

MISAN

Multicultural Student Achievement Network

High School Student Conference Informational Session

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Welcome!



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- Student Conference Alignment to Mission and Values
- Student Experience & Core Activities
- Chaperone Expectations
- Before the Conference
- During the Conference
- After the Conference
- Questions?



Mission & Values in Action



- Student Voice
- Student Leadership
- Partnership & collaboration
- Connecting across the network
- Professional learning
- In service to improving schools so all students thrive





26th Annual MSAN Student Conference **November 12-15, 2025**

The DoubleTree by Hilton Washington DC-Crystal
City, Arlington, VA

Hosted by Alexandria City Public Schools

Student Experience

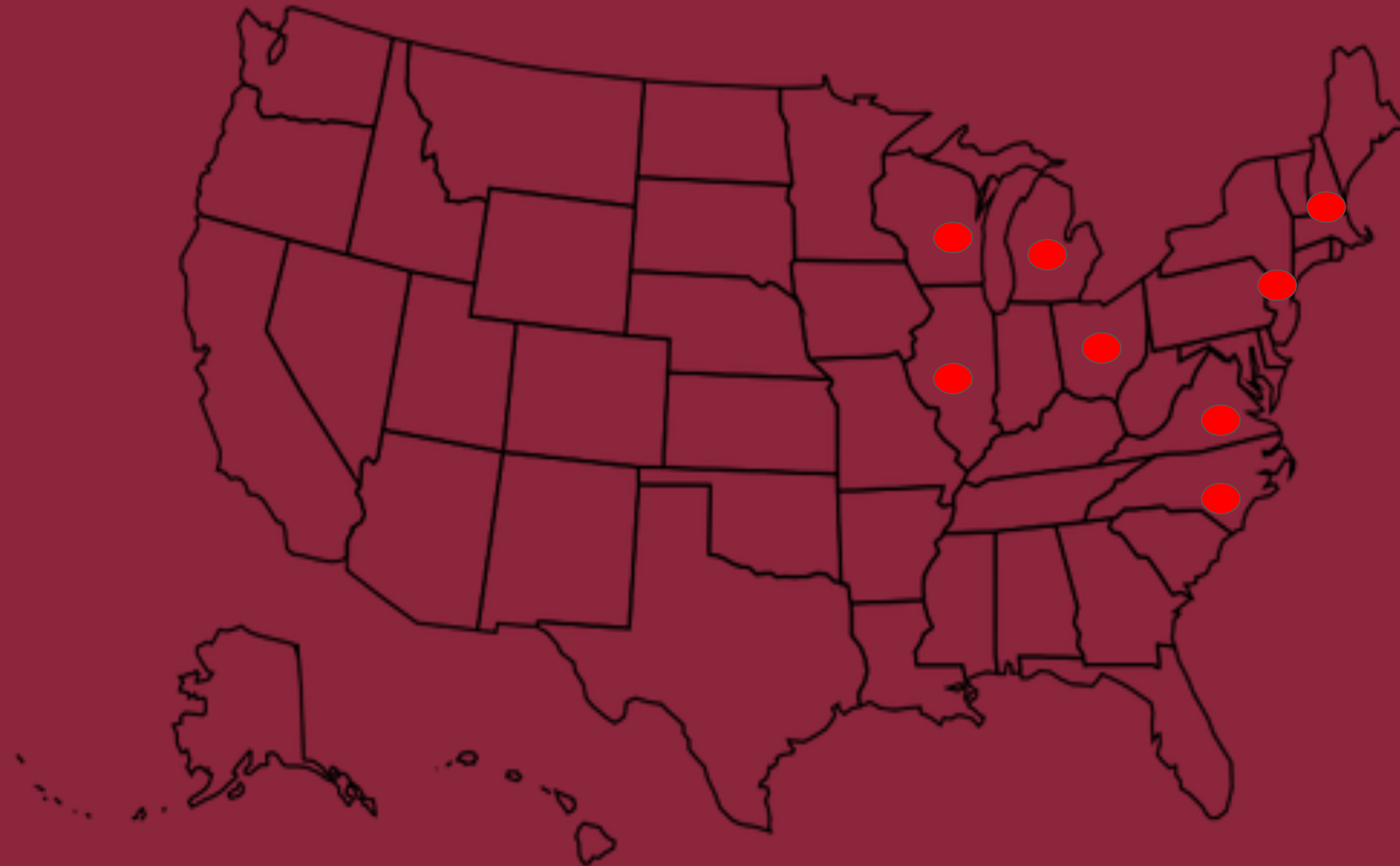


Students Will:

- Meet, learn and connect with other high school students from across the country
- Tour and experience the Howard University campus
- Hear from great speakers and panelists regarding leadership, social justice, identity, and other great topics
- Work with local school district teams to examine data about their school and create an action plan for change
- HAVE FUN!



MSAN Conference Delegations



WI, IL, MI, OH, NC,
VA, NJ, MA

Core Conference Activities



- Student connection and networking activities
- Keynote speakers
- Panel discussion
- Howard University tour
- Student discussions
- Action planning and student presentations
- Opportunities for student research focus group participation



We Need Your Help



YOU are CRITICAL to
the success of the
MSAN Student
Conference!!!



Essential Work to Do



- ☑ Before the Conference
- ☑ During the Conference
- ☑ After the Conference



Assemble and Engage your District Team



District Teams Should Consist of:

- MSAN students attending the conference (and families)
- MSAN students not able to attend
- Chaperones/Advisors
- MSAN RPC members
- District Superintendent
- **Not all members of the district team will be part of the conference delegation*



Conference Delegation Selections



- Each district gets 10 slots with membership (at reduced registration fee)
 - attendees beyond 10 can attend at higher registration fee
- Consider appropriate ratios of adults to students
- Leadership potential; passion for change
- 9-12th graders
- Ready for the experience



Before the Conference



- Review the conference website:
