VASSP and VFEL, with the leadership and staff of the Virginia Student Councils Association, have done considerable planning to revive the Summer Student Leadership Workshop for rising 9–12\textsuperscript{th} grade students. Plans are to hold the workshop at the University of Lynchburg, July 21–24, 2020.

The workshop will bring together the best and the brightest student leaders from throughout the Commonwealth to develop effective leadership skills and gain valuable ideas to implement back in their high schools. Students will participate in a variety of learning situations focusing on improving fundamental concepts such as communication, decision-making, problem solving, group dynamics, meeting skills, and project planning skills.

The program is designed for students who are interested in acquiring and refining their skills necessary to become successful school leaders. Student leaders will develop strategies and techniques to help them serve, involve, and connect with other students in their schools to promote a positive school culture and climate. Workshop activities will include:

- **General sessions**—daily, interactive, large group activities
- **SkillShops**—engaging, informative, participatory, content-specific skill sessions
- **Leadership role training**—officer-specific sessions for officers and committee chairs of their school’s student-led organizations
- **Large group evening activities**—team building sessions and planning, practicing, and presenting a group project.

Dedicated advisor sessions will also run in conjunction with the student program to allow advisors to gain professional development credit while building a state-wide network of like-minded colleagues.

This exceptional leadership training experience will be staffed by vetted professional educators with extensive experience in teaching and working with student leaders.

The cost of the workshop is $300 per student or advisor from VSCA member schools or schools with VASSP member principals. Early Registration Deadline is March 31, 2020. From April 1, 2020 until April 20, 2020 the registration fee will be $350 per person. [Registration closes April 20, 2020.] Registration includes meals and lodging.
for 4 days/3 nights, workshop materials, t-shirt, and professional training. Additional information will be posted on the VSCA website in the near future.

We need your input. It is always risky when planning for an unknown number of potential participants. To assist in planning for the workshop, we ask you to complete a brief survey indicating whether your school is likely to send student delegates this summer. We need tentative commitment from 100 student-delegates to be able to proceed with workshop plans, so your response is crucial in our planning process. Please complete the survey by February 10, 2020 at the following link:

We are excited to re-establish this dynamic leadership development program for students and advisors. We will get back to you soon with the survey results! We hope to be able to once again offer this leadership learning opportunity for students beginning this summer.

About the Workshop Director

The workshop will be under the direction of Ms. Lyn Fiscus, a leadership teacher and student activities advisor with more than three decades experience developing student leaders. Lyn is a former co-director of NASSP’s National Leadership Camp in New York, and she has served on staff of leadership workshops in Missouri, Colorado, Michigan, Oregon, and North Carolina.

While at NASSP, Lyn was primarily responsible for editing Leadership for Student Activities magazine, a monthly publication for faculty advisors who work with student council and National Honor Society groups in high schools and middle schools nationwide. She is currently the student government advisor and leadership teacher at South Lakes High School, Fairfax County Division. Lyn is the national recipient of the 2005 Earl Reum Award, given by the National Association of Workshop Directors in recognition of outstanding leadership and commitment to the promotion of excellence in student activities. Lyn is the author of Adviser Essentials: Goalsetting (2013), Adviser Essentials: Project Planning (2010), Adviser’s Guide to Student Activities (2004), and Who Says You Can’t Change the World (1991). She served as editor/writer of the National Leadership Camp’s Leadership Curriculum Guide (1994), and is co-author with Earl Reum of The Bucks $tart Here: Fundraising for Student Activities (2007).