

Why Attend the Leaders in Life Youth Conference?

The Leaders in Life Youth Conference is like no other. From selecting the conference speakers to inviting presenters for workshops to making phone calls to local businesses, every aspect of this conference is planned by teens for teens! We openly welcome youth from different ethnic, social, academic and economic levels. The recurring theme for our conference is, "Can You Hear Our Rising Voices" teens are often looked at in a negative and mature view, the planning members continue to prove those wrong by creative such a wonderful event. This is a conference packed full with a heavy, yet exciting schedule with many activities for all the youth to enjoy together. At this conference, students have the opportunity to enjoy nationally recognized speakers, attend interactive workshops targeted to address current and common issues faced by teens and also a resource fair is available to the youth, our resource fair is equipped with over 40 booths that vary from colleges and universities, public service organizations, possible future employers and much more! This event is one that the youth never forget and want to return year after year!

2015 Leaders in Life Youth Conference

The 16th Annual Leaders in Life Youth Conference will be held on *March 12, 2015* at the Rabobank Convention Center. We openly welcome middle-high school students throughout Kern County and the Central Valley and the Southern Coastal Region. The cost per student is \$15 and registration packets can be found at www.leadersinlife.org.



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The Beginning of Leaders in Life



~ In 1998, local businessman Morgan Clayton approached the Kern County Network for Children about establishing a premier youth conference in Kern County.

- ~ Planning began in the fall of 1999 with about 35 students who brainstormed and developed the first conference held in February 2000 with approximately 500 students in attendance.
- ~ The Conference has been sustained through the community outreach and the fund raising efforts of Morgan Clayton and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools and by the active involvement of youth on the planning committee.
- ~ Evaluations of the conference have been overwhelmingly positive, with students reporting high praise for the event.
- ~ This past year we successfully held our 13th Annual Conference with approximately 2,000 youth in attendance

Past Speakers

The youth that attend our conference are given the opportunity to hear both an opening speaker at the beginning of the conference and a Keynote speaker at the end of the conference. Each one of our speakers have been chosen by the youth that plan the conference with their goal to inspire and empower the audience with the positive messages that the speakers have to offer!



Tim Gabrielson

2012/13th Annual Opening Speaker

Tim Gabrielson's unique presentation Lemons to Laughter is one part mind-bending magic, one part hilarious comedy show, and one part life-changing message. Simply put, Tim helps organizations understand that choosing to see the joy and humor in any situation helps everyone regain perspective and control of a situation.

Craig Scott

2012/13th Annual Keynote Speaker

Craig Scott was at the scene of the worst high school shooting in U.S. history at Columbine High School. That day, he discovered his sister, Rachel Joy Scott, was the first killed. Craig has had many appearances on such shows as Oprah, Today Show, Good Morning America, Dateline, and many others. He has spoken to over a million people.. His ultimate goal is to tell stories that inspire.



Resource Fair

The purpose of the resource fair is for the youth to receive great amounts of information that interest them from many different organizations, businesses, etc. from over 40 resource booths! At each of these booths the presenter has their own unique possible career options, self health issues, etcetera. directly from the experts themselves!



Workshops

At the Leaders in Life Youth Conference we offer over 30 different workshops focusing on common teen issues and interesting topics for today's youth. Students that attend the conference select three workshops of their choice, at each of these sessions presenters from varying organizations all with the same goal to provide youth with insight, motivation and inspiration. During previous years we have had presenters from: Friday Night Live, the California Association of Student Councils, A Life Interrupted, PG&E, and many more!

