McMaster Students Union welcomes high school delegates to annual leadership conference

HAMILTON - For more than a decade, the McMaster Students Union (MSU) has played host to future students and student leaders annually in May during a three day conference titled Creating Leadership Amongst Youth (CLAY). Taking place between May 11th and May 13th the CLAY conference invites high school students from across the province - and sometimes beyond - to McMaster University for leadership development and to highlight the value of post-secondary education (PSE).

CLAY is designed to foster youth engagement and teach both leadership and life skills. CLAY relies exclusively on undergraduate student staff and volunteers to lead delegate teams, coordinate programming and supervise the logistics of the multi-day conference.

“Early outreach is a critically important aspect of increasing PSE participation amongst high school students”, said Siobhan Stewart, President of the MSU. “Given the ever-growing importance of post-secondary participation, CLAY is extremely valuable to demonstrate the value of PSE to students from diverse backgrounds and ages. Moreover, CLAY gives the MSU the ability to highlight the world class nature of McMaster University, as well as the wonderful community of Hamilton in which we are located”.

Students from Hamilton and the GTA will comprise the bulk of delegates this year, with participants hailing all the way from Oshawa to London. CLAY has welcomed students from as far away as British Columbia and will continue to host interested delegates from across the country. The CLAY conference complements an assortment of MSU services dedicated to community-based initiatives and engagement including the MSU Child Care Centre, our community radio station CFMU 93.3FM and the Student Community Support Network (SCSN).

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