<https://msan.wcer.wisc.edu/student-conference/>
- Review important chaperone documents:
 - *Chaperone Responsibilities, Expectations, and Important Notes*
 - *Guidelines for MSAN Student Conference Team Selection*
- Review Pre-Conference Handbook with students and families (English, Spanish, Arabic)
- Ensure teams understand MSAN and the purpose of the conference
- Post/share on social media (#MSANdream)



Before the Conference



- Prepare all required forms and information
- Contact MSAN re: any special medical accommodations, food allergies, etc. **ASAP**
- **Complete registration process by October 7, 2025**
 - Chaperone registration form
 - Student registration form
 - District contact collects and enters all information at once into the online system
 - Use your district's unique discount code





Before the Conference

- Provide opportunities for team building
- Communicate clear expectations with students and families
- Review the final agenda
- Make travel arrangements
- **Hotel reservations MUST be made by Oct. 15, 2025**
- **Email Beth: bethan.angell@hilton.com**





Before the Conference

- Read and discuss required pre-conference readings and materials
- Practice “roll call” introduction
- Prepare for action planning
 - Prepare and begin discussing district data
- Identify a student to participate on a panel
- Read all emails from the MSAN office



During the Conference



- You are responsible for ensuring the safety of students at all times
- Help monitor and support engagement for all students
- Assist with lights out prep and after-hours safety checks
- Communicate (as decided by your team) with families and staff back home



During the Conference



- Check-in at the hotel is 4:00 pm on November 12th
 - There will be a place to wait if your rooms are not ready
- Registration begins at 4:30 pm
- Connect with other chaperones
- Be present for ALL activities
- Facilitate the action planning process



After the Conference



- Continue work with district teams (including RPC members and Superintendent) and students to implement action plan
- Arrange opportunities for students to share their experience with other students and district leaders
- Recognize MSAN Scholars for their attendance at the conference
- Discuss ways to continue MSAN student group work throughout the year
- Stay connected with other chaperones
- Plan for your district team to attend the action plan check-in April (date TBD)



THANK YOU

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