



**Canada's
Wonderland**
YOUTH
PROGRAMS

WonderLEAD

MAY 20 & 21, 2025

**Canada's Wonderland
Leadership Days**


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 **canadian
student leadership**

Program Overview:

WonderLEAD by CSLA and Canada's Wonderland offers students a unique opportunity to develop student's leadership capabilities in a dynamic and engaging environment. This program will be structured to include both pre-event and post-event educational components, with an emphasis on practical, hands-on experience during the event at Canada's Wonderland, while having the opportunity to enjoy all the benefits of being at Canada's Wonderland for the engaging fun!



Key Features:

1. **Micro Certification in CSLA's National Certification Program:**

- All participating students will receive a micro certification as part of CSLA's Four Level National Certification Program, recognizing their leadership development and participation in the program.

2. **WonderLEAD Awards:**

- Sponsored by Canada's Wonderland, this award will be presented to a school who demonstrates exceptional leadership skills and makes a meaningful impact in their school or community.

3. **Pre-Program Digital Workbook:**

- Before attending the event, students will receive a digital workbook designed to prepare the conference. The pre-program workbook will also include the tools to build a proposal for the WonderLEAD Awards and help participants in building their pitch!

4. **Post-Program Online Modules & Reflection Guide:**

- Following the program, students can have access to additional online modules that reinforce the skills and knowledge gained, ensuring a sustainable leadership journey. Classes will also receive resources to engage participants in a reflection on the day, discussions on community building and more.

5. **Engaging Keynote Speaker:**

- Student leaders and educators will kick off their day with a motivating presentation from a Canadian keynote speaker who will share their leadership experiences, perspectives on resilience and inspire young people to make positive change.



Schedule:

Time	Activity	Learning Outcomes	Space Needed
9:00–9:30	Registration	Understanding the layout and structure of the day.	Front Gates
9:30–9:45	Kick-off	<p>Engagement: Participants will begin the day feeling engaged to what is happening on the stage and around them. A balance of fun, movement, and opportunities to connect will allow students to feel safe and engaged in the space.</p> <p>Enhanced Communication Skills: Participants will develop effective communication strategies, enabling them to express ideas clearly and confidently in both individual and group settings.</p> <p>Increased Self-Awareness and Confidence: Attendees will engage in activities designed to deepen self-awareness and build self-confidence. By understanding their strengths and areas for growth, participants will be better equipped to lead with authenticity and resilience.</p> <p>Teamwork and Collaboration Techniques: Students will learn to work collaboratively with peers, fostering a spirit of teamwork and mutual respect.</p>	Canterbury Theatre
9:45–10:30	Speaker 1: Larissa Franklin	<p>The hired speaker will continue the flow of the above learning outcomes while also focusing on the following:</p> <p>Development of Resilience: Participants will explore strategies to build resilience, enabling them to navigate challenges and setbacks with perseverance and a positive outlook. Through storytelling and interactive activities, this guest speaker will help students understand the full circle of resilience and how it can apply to becoming a stronger leader.</p> <p>Commitment to Community Improvement: Attendees will be encouraged to adopt a mindset of making their community better than they found it. The focus will be on their school community, this will build synergy with the Ontario Community Leadership Awards later in the day that will allow students to be inspired and see first hand the impact they can make.</p> <p>Cultivation of Integrity: Students will engage in discussions that emphasize the role of integrity in leadership. This outcome focuses on building trust and credibility, ensuring that students lead with moral principles and ethical standards.</p>	Canterbury Theatre
10:30–10:45	Break		

Schedule (continued):

