NCSA 2019 FOCUSED SHARING SESSIONS
Interactive idea and material exchanges

Format: 50-minute session for groups of 15-20 individuals
Facilitator: Each group will have a pre-determined facilitator with experience in the specific topic area, but participants are expected to share ideas and/or materials
Participants: Participants will be asked to indicate their top 2 choices as part of the online conference registration beginning on August 15th. This process is designated so that we know if we need to offer two groups of the same topic. Participants will be notified in advance of the focus group session to which they are assigned to attend so that they prepare questions and bring materials and ideas to share.

- **Activity Group Advising and Club Management**
  Sharing ideas for recruiting members, creating essential documents (constitutions, job descriptions), planning effective meetings, officer training and responsibilities, group planning and decision making.
  *(Designed for Class Government, NHS, DECA, FBLA, Key Club and other club advisors)*

- **Advisor Retreats, Clinics, Seminars and Conferences**
  Sharing of curriculum components, schedule ideas, materials, hands-on activities, best types of sites, ideas for increasing attendance.
  *(Designed for state executive directors and consultants)*

- **Can we talk? Facilitating Civil Discourse**
  Sharing facilitation strategies for students that allow for all voices to be heard and valued. This session is about student voice on tough/polarizing/often controversial issues. How can we as leadership educators help our students talk AND listen to each other when their opinions are different?
  *(Designed for anyone interested in increasing critical conversations in schools)*

- **Critical Conversations Around School Culture**
  Sharing ideas about how we and our organizations can be influencers to build positive culture and climate capacity in Middle Schools and High Schools.
  *(Designed for middle school educators and administrators)*

- **Exploring your Why: Mission, Vision and Goal Setting for your Program**
  Sharing ideas for creating a mission statement, setting a vision, and building goals for your organization.
  *(Designed for any club/activity advisors, administrators, and state executive directors)*

- **Hosting a State or Regional Conference**
  Sharing of essential elements for successfully hosting a major conference, guides for conference hosts, schedules, program ideas, selecting student-led workshops, and financing.
  *(Designed for state executive directors and those anticipating hosting future state or regional events)*

- **Leadership Camp/Workshop Planning, Logistics and Curriculum**
  Sharing of camp schedules, arrival & closing activities, staff development, evaluation.
  *(Designed for camp/workshop directors, staff members, and state executive directors)*

- **Leadership Camps/Workshops for Advanced Students**
  Sharing of schedules and curriculum components and hands-on activities for students who have previously attended a Camp/Workshop.
  *(Designed for camp/workshop directors, staff members, and state executive directors)*

- **Leadership Class Curriculum**
  Sharing the scope and sequence for Leadership Class Curriculum, sample syllabi, projects and activities, evaluation and grading policies, and target groups for enrollment.
  *(Designed for leadership class educators and administrators)*
• **Middle School and Upper Elementary School Leadership Development and Activity Programs**
  Sharing of leadership training models/resources, effective meeting planning and implementation, examples of basic activity design, sources for low cost materials, developing a year-long plan, goal setting and evaluation.
  *(Designed for middle school and elementary school educators)*

• **Mindfulness and Wellness**
  Day to day stress reduction strategies students can use for a healthy lifestyle focusing on mind, spirit and body will be shared. Subtopics may include: Resilience, Empathy, Mental Health Awareness projects, and Suicide Prevention. Participants will be encouraged to share coping and stress reduction strategies, resources, school programs and successful approaches used in specific schools across the nation.
  *(Designed for all educators and those who consult in our nation’s schools)*

• **Promoting and Celebrating Student Body Diversity and Inclusion**
  Sharing ideas for how to reach a wider variety of students on your campus and build more inclusive activities as well as promoting inclusive policies and practices that meet the needs of underserved populations at your school.
  *(Designed for club/activity advisors, student government advisors, and administrators)*

• **Red Flags of Social Media**
  How can we model and guide our students to do the right thing so that they can learn and grow from the use of social media? We need to get into their world a bit and have these conversations before they make a mistake AND to be there to support them and help them learn when they do make a mistake. This discussion will focus on these concepts along with laws and policies dealing with social media accounts and responding to negative social media incidents.
  *(Designed for student activity advisors, classroom teachers, and administrators)*

• **Small, But Mighty**
  Sharing ideas of how student activity programs in small schools can positively impact the school culture and their community.
  *(Designed for all activity advisors and administrators from schools with graduating classes under 150 students)*

• **Stepping Up to Leadership Responsibility**
  Sharing ideas about how to motivate students to step up and take responsibility to lead, to delegate, to follow through on commitments.
  *(Designed for club/activity advisors, administrators, and state executive directors)*

• **Technology Ideas for the Classroom and for Student Activities**
  Come to share the best 3-minute tech idea you are using at your school, whether it be a favorite app, how you are using Google Classroom, how you are using Google Excel for t-shirt orders, communicating with parents with an online app, etc., etc, etc…. new ideas in a non-intimidating tech session.
  *(Designed for club/activity advisors, student government advisors, and classroom teachers)*