:30-7:30 pm

Students will gather with a facilitator to receive an overview of the three day sessions they will attend. After a light dinner, structured activities will help unite the students into an enthusiastic and cohesive group.

Session 1: History & Culture

Wednesday, March 7 • 8:00 am-2:30 pm

Through a series of hands-on experiences students will explore the historical and cultural development of Concord. Highlights include the Capitol Center for the Arts, Red River Theatres, and a historical view of downtown Concord.

Session 2: Communication

Wednesday, March 14 • 8:00 am-2:30 pm

Communication skills are essential to effective leadership. Participants will learn how communication organizations operate, how policy is determined, and how to communicate effectively. This session features student presentations, discussions, and interactive role play with newspaper, radio, TV, and other communication professions.

Session 3: Justice & The Courts

Wednesday, March 21 • 8:00 am-5:00 pm

This session will provide an overview of our legal system through an observation of arraignments, discussions and tours of the Concord District Court and the Merrimack County House of Corrections. **Graduation will follow 5:00 pm.** Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Snow date: Wednesday, March 28th.

**In the event of a snow day, the session day will be held on Wednesday, March 28th; therefore, please reserve March 28th as a possible make up day.*

What CASL participants say...

In one word, amazing. CASL helped me see things from a different perspective and definitely helped me refine my leadership skills. I developed new friends and learned things about New Hampshire that I'm sure I wouldn't have otherwise. For those who are thinking about trying this program out, my advice is to go for it—I can promise you that you will not be disappointed.
—Melissa Gifford

Participating in CASL is a wonderful way to gain confidence and become a better leader in your environment. I became a more effective leader by developing knowledge of my community and learned many important lessons regarding leadership.
—Isabella Bauer

CASL is a wonderful program that allows you to relate to other people and helps you become an effective leader. The people I met were among the nicest that I know to this day. It really is a life-changing experience that I know I'll never forget.
—Ricky Morin

After the very first session, I knew that the program was going to be full of a variety of activities that I wouldn't be able to experience anywhere else. Looking back, I consider CASL to be a privilege, not only for receiving exposure to the adult world of central New Hampshire, but for getting to meet some of the nicest people I know.
—Jennifer Currier

CASL was not only gratifying, useful, and a great learning experience, it was fun as well. I personally enjoyed it greatly, and would urge anyone to participate in the program. CASL helped me be able to communicate an idea to a large group of people through public speaking skills.
—Sam Smith





*In the words of one CASL graduate:
"It's an opportunity too fulfilling to miss!"*

The Capital Area Student Leadership program...

- has been in existence since 1993
- has graduated over 400 leaders
- is the only regional student leadership program in the state



Who is eligible?

CASL accepts applications from sophomores who reside in the greater Concord area, and who attend: Bishop Brady High School, Bow High School, Concord Christian High School, Concord High School, the Derryfield School, Hopkinton High School, John Stark High School, Merrimack Valley High School, Parker Academy, Pembroke Academy, Pittsfield High School and St. Paul's School.

How do I apply?

- Ask your guidance counselor for an application
- Download an application from our website: www.concordnhchamber.com/casl.pdf
- Mail or deliver the completed application request form to: Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, 40 Commercial Street, Concord, NH 03301.
Deadline is 5 pm on December 9, 2011.
- All applicants will be interviewed in January.

What are the requirements?

- Candidates must be high school sophomores.
- Candidates must live or attend school in the Greater Concord area.
- CASL participants are expected to attend the orientation, all three session days, and graduation. They will also be asked to pay tuition of \$25. Scholarships are available.

For more information please call the Chamber of Commerce at (603) 224-2508 or visit www.concordnhchamber.com



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