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Dear Administrators,

Early in 2021 we shared an overview of two virtual Mercy Education programs that will be offered in June and July: Conference of Mercy Student Leaders and Partners in Ministry Leadership Academy.

Registration for these events will open on April 15. Please see below for further information and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Also, remember to **save the date** for our virtual Mercy Education Conference, October 13-14, 2021. We will launch the conference with the keynote address on Wednesday evening, October 13, to accommodate all time zones. Break-out presentations will be held on Thursday afternoon, October 14. We are hoping that schools will use this opportunity to have a professional development day on Thursday, October 14. The cost of the conference will be \$25.00 per participant with a \$1000.00 maximum per school.

Please be in touch with any questions about these programs. You can reach out to me at lgriffith@sistersofmercy.org and Kimberly Baxter at kbaxter@sistersofmercy.org.

In Mercy,

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Conference of Mercy Student Leaders

The Conference of Mercy Student Leaders will be a virtual opportunity for student leaders on **Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29, 2021** to engage and collaborate with students throughout the Mercy Education system.

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Since this will be a virtual conference, students will work mainly with the other participants from their school on the advocacy efforts; opportunities for collaborative engagement will be provided

within breakout rooms. Special attention will be given to the Critical Concern for Earth, with focus on how climate change has affected certain populations, especially immigrant and migrant populations.

Mercy secondary schools may select up to **8-10 students** to attend. The conference invites representative student leaders from various school ministries (i.e. student council/student government, ministry team, community service corps leaders) and others whom the school feels will most benefit from our program. We recommend sending rising juniors and/or seniors. All student groups require **one moderator** to participate. If possible, we encourage student groups from each school to gather in-person - observing all necessary safety protocols - to attend the virtual event and facilitate their advocacy planning. Each participant will need a device (laptop or iPad) to complete the personality inventory and other activities. Brown bag lunches are encouraged for student groups gathering in-person. The cost of the conference is \$25.00 per student, payable via check or PayPal.

Partners in Ministry Leadership Academy

The Partners in Ministry Leadership Academy will be conducted virtually on **Monday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 20, 2021**. Those newly appointed to a leadership position in the school (faculty/staff/administration/board) are strongly encouraged to attend. Additionally, we invite those relatively new to a Mercy school; those who seek renewal or want to explore a greater exercise of leadership; and those who wish to know more about the charism, core values and traditions of Mercy to join us.

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MESA will cover the costs of this virtual conference. Schools are welcome to invite up to five participants (administrators, teachers, and staff) to attend with a maximum attendance of 150 participants.