

NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS

30TH ANNUAL

PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

"ELKS AND YOUTH: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE & COMMUNITY SERVICE"

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Celebrating 150 Years of Service

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FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 4, 2018
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LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY

Conference Mission Statement

Since 1983, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been involved in the war on drugs. In his year as National President, Kenneth Cantoli of Hasbrough Heights, NJ made Drug Awareness Education a priority. For the past 29 years, the NJ Elks have sponsored a Peer Leadership Conference. Our objectives are to increase participants' ability to make healthy decisions for themselves and others, specifically related to drugs and alcohol, thus Serving Our Communities.

We provide peer leaders with specific tools and resources to implement action plans in their communities, thus creating a network with the ability to educate their groups, schools, and towns on the skills presented at the conference. The conference gives participants knowledge and information that promotes wellness.

Conference Registration

- Students must be in 9th to 12th grade only.
- Be certain that all "Responsible for Payment" sections are completed. If using a purchase order, please indicate PO number. All payments should be received prior to the conference
- Make all checks payable to: NJ State Elks Association
- The \$375 registration fee includes: conference registration, materials, food, lodging, and special events.
- Advisors are strongly recommended. Advisors are required for groups of 2 or more.
- No refunds on cancellations received after January 20, 2018. All cancellations received after this date will still require full payment

Mail completed Student/Advisor Applications, Conference Team Registration Form, and payment for \$375 per person (plus \$175 additional for advisor single rooms) to:

NJ State Elks Association
Peer Leadership Conference
P.O. Box 151
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

All registrations should be received by December 23, 2017. Registrations received after 12/23 are "space available". Any registration received less than two weeks before the conference MUST have a P.O. or check for payment. Registrations without payment or proof of payment will not be allowed to attend the conference.

For more information or additional brochures, please contact William Oakley at 609-972-3454, or njelksconference@gmail.com

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30-9:30AM Registration/Breakfast
9:30-10:00AM Welcome
10:00-11:00PM Opening
Craig Jandoli - "You said you have his stuff"
11:15-12:15PM Keynote 1
Kelsey Tainsh - "See The Leader In Yourself"
12:30-1:30PM Lunch
1:30-2:45PM General Session 1
Albert Mensah - "Diversity - We Need All Of Us"
2:45-3:30PM Advisor Meeting / Room Keys & Assignments
2:45-3:30PM Break
3:30-4:45PM General Session 2
Breaking The Cycle of Violence
4:45-6:30PM Room Check-In
6:30-7:30PM Dinner
7:30-9:00PM Leo Chase Comedy Hypnosis
9:00-11:30PM Dance
9:00-11:30PM "Chill Time" Activities
12:00PM Room Checks


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30-9:30AM Breakfast
9:45-10:00AM Malcolm J. McPherson Jr., GER - Welcome
10:00-11:00AM Keynote 2
Ben Glenn - "Simply Special"
11:00-12:15PM Student Workshops 1
11:00-12:15PM Advisor Workshop 1
Cape May County Prosecutors Office
12:15-1:30PM Lunch w/ Elks Presentation
1:45-3:00PM Student Workshops 2
1:45-3:00PM Advisor Workshop 2
Ben Glenn - "Simply Special"
3:00-3:15PM Break
3:30-4:45PM General Session 3
Matt Maher - "The Other Side of Reality"
4:45-5:00PM Group Photo
5:00-5:30PM Turn In Scavenger Hunt Forms
5:30-6:30PM Free Time
6:30-8:00PM Dinner
8:00-9:00PM Room Break
9:00-12:00AM Dance
9:00-12:00AM "Chill Time" Activities
12:30AM Room Checks

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00- 8:30AM Religious Service (Optional)
8:30-9:30AM Breakfast
9:30-10:30AM "That's a Wrap" Session
10:30-11:30AM Keynote 3
Shaun Derik - "Dreams and Detours"
11:30-12:00PM Closing
*Agenda Subject to Change

For More Updates - Once you register:

 Join the Facebook group: "NJ Elks Peer Leadership Conference"

 Use the hashtag #elksconference on Twitter

 Follow us @elksconference and use the hashtag #elksconference on Instagram

Kelsey Tainsh



Kelsey recently graduated from the University of Florida with High Honors. She is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and motivational speaker who has helped non-profits such as Make-A-Wish Foundation raise over \$250,000 in their Stories of Light Campaign. By the age of 13 she had been featured on the TV news show Entertainment Tonight and has spent time in L.A. acting in movie and TV shows. Having succeeded in spite of life changing medical obstacles, she brings a unique perspective on life and the ability to succeed.

Ben Glenn



Ben Glenn was diagnosed with Dyslexia while in grade school. As an adult he learned that he has ADHD and suddenly his life made perfect sense. Dropping out of college to pursue a love and art and speaking, Ben has been on the road, full-time since 1995, travelling all over the world. Ben's ADHD-adventure filled messages of inspiration and hope are both entertaining and educational. Youth relate to his struggles for acceptance in school; parents and teachers get an insider's perspective on what it's like to grow up "different", "special".

Craig Jandoli



Craig is Vice Principal of Hawthorne High School. Craig returns to the NJ Elks Peer Leadership Conference this year to talk with students about how to recognize who they are, what their strengths are, and how to use those strengths to help others.

Breaking the Cycle of Violence

Violence affects each of us every day, but it rarely beings with knives and guns; that's just when it makes the headlines. Mostly, it begins with angry feelings, words or texts. *Breaking the Cycle of Violence* stresses honest communication and forgiveness as an alternative to conflicts.



