



## Selected Evaluation Comments from Past VHSL Student Leaders' Conferences

- Very inspiring -- I've been slacking off in school a little lately, and now I want to buckle down, get things done and lead.
- I had so much fun here and can honestly say every single workshop, speaker and group activity was worth every bit of time, energy, etc.
- Next year we are trying to bring more people from our school because they missed out big.
- The amount of energetic students concentrated in one area gave everyone a greater sense of spirit and promoted the sharing of ideas.
- I learned so much and became more optimistic about life and being a leader.
- The speakers and instructors were captivating. They all made the conference better.
- I think that the topics were well chosen. Can't think of how it could be better.
- The fact that the people there listened to our ideas and answered our questions. They also gave good advice in school and throughout life.
- The variety of topics and presenters were great.
- The different sessions, there was plenty to choose from.
- Good information and insight offered in workshops.
- More people = more options = more possibility.
- Bright minds were plentiful.
- Everybody was included and nobody put in a special category.
- Everyone got to interact and not just sit there.
- A very special privilege that can change lives.
- More confidence to succeed.
- You learn different ways of getting along with others and tactics of teamwork.
- My interest was held mostly all weekend and there was always something to do and listen to.
- It was so much fun (not to mention useful).
- Makes you realize how really diverse our state is.
- Would you recommend to others? Yes, for one this is the best experience I have had in my life.
- Mark Scharenbroich gave the all-time best speech I have ever heard in my life.
- Stephen Bargetze was THE BEST speaker I have ever, ever heard.
- Sandy Queen should come back, definitely!! She touched many people with her speech.
- From a sponsor -- watching the students getting excited about what another school is doing.
- The Mission Impossible was nice without a facilitator once we realized we had to lead ourselves. It should always be like that. Being able to work on everything, get it all done without having a facilitator. We had to practice leadership and speak up.
- This was my first time attending one of these conferences. Next year I am going to beg my teacher to come.
- I think it's awesome how much spirit the hosting school had.
- The people are so friendly and the whole place filled with tons of energy.
- There are tons of things that some people don't understand about leadership and sportsmanship. This conference gives you a better understanding of those two things and allows you to implement solutions to problems your school is dealing with.

- I enjoyed the fact that there are so many other teenagers that are just as motivated and excited about life as you are.
- It brought everybody closer together.
- You learn you are not the only person who cares about leadership and making changes.
- There was constant energy and tons of activities available.
- It was far better than I expected it to be. Not only was it educational, but it was lots of fun too.
- This was the most awesome conference that I have ever attended.
- I enjoyed listening to all the speakers and the people in my sessions talk and give their advice and insight into what it takes to be a leader and about what life is about. This is an inspiring program.

## What did you enjoy most about this conference?

### Students

1. **Meeting others**  
(Information about what other schools do, learning ways to improve leadership, friendly, fun, spirit of things, atmosphere, interaction, taking ideas back to school)
2. **Speakers**  
(Mark Scharenbroich, Sandy Queen, Stephen Bargatze)
3. **Dance/open gym/Austins**
4. **Entertainment**
5. **Workshops**
6. **Food**
7. **Idea Share-a-Thon**
8. **Mission ImPossible**
9. **Gift Exchange**
10. **Spirit Works**
11. **Everything**  
**Hosts/facilities**
13. **Balance between work & play**

14. **Dealing with important/leadership issues**
15. **Leadership games during registration**

**What did you enjoy most about this conference?**

### **Adults**

1. **Speakers**  
(Mark Scharenbroich, Sandy Queen, Stephen Bargatze)
2. **Meeting others**  
(Chance to talk and plan, exchanging ideas, sharing freely, team building, interaction, enthusiasm, getting motivated; smiles on students' faces)
3. **Workshops**
4. **Well organized and paced**
5. **Student/staff helpers**
6. **Entertainment**  
**Mission Impossible**
8. **Hospitality for sponsors**  
**Facility/location**
10. **Variety of activities for students**
11. **Idea Share-a-Thon**  
**Notebook**  
**Earlier Date**