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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Vestal Middle School Student Council will encourage local middle schools to “Come with a Vision, Leave with a Plan” at Regional Middle School Student Council Workshop

The Student Council at Vestal Middle School will host its fourth annual Regional Middle School Student Council Conference from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Miss Ann Marie Loose, Vestal Middle School Principal, and the students are honored to welcome Mrs. Diane Stento, founder of Danielle House, as this year’s keynote speaker.

Middle School students from a dozen districts in the area will be attending the regional conference which features team-building activities, group sessions led by faculty and administrators from Vestal and a guest presenter from Binghamton University, as well as a collaborative community-service challenge to benefit Danielle House. These group workshops will include topics ranging from Musical Leadership to a discussion of What You Need to Succeed.

Vestal Middle School, in conjunction with its Student Council, hosted the first regional conference in 2015 as an opportunity for local students in grades 6 – 8 to learn more about leadership roles, share ideas and build relationships with other students in the region. This program is also presented with the overwhelming support of our community. Many thanks to these local businesses for their contributions to this year’s initiative: **Freihofer’s, Frito Lay, Lupos, Olive Garden, Pudgie’s Pizza & Subs, Sam’s Club, Subway, Wegmans, Weis Markets** and the **Vestal Middle School PTO**.

This year’s attendees will be encouraged to mark their calendars for the Fifth Annual Regional Middle School Student Council Conference, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019.

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“Come with a Vision, Leave with a Plan”

Regional Student Council/Student Government Conference Schedule:

9:30 a.m. – Welcome by **Principal Ann Loose** in the African Road Auditorium

9:35 a.m. – Keynote Speaker **Mrs. Diane Stento** (The founder of Danielle House. For more information, visit daniellehouse.org.) – African Road Auditorium

10 a.m. – Team-building Activities

11 – 1:15 p.m. – Group Workshops (*See schedule below; Students will be teamed into groups A – F, so there are multiple times for each session workshop.*)

Session Name & Presenters	TIMES	Session Location
Can you Hear Me Now? (Presenter: Dodie Ainslie, Vestal CSD Coordinator of Instruction)	11:35 – 12:05 12:10 – 12:40 12:45 – 1:15	Room 244
The Colors of Leadership (Presenter: Ann Marie Loose, Vestal Middle School Principal)	11 – 11:30 a.m. 11:35 – 12:05 12:45 – 1:15	Room 159
Helping Danielle House (Presenter: Michelle Wolf, VMS Eighth-grade Reading Teacher)	11:35 – 12:05 12:10 – 12:40 12:45 – 1:15	Room 161
Problem-Solving Challenge (Presenter: Sonya Skinner, VMS Eighth-grade Science Teacher)	11 – 11:30 a.m. 11:35 – 12:05 12:45 – 1:15	Room 242
That’s My Jam: Musical Leadership (Presenter: Melissa Williams, VMS Assistant Principal)	11 – 11:30 a.m. 12:10 – 12:40 12:45 – 1:15	Room 243
What do You Need to Succeed? A Marshmallow Challenge (Presenter: Julie Travis, Binghamton University)	11 – 11:30 a.m. 12:10 – 12:40 12:45 – 1:15	Room 160

While students are enjoying team-building activities in the African Road Elementary gym, Student Council/Government advisors and Middle School administrators will be meeting with Mrs. Stento, and then will be observing student workshops.