Hashim Garrett, CEO of his own consulting company "Wisdom & Understanding" and a motivational speaker, who was paralyzed from the waist down at age 15 by a gang related shooting that almost ended his life.

Albert Mensah



Albert grew up in Ghana in abject poverty. His dream was to attend college in America. Realizing his goal he became an All-American soccer player. He now speaks nationally and internationally encouraging students to make their own destiny. He believes people born into an opportunity-filled Country can't see the many opportunities they take for granted.

Matt Maher



Matthew has been on the soccer field, pro. He has been behind a prison wall, con. Now he is back from the grave of failure to inspire conscience, influence conduct, and instigate conviction. As an author and instigator, Matthew leverages his past as the catalyst to influence the audiences that he addresses nationally. His programs are sure to challenge your perspective and charge you with purpose.

Shaun Derik



For over 10 years, Speaker and Performing Artist, Shaun Derik, has dedicated his life to helping people, young and old, reconnect with their passion and go after their dreams. Through his dynamic message delivery, which is a blend of music and comedy, audience members leave Shaun's presentations feeling motivated and energized; as a result are encouraged to take massive steps towards the achievement of their life-long goals.



Sergio Argueta, former gang member, lost two close friends to gang violence partly due to his poor decisions. In response, he founded S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth Inc., one of the leading gang prevention and intervention agencies in the northeastern United States. He now serves as Uniondale High School Attendance Coordinator. Sergio works tirelessly to save the lives of teenagers caught up in gangs. Ann Marie D'Aliso lost her son, Pat, to suicide in 2004 at 16 years of age. Together she & her husband worked through the trauma that ensued. Ann Marie is now active in suicide prevention and speaks in schools, advocating forgiveness.



2018 NJ STATE ELKS PEER LEADERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly and completely ALL information requested.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$375 PER PERSON

Check one below:

STUDENT ADVISOR ADVISOR SWEATSHIRT SIZE _____

Name: _____ Sex: M / F Age: _____ DOB: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

School: _____ Organization You Are Representing: _____

Day Time Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Advisor(s) or Adult(s) attending with you: _____

Ethnicity (Circle One): African American Asian Caucasian Latino Native American Other

Grade: 9 10 11 12 Advisor contact number: _____

Roommate Request (Not Guaranteed): _____

Advisor Single Room (\$175 Extra - ADVISORS ONLY): Yes / No

Have you previously attended the NJ State Elks Conference? Yes / No

Responsible for Payment (Must be completed): Elks Lodge ___ School ___ Alliance ___ Other ___

Contact Person for Payment: _____ Phone Number: _____

Form of Payment: Purchase Order #: _____ OR Check #: _____

Form of payment must accompany this application

HEALTH HISTORY

Name of Physician or Clinic: _____ Phone: _____

Physician Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date last Tetanus or Booster shot: _____ Do you wear contact lenses?: Y / N

Food or medication allergies (including reaction): _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Diabetic?: _____

If so, do you take insulin? Type: _____ Dosage: _____ Times per day: _____

Hypoglycemic?: _____

If so, do you take oral glyemics?: Type: _____ Dosage: _____ Times per day: _____

Are you currently under medical care?: _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Will you be on any medications during the conference?: _____

If so, Name: _____ Dosage: _____ Reason: _____

Please list and explain all medical conditions, including asthma, dizziness, migraines, seizures, etc.: _____

HEALTH FORM
MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL STUDENTS
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I am the parent/guardian of: _____ (Student Participant)

Consent for Attendance

I hereby give permission for the Participant to attend the NJ State Elks Association Peer Leadership Conference in Long Branch, NJ on February 2 to February 4, 2018. The above named individual shall be allowed to participate in all above mentioned informational and physical activities and workshops.

Medical Consent

I hereby authorize appropriately trained personnel (EMT), or other trained personnel designated by the Elks, to administer first-aid treatment to the Participant, if necessary. In the event that the Participant suffers a serious injury or illness, I understand that the Elks will notify me as soon as possible to obtain my approval for treatment. If I am unavailable, I designate the following people to give such consent.

EMERGENCY CONTACT #1

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #2

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

In the event that efforts to contact me or my designees are unsuccessful or are not possible during emergency circumstances, I hereby authorize the attending physician to administer any treatment including surgery which he or she deems necessary. I understand that I will, in any event, be contacted as soon as possible. I further give my permission for the Participant to receive aspirin, Tylenol, or other over-the-counter medicine under the supervision of the EMT on-site.

Payment for Medical Treatment

I agree to be responsible for paying any medical bills, either directly or through insurance payments, which may result from any treatment deemed necessary by medical personnel.

**THIS MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED
OR THIS FORM WILL BE RETURNED.**

Policy Name: _____ Policy Holder: _____

Identification or Group Numbers: _____ Insurance Company Address (below): _____

If you do not have medical insurance, please indicate that by checking this box:

Consent for Photographs

I hereby give permission for photographs to be taken of the Participant, and for photographs in which participant is included to be used for purposes of publicity of the Elks Conference.

Release of Liability

For an in consideration of the participation of the Participant in Elks program(s), I hereby release and hold harmless NJ State Elks Association, their officers, employees, volunteers or agents, and any medical personnel they select, from any and all liability or damages including accidental injury or illness which may occur during the Participant's attendance at the Elks Conference.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Place of Business: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Name and Relationship to Participant): _____

Relationship: _____ Date: _____

(signature above)

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