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# This is what students want:

## SAFE PLACE

*“SLS is a safe haven, safe place for students who want to make a change. In SLS, my voice matters. SLS is a place where you can share your feelings or concerns, and someone listens...”*

*I understand the problems my friends face and I can do something about it. I can make a change.”*

*Matt Stocker\*, SLS Alumnus*

*\*Matt Stocker is a Chef at Sea Island Resort in Georgia.*

**Reach Out To SLS. Start a Chapter!**  
**[www.SLStoday.org](http://www.SLStoday.org)**

encourages

bring me up when I'm down & laugh w/ me

They encourage you to be who you are!

\*can lead you where you want to be.

keeps me going even when I don't want to anymore

accepts all people and their ideas

Accept me for who I truly am

Treat People like they are their own family.

DO NOT Judge

## Are we meeting their needs?

Contact SLS to help you. SLS student-led programs are validated.

# SLS "Tech Talk"

Do you need MONEY?  
DO THIS...

Make a Video  
Shoot a Photo  
Create a Game  
Design a Graphic

Make entries fit into  
one or more of these  
categories

## "Tech Talk" Categories:

- Physical Health and Safety
- Relationship Skills
- Mental Health

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Thank You!



## National SLS Awards

The only Michigan developed youth program  
with national validation.



But Wait... **THERE'S MONEY!**

Cash Prizes Awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in  
Video, Photo, Graphic Design and Gaming Entries  
First Prize: \$750  
Third Prize: \$200  
Best Overall Prize: \$1,000

Awards presented at "Tech Talk" Expo April 29, 2018

\*Contest entries can be submitted by an individual or group\*

Contact SLS Today to sign up.

Email [dmf@SLStoday.org](mailto:dmf@SLStoday.org) or call (248) 706-0757

Visit [SLStoday.org/sls-tech-talk-2018](http://SLStoday.org/sls-tech-talk-2018)

Bonus... **Learn techniques from experts!**

1. Schedule a FREE "Tech Talk" training at YOUR SCHOOL with FREE PIZZA!
2. Attend "Tech Talk" Training
3. Create and submit project to SLS by April 12, 2018
4. Be there! SLS "Tech Talk" Expo on April 29, 2018 at

Fowling Warehouse  
Hamtramck 12-4pm

### "Tech Talk" Trainings in your area:

February 7 White Lake 12-3pm  
Harbor HS 1000 Hill Rd

February 17 Waterford 12-3pm  
Covert Center 1150 Scott Lake Rd

February 24 Commerce 12-3pm  
Walled Lake Northern HS 6000 Bogie Lake Rd

March\* Norton Shores 12-3pm  
Mona Shores HS 1121 Seminole Rd  
\*Contact SLS for specific date

March\* Detroit 12-3pm  
Hope of Detroit Academy 4444 35<sup>th</sup> St  
\*Contact SLS for specific date

to see if you WON!



Does your School Chapter Look Like This?

**STUDENT-LED**

IS INCLUSIVE  
to all.

works  
together

IS safer  
and more  
effective

benefits  
everyone not  
just the leader

helps others  
reach their  
goals

is more  
innovative!!!

Help you make  
good decisions

unifies  
us

Supports each other  
and helps each other succeed.

Be your best. SLS can help your chapter get to something wonderful, exciting, innovative and fun with your peers!

# Student Leadership Services Inc.

Changing thoughts. Challenging behaviors.

## Freeland High School



Congratulations Freeland High School SLS Chapter for winning the Charlie Stilec Spirit Award! Freeland SLS Chapter is student-friendly and inspiring. When the students have a plan to execute, they take ACTION. Since 2013, SLS has trained 47 high school students from Freeland High School in Peer Resistance Skills. Those trained students have taught Resistance Skills and how to say “no” to more than 750 fifth grade students. Each trained high school student impacted 16 fifth-graders. Many of those fifth-graders joined SLS when they reached high school and had been trained in Peer Resistance Skills. They are now teaching the next generation of fifth-grade students. This is “Peer-to-Peer Prevention at its best!” Freeland SLS Chapter continues to shine brightly by educating their peers and raising awareness on adolescent issues. Freeland students create a fun, healthy, and safe environment for their school.

**Freeland High School,  
YOU ROCK!**

## Auburn Hills Christian School

Auburn Hills Christian School (AHCS) Students Leading Students (SLS) is one of the newest Michigan chapters. Auburn Hills Christian School SLS Chapter is on the road to success by hosting their first assembly for high school and middle school students to kick-off their chapter! The assembly focused on three projects: **Peer Resistance Skills, School Climate, and Healthy Relationships** by role-playing in three different skits. SLS students designed graphics, t-shirts, and distributed note cards with encouraging words to elementary students. Their SLS Chapter exhibits dedication, hard work, and school spirit by exemplifying a commitment to making their school a friendly atmosphere.



## Tamara Klida

In 2010, Tamara Klida was looking for an effective program with proven results to help educate her students. Tamara contacted SLS and the Freeland Students Leading Students (SLS) Chapter took off! With Tamara’s expertise and passion for students, their SLS Chapter has hosted numerous events to educate students. Their activities focused on Peer Resistance Skills, Healthy and Safe Choices, Leadership Development, and Community Building. Tamara has continuously pushed her students to achieve a strong foundation of success and overcoming barriers that high school students face. At the SLS Professional Development Conference, Tamara was awarded the PGVP Lifetime Achievement Award for her ambition, enthusiasm, hard work, and excitement for the SLS mission. Tamara continues to strive for excellence in helping Freeland High School SLS Chapter achieve their goals. CONGRATS, MRS. KLIDA!

## Arts and Technology Academy of Pontiac

The Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac (ATAP) believes in educating and motivating their peers to achieve their highest level academically and socially. ATAP is one of the Students Leading Students (SLS) newest MI chapters. SLS students are ready to empower and positively influence their peers! Their primary initiatives are focused on **Education, Resolving Conflict**, and creating a friendly and **Fun** environment in which students can learn critical skills. The SLS Chapter initiatives are their “Keys to Success” to promote leadership and engagement by encouraging students to make positive choices. ATAP SLS Chapter is off to an excellent start striving to make a difference in their school and community.

*SLS Chapters focus on:*

*Drug Prevention... Driving Safety... Bullying Prevention... Leadership... Decision Making... Life Skills... Assertiveness... Peer Relationships... Community Service... Social Emotional Learning... Asset Building... Goal Setting... Courage... Accepting Others... Mental Health... Suicide Prevention... Inclusion... School Climate... Debriefing... Action Planning...*

*and any other issues that students identify as a need in their schools and community. Students accomplish this by implementing the validated strategies of SLS since 1982.*

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