

The Virginia School Consortium for Learning ANNUAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE “Cultivating Just & Joyful Schools”

Friday, March 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Virtual Conference

PLANNING AND PREPARATION for a VaSCL SLC SHARE FAIR PRESENTATION

The Student Leadership Conference for the past three years has featured a Share Fair Assembly, during which teams of students gave five-minute presentations about programs, projects, activities and/or events at their schools. For this year’s Virtual SLC, Share Fair Presentations will be 3-5 minute video-recordings that will be submitted in advance. All submissions will become part of a Library of Share Fair Presentations, which will be shared with all participants, and selected presentations will be shown during the SLC. Schools which take on the project of creating a Virtual Share Fair Presentation will be given the opportunity to add two more students to their school’s team (for a total of seven students). If you choose to submit a Creative Expression Presentation as well, up to nine students can attend the SLC.

GOAL of Share Fair Presentations:

- learn from other students about programs, projects, activities, and events that are working well at other schools
- spark ideas for innovative approaches to help address issues and challenges that high schools are facing
- provide a rewarding learning experience for students who produce a presentation
- exercise student voice and choice as school teams collaborate to produce authentic student work and as students respond to other schools’ presentations

FOCUS of Share Fair Presentations:

- examine ways in which students can help make their schools and communities more just and joyful
- explore programs or activities which enhance students’ sense of well-being by creating environments in which students feel that they are treated with respect and given a fair chance to be successful
- share innovative projects or events which students find engaging and enjoyable and which increase the acceptance and inclusion of all students in the school community

SUGGESTIONS for GENERAL TOPICS for Share Fair Presentations:

- events or programs at your school which students are especially proud of
- activities or projects that have been particularly successful at your school in the past
- new ways in which student leaders are connecting with and supporting each other, as well as serving their communities, in a mostly virtual environment

QUESTIONS for DETERMINING the SPECIFIC EVENT, PROGRAM, ACTIVITY, or PROJECT for Share Fair Presentations:

- What has helped to create learning experiences that are pleasurable, exciting, and meaningful for students?
- What has had a positive impact on creating a nurturing environment which meets the social and emotional needs of students?
- What builds on students’ interests and passions, as well as their personal and cultural sense of identity, and enables them to gain the conviction that they can make a positive difference in the world?
- What has increased students’ awareness of the real-world impact of their own attitudes and actions?
- What encourages students to value the contributions of other members of their community?
- What has helped students explore what justice looks like in one or more domains (racial, cultural, economic, generational, social, or ecological) and how to identify and address injustices?
- What has motivated and empowered your students to embrace a commitment to ensuring justice for all members of their school and community?

GUIDELINES for ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS of Share Fair Presentations:

- Pre-recorded video, 3-5 minutes long, submitted two weeks before the conference
- Use of photos, images, graphics, and short video and audio clips to catch attention and create interest
- Clear and simple provision of vital information on the key components of the project or activity
- Inclusion of video recordings of students participating in the event or demonstrating aspects of the program
- Utilization of voice-over audio recordings to explain or describe key aspects of project or activity
- Emphasis on entertaining and engaging audience in order to inspire other students
- Focus on enabling students to imagine how they might be able to implement something similar at their schools

BASIC ELEMENTS to INCLUDE in Share Fair Presentations:

- Identification of Presentation:
 - label of “Share Fair Presentation”
 - title for your presentation (including “name” of activity)
 - name of high school and school division
 - images of school, mascot, students, faculty, and/or local community
 - names of students who worked on creating the presentation
- Welcome from students and Introduction of your school:
 - size of school, location, nature of school population and local community
 - description of school’s basic “identity” (values, interests, concerns, and priorities of students)
 - provision of any information that would help give students from other schools a sense of how your school might be similar to and different from their schools
- Description of Goals and Outcomes of Activity, Project, Event, or Program:
 - why you selected this activity as the topic for your presentation
 - the purpose of the activity
 - why and/or how the activity is effective in accomplishing that purpose
 - any evidence that can be provided of the activity’s effectiveness
- Explanation of Basic Elements of Activity, Project, Event, or Program:
 - Basic information about what happens during the activity
 - Challenges you overcame and specific preparations that made the activity successful
 - Concrete suggestions for how to implement plans, as well as tips for avoiding potential problems
- Responses to Activity, Project, Event, or Program:
 - personal “testimonials” about why students enjoy the activity and/or how the activity makes students feel accepted and included in the school community
 - exploration of how the activity enhances students’ sense of well-being and/or makes students feel that they are treated with respect and given a fair chance to be successful
 - explanation of impact of the activity on their school community and/or on the larger community

REQUIREMENTS for SUBMISSION PROCESS for Share Fair Presentations:

- Visit the **SLC website** for complete step-by-step information on how to create a virtual Share Fair Presentation:
bit.ly/slcsharefair
- If Faculty Advisors or students have questions or need advice or any technical assistance, SLC IT Support Staff will be providing “**Office Hours**” from 5:00-5:30 on the following Tuesdays: February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 2:
bit.ly/slcofficehours
- By Friday, February 12, complete the **Proposal Form** for a Share Fair Presentation:
<http://bit.ly/slcsubmit>
- By Friday, March 5, submit video recording of 3–5-minute presentation, by uploading to **VaSCL SLC SFP FlipGrid**:
flipgrid.com/3999f480

REQUIREMENTS for FACULTY ADVISORS for Share Fair Presentations:

- Oversee the planning and preparation of your school's Share Fair Presentation
- Make sure that the various tools which students use during the creation process are approved by your school
- Make sure that the various suggestions for the content of a Share Fair presentation are incorporated
- Make sure that the two deadlines are met (February 12, for the initial submission of your school's proposal for a presentation; March 5, for your final submission of the 3-5 minute pre-recorded video)
- Give final APPROVAL to ALL aspects of your school's presentation before final submission, to ensure that everything is APPROPRIATE for an audience of high school students

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, SUGGESTIONS??

We hope that your team of students DOES decide that they have a program, project, activity or event that they believe can help create more "Just and Joyful Schools," and that they take on the FUN challenge of preparing a 3-5 minute video-recording of their Share Fair Presentation.

It will be a rewarding experience for them personally and will help ensure the effectiveness of this year's VaSCL Student Leadership Conference for all participants!

Please contact Liza Scallet (Lscallet@vascl.org) if you have ANY questions, concerns, or suggestions!