



NCDPI Student Leadership Institute 2017

I AM CHARACTER... I AM LEADERSHIP... I AM SERVICE!

JUNE 28 - July 1 - PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY - MISENHEIMER, NC



Register your team to be a part of an exciting opportunity to build strong **Character**, develop **Leadership** skills and engage in **Service-Learning** experiences!

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is pleased to announce its sixth annual **NCDPI Student Leadership Institute (SLI)**. This four-day institute for rising fourth through twelfth graders is designed to prepare students to take active roles in their schools and communities through service-learning.



The institute will take place on the beautiful campus of **Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, NC from June 28 through July 1, 2017**. Institute facilitators will engage participants in active, minds-on, hands-on learning that will assist students and their adult mentors with developing the skills needed to engage in at least one service-learning experience when they return to their schools and communities.



INSTITUTE DESCRIPTION:

This institute is divided into three grade-span cohorts: **rising fourth and fifth graders, rising sixth through eighth graders, and rising ninth through twelfth graders**. Prospective participants should register as a team of 4-6 students with at least one adult mentor from the school or district for which the students attend.



Selected teams will receive:

- One half day of teambuilding experiences;
- One full day of minds-on learning from experienced trainers in character and leadership development and service-learning;
- One half day of hands-on learning at an experiential learning site near Pfeiffer University;
- One half day of service-learning action planning;
- Evening activities that are fun, reflective, and impactful;
- Tools and materials to support service-learning, character building, and leadership development beyond the institute.



COST:

All expenses will be paid for students and their adult mentor(s) including round trip bus transportation to and from the experiential learning site, meals, snacks, lodging, and program activities. **Teams are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the location of the institute.**



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Each team must adhere to the following requirements:

- Create a diverse team of 4-6 students sponsored by a public school or public charter school in North Carolina.
- Include at least one adult mentor from the participating school or district.
- Be committed to participating in ALL aspects of the four-day institute.
- **Be willing to engage in at least one service-learning experience during the 2017-2018 school year.**
- **Submit a description of a service-learning experience for which your team engaged that will be posted to the Character Matters NC website.**

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

The application for the Student Leadership Institute is available online at: <http://charactermattersnc.com/ncdpi-student-leadership-institute/>

School or district personnel should complete the application. Students may not register themselves. Although student names are not required at the time the application is submitted, mentors should have team members in mind. Names will be required shortly after teams have been notified of their acceptance.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The application deadline is **Friday, March 31, 2017 at 5:00 pm**. Due to the volume of applications we receive, late applications **CAN NOT** be accepted. Teams selected for the Student Leadership Institute will be notified on or before **Friday, April 7, 2017**.

Note: Mentors from selected teams will be required to attend a face-to-face training on **April 25-26, 2017** in preparation for the institute.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For answers to any questions you may have, contact the Coordinators, **Fay Gore** at fay.gore@dpi.nc.gov and **Nakisha Floyd** at nakisha.floyd@dpi.nc.gov. For phone inquiries, contact **Bernadette Cole** at 919-807-3847.

