“Respect” is the theme for the 2019 OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference, which will be held October 1 at the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University when a capacity crowd of 1,500 students will gather, making it once again the largest student leadership conference in the nation.

Led by professional speaker and event coordinator Harvey Alston, the conference will feature five individuals who will speak about leadership, achievement and overcoming adversity. The conference is free to attend for the first 1,500 students and is geared toward students in grades 9 through 11. Registration information has been sent to member high schools.

8:00–8:30 AM Registration and Check-in
8:30–9:00 AM Welcome from Jerry Snodgrass and Mike Richards
9:00–9:45 AM Dr. Mike Thomson
9:45–10:30 AM Devon Harris
10:30–11:15 AM BEACON
11:15–12:00 PM Julie Carrier
12:00–12:45 PM Brian Williams
12:45–1:00 PM Harvey Alston
1:00 PM Jet’s pizza and t-shirt pick-up

OHSAA Foundation Service Week is a statewide community service initiative that provides an opportunity for Ohio student-athletes to make a positive impact in the community, provide educational experiences for all students to receive community service credit towards graduation. This initiative is highlighted by an “OHSAA Foundation Game.”

Member schools and their student-athletes who have elected to participate in the Foundation Service Week have generated in excess of $500,000 for charitable organizations and causes across the nation and beyond. The participation fees contributed by each participating school are used to allow the Foundation’s continuation of its leadership conferences and education materials for student-athletes in ALL sports. The Foundation Board has long-range plans for expansion of all programs, as well as the creation of new educational materials.

All Foundation games must be approved and played within the following dates:
Girls—October 26, 2019–February 10, 2020
Boys—November 2, 2019–February 17, 2020

Per the OHSAA Basketball Regulations, each team is permitted a maximum of FIVE scrimmages plus one Preview. “Foundation Games” may be played anytime until the first Sectional Tournament game. Member schools may elect to participate in a Foundation Service Week game one of three ways:
1. Substituting a Foundation Game for one of the five allotted scrimmages.
2. Conducting a Foundation Game as an “Exhibition” game if outside of the normal 22 games permitted by OHSAA regulations. This game should be conducted under all normal playing rules but the win/loss does not count toward the team’s record.
3. Dedicate a regular season contest as a Foundation Game. The win/loss does count toward the team’s record.

Participation Fee for the OHSAA Foundation Game is $250 per team.

All participation fees are used to support the Foundation Leadership Conference held each October.

*Donations received during the game may be used ONLY towards the payments for contest officials.