

# **Student Leadership Conference Set for October**

Registration is now open for the 2017 Iowa Student Leadership Conference to be held October 29 & 30 in Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center.

Focus on Leadership XXXVII is sponsored by the Iowa High School Athletic Association & Iowa Association of Student Councils in partnership with the School Administrators of Iowa.

The conference is a great way for high school and junior high student leaders to connect and learn new ideas on how to become even better leaders in their schools. This conference is NOT just for student council members, but for any high school and junior high students in leadership positions.

Organizers have an evening full of activities on Sunday night to kick-off the gathering. Keynote speaker, Gary Clark, who has presented at LEAD and national conferences, will be on hand to facilitate several group activities and leadership lessons. The community service project this year will include creating activity kits and cards for children in hospitals. The Sunday evening events will end with a hypnotist.

The conference gets in full swing on Monday morning. During the general session, various awards will be presented, the state project will be introduced, and new state officers will be announced.

Known as one of America's best youth leadership development speakers, Ted Wiese works with thousands of students every year to teach and enhance their leadership skills. Ted will present the keynote and three break-out sessions on Monday.

Students will then be able to select break-out leadership



sessions from a menu of choices. Break-out sessions will center on school improvement, leadership development, fundraising, appreciation, character building, community service, and school spirit.

Early Bird Session -- the conference plans to offer an early-bird session on Sunday afternoon for schools (Student Councils) who would like to have an exchange of ideas. Schools will have the opportunity to come early to fulfill their Honor Council Student Council Exchange requirement.

Schools may register online with a discount for early registration at [www.iowastudentcouncils.org](http://www.iowastudentcouncils.org). If you have any questions please call Vicki Carstens, Harlan, IA, at 712-579-0722 or [vscarstens@gmail.com](mailto:vscarstens@gmail.com).