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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Directors of Special Education
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Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conferences

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education Professional Development is sponsoring nine regional Dare to Dream Student Leadership conferences in April and May that highlight information, strategies and key practices to prepare students with disabilities for college, employment, and career.

Each conference features keynote presentations from students and young adults with disabilities from districts across New Jersey who have demonstrated exemplary self-advocacy and leadership skills. Additionally, the conference includes a variety of workshops that provide participants the opportunity to gain insight into the transition from school to adult life, and to learn strategies to promote success in post-graduation experiences.

Teachers and students are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile conference, which has proven to be a positive learning experience for thousands of students across New Jersey over many years. Due to the popularity of this event, registration priority is given to districts that have students presenting breakout sessions, musical performances or keynote presentations.

There is no charge for the conference. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided to all participants. Teachers and professional staff from districts must accompany students in sufficient numbers to ensure adequate supervision throughout the day. Transportation must be provided by the district sending students to the conference. Parents are welcomed to attend.

Visit the [Dare to Dream webpage](#) for information on student registration and participation in a regional Dare to Dream Student Leadership conference.

The conferences are scheduled to be held:

- April 13, 2018 Cumberland County College, Vineland
- April 20, 2018 Concordia Learning Center, Jersey City
- May 4, 2018 Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg
- May 14, 2018 Stockton University, Galloway
- May 16, 2018 Rider University, Lawrence Township
- May 18, 2018 Middlesex County College, Edison
- May 22, 2018 William Paterson University, Wayne
- May 25, 2018 Rowan College at Burlington County, Mount Laurel
- May 30, 2018 Montclair State University

Each conference is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An individual conference agenda will be developed for each site.

Contact information

Questions regarding the conference or arrangements for students to conduct workshops or presentations can be directed to the New Jersey Department of Education by contacting Bob Haugh at (609) 376-3736 or Robert.haugh@doe.state.nj.us.

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