10:45-11:45	Break-out 1: Design your own School CSLA Micro Certification	<p>Fostering Creativity: Participants will explore and enhance their creative abilities by engaging in activities that encourage out-of-the-box thinking. They will be challenged to generate innovative ideas and solutions, allowing them to see beyond traditional educational models and imagine new possibilities for their school environments.</p> <p>Application of Design Thinking: Students will be introduced to the principles of design thinking, a problem-solving approach that emphasizes empathy, ideation, and experimentation. They will learn to apply this methodology to real-world scenarios, enabling them to develop user-centered solutions that address the needs and preferences of their school communities.</p> <p>Strategic Planning Skills: Attendees will gain experience in strategic planning and thinking big picture. They will then be able to take the visionary concepts and take them back to their schools in their own way</p>	Canterbury Theatre
11:45-12:15	WonderLEAD Awards	<p>Empowerment of Local Leadership/Student across Ontario: Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how to lead effectively within their local communities and be rewarded for projects they have brought to life.</p> <p>Development of New Ideas for Students: Participants will get to learn from other students across Ontario to see other ideas that schools are using to engage their school community.</p>	Canterbury Theatre
12:15-12:30	Debrief of morning and introduction of afternoon activity	Re-enforce morning lessons through conversation An understanding of the afternoon activity Lunch Instructions	Canterbury Theatre
12:30-1:30	Lunch	Various small group activities in tandem with lunch hour to foster teamwork, collaboration, community building, communication, etc.	Courtyard Catering
1:30-4:00	Afternoon Activity in the Park	<p>Integration of Leadership Concepts with Real-World Experiences: Participants will explore leadership principles by connecting them with real-world experiences as they navigate through Canada's Wonderland. This outcome encourages students to reflect on how leadership skills can be applied in various settings, enhancing their ability to transfer theoretical knowledge into practical applications.</p> <p>Engagement in Reflective and Critical Thinking: As students visit each of the top ten must-see attractions, they will engage with thought-provoking questions designed to stimulate reflective and critical thinking. This outcome aims to deepen their understanding of leadership by encouraging self-assessment and discussion, fostering a continuous learning mindset and the ability to analyze complex situations critically.</p>	Across the Park
4:00-4:30	Closing Ceremonies	Wrap up and debrief key messages of the day on how to use these skills beyond the conference.	
4:30-Park Close	Rides & Time in the Park		Across the Park



MEET THE KEYNOTE!

LARISSA FRANKLIN

**OLYMPIC MEDALIST. GUINNESS WORLD RECORD HOLDER.
FOUNDER, ALL IT TAKES, INC.**

Larissa's impact extends far beyond her individual achievements; whether it's on the field, speaking to a corporate audience, or coaching softball, what truly sets Larissa apart is her seamless transition from focused intensity to fostering a fun and supportive environment. Her ability to strike this balance embodies the essence of high performance.

Beyond the diamond, Larissa extends her influence by coaching and mentoring youth, instilling in them the same "All It Takes" mentality that has defined her career. Through her guidance and example, she empowers the next generation to pursue excellence with authenticity and passion.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Transferable skills are the skills and attributes that students need in order to thrive in the modern world. These seven skills identified by Ontario's Ministry of Education will all be incorporated throughout WonderLEAD.

**CRITICAL
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DIGITAL LITERACY

**GLOBAL
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**INNOVATION,
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**SELF-DIRECTED
LEARNING**

COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

THE DETAILS

Dates:

May 20th & May 21st, 2025

Location:

Canada's Wonderland

Fees:

Students:

\$56.50 + HST

\$28.50 + HST w/ Season Pass

Advisors:

Comped at 1:15 ratio +

\$17.50 + HST (Lunch)

Registration:

Live Now at

www.studentleadership.ca/wonderlead



FAQ:



What grades is this event suitable for?

WonderLEAD is a great opportunity for leaders in grades 7-12.

What SHSM areas does this program cover?

This program is great for SHSM electives in leadership skills, group dynamics, event coordination, communication skills and more!

When will we receive our pre-program workbooks?

Pre-program and post-program materials will be available in April 2025.

How many students can I bring to WonderLEAD?

You can register as many participants per school as you'd like. Each event day does have an overall capacity, and registrations are first-come, first-serve.

Who should I bring to WonderLEAD?

We strongly believe student leaders exist in all corners of your school, and encourage you to offer this opportunity to all students, including (but not limited to) equity-seeking groups and students with disabilities.

I have more questions – who can I contact?

Please email our team at info@studentleadership.ca



canadian student leadership

The Canadian Student Leadership Association is a federally registered charity & not for profit organization.

Our mission is to build a strong community of youth leaders across the country who, inspired by their leadership experiences, are actively engaged in their schools and communities and contributing to the betterment of society.

Annually, CSLA impacts over 10,000 youth leaders and educators across Canada through a variety of programs including the Canadian Student Leadership Conference, Horizons Leadership Conferences, workshops, scholarships and more!

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