



**Southwestern
Black Student
Leadership
Conference**

Greetings!

For the past 20 years, the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference has created the opportunity for African American students to assemble and further develop their leadership skills for the future. In celebration of SBSLC's 20th anniversary, the 2009 conference theme is *Transcending The Status Quo*. This year we are incorporating "The Social Change Model of Leadership Development" into all aspects of our conference. This model offers key qualities necessary for proactive leadership such as: collaboration, consciousness of self, commitment, congruency, common purpose, controversy with civility, and citizenship. These "7 C's" promote individual, group, community, and societal values. It is our vision that workshop presenters will provide a core component to the conference by offering motivating workshops that build upon this social change model. Attached is a brief description of the "Social Change Model of Leadership Development."

You are invited to submit a proposal for a workshop presentation. Topics for workshops include:

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| - Health | - Spirituality | - Politics/Current Events |
| - Professionalism | - Entrepreneurship | - Financial Management |
| - Leadership | - Fine Art/Culture | - Education/Professional Programs |
| - Gender Specific | - Relationships | - Media Representation |

In addition to workshops, the conference will also host town-hall meetings. These meetings will give participants an opportunity to engage in peer discussion concerning various topics. Town-hall facilitators are needed to assist and encourage conversation as well as offer their own insight.

Proposals should be submitted using the attached form. Please include materials (videos, literature, student evaluations, list of possible references, letter of recommendations, etc.) from previous workshops, if possible. We also encourage you to include a detailed outline of your workshop, so we can better understand the content. This material will greatly aid in our selection process. We also request that you send a brief biography and picture along with your proposal. You are welcome to submit proposals for more than one topic.

Standard A/V equipment (easel pad, overhead projector, markers, chalkboard, etc.) will be provided for you at no cost. However, a fee will be charged for other equipment such as lapel and wireless microphone, laptop, data projector, television, and VCR. We ask that equipment request and payments be submitted by December 12, 2007.

Please submit proposals to Natalie Okoro at the address below or by email: sbslc.workshops@gmail.com

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Attention: Workshops

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Important dates and deadlines are:

Proposal due date: November 14, 2008

Notification of Workshop Acceptance: by December 5, 2008

Conference dates: January 22-25, 2009

Sincerely,

Natalie Okoro

Director of Workshops

Brittany Turner

Assistant Director of Workshops

"The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision" – Theodore Hesburgh



Social Change Model of Leadership Development

Two Primary Goals

1. To enhance student leadership, development, and self-knowledge
2. To facilitate positive social change at the institution or in the community.

Three Levels of Leadership Development

1. The Individual- this level examines personal qualities we attempt to foster and develop in individuals in a leadership development program.
2. The Group- this level examines how the collaborative leadership development process is designed to not only to facilitate growth of individual qualities but also bring about a positive social change.
3. The Community/ Society- this level examines how leadership development activity is directed towards positive social change.

“7 C’s of Leadership Development”

Individual Values

- **Consciousness of self** means being aware of the beliefs, values, attitudes, and emotions that motivate one to take action.
- **Congruence** refers to thinking, feeling, and behaving with constituency, sincerity, and honesty towards others.
- **Commitment** is the energy, passion, intensity, and duration that motivate the individual to serve collective efforts.

Group Values

- **Collaboration** is the trustful work with others that empowers self and others towards a common effort.
- **Common Purpose** means to work with shared aims and values.
- **Controversy with Civility** recognizes that with any creative group effort, differences in viewpoint are inevitable and these differences must be expressed with civility.

Community/Societal Values

- **Citizenship** is the process whereby the individual and the collaborative group become responsibly connected to community through leadership development activity. This process realizes a good citizen works for positive change on behalf of others and community.

Resource

“The Social Change Model of Leadership Development Guidebook,” Version 111
Higher Education Research Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, 1996.