

10TH ANNUAL

Student Leadership Exchange

at Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. | HYBRID ZOOM/IN-PERSON EXPERIENCE

ABOUT THE EVENT

LEAD culminates in the presentation of student projects, developed in elective modules, at the annual Student Leadership Exchange (SLX). SLX provides students an opportunity to present their projects and research to entrepreneurs, visiting professors, experts in their fields, IMSA faculty, state legislators, and most importantly each other. SLX functions much like an academic conference focusing on youth leadership, bringing awareness to social issues from around the world.

Connected to SLX is the long-standing tradition of the Hollister lecture, an annual lecture series sponsored by the family of one of IMSA's former faculty Dr. Bernard Hollister. The Hollister Lecture series aims to inform students about various social issues and topics in student leadership.

Evaluators of student presentations will receive a detailed schedule of events including all necessary virtual meeting links.

AGENDA

- 9:00 A.M. Welcome and Opening Remarks
by LEAD Coordinators Vikram Karra and Sarah Wheeler
- 9:40 A.M. Session 1 Presentations
- 9:55 A.M. Session 2 Presentations
- 10:10 A.M. Session 3 Presentations
- 10:25 A.M. Presentation Break
- 10:40 A.M. Session 4 Presentations
- 10:55 A.M. Session 5 Presentations
- 11:10 A.M. Session 6 Presentations
- 11:25 A.M. Session 7 Presentations,
- 11:40 A.M. Session 8 Presentations
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. Hollister Lecture
by William J. Stepien (Former IMSA Faculty)
- 2:45 P.M. Closing Remarks

**For more information, please contact
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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

William J. Stepien

Mr. Stepien graduated from Elmhurst College in 1965 and began his career as a middle school social studies teacher. In 1978, he became a program developer and senior author for the K-7 social studies series for the Scott, Foresman Company. When IMSA opened in 1985, he was tapped to plan curriculum, hire faculty, and help with facility design. Joining its faculty, he taught at IMSA for ten years. In 1994, Mr. Stepien became IMSA's director of the Center for Problem-Based Learning, turning his full attention to research and writing about applications of PBL in elementary and secondary schools. He established the Consortium for Problem-Based Learning at Northern Illinois University in 1997 and became a national consultant in PBL for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). Mr. Stepien consulted with more than fifty schools every year, presented at numerous national meetings and conventions, and consulted with organizations such as NASA, the Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago), Prime Time School Television, and The Wall Street Journal.

