

DeSoto ISD Male Leadership Symposium was the vision of DeSoto ISD Board member, Aubrey C. Hooper. Mr. Hooper wanted to create an event where middle school and high school young men of color could meet male role models and gain valuable insight on the skills needed to be a leader in today's global society.

Although only a few years old, DMLS has already impacted the lives of thousands of students. The day-long event includes speakers, seminars, and panel discussions designed to empower, educate and motivate. Attendees leave DMLS with the confidence to succeed academically, socially and professionally.



DeSoto, Texas is a town of just over 50,000 residents, located 15 miles south of Dallas. DeSoto ISD has an enrollment of 9,800 students. Of those, 77% are African American, 17% are Hispanic and 66% are economically disadvantaged.



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***The premier male leadership development
program in Dallas Fort Worth.***

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our early success with DeSoto Male Leadership Symposium has provided a vision for growth and the desire to affect change for an even greater number of young men.

With past keynote speakers including actors Omari Hardwick, Cornelius Smith Jr., and Terrence J, CNN political commentator Bakari Sellers, sports columnist Jean-Jacques Taylor, and professional football player Von Miller, DMLS has been established as a reputable venue for promoting change.

The long-term goal of DMLS is to serve even more young men in our community and beyond. We want to grow to accommodate up to 1,200 students and build upon programs that focus on social justice, STEM careers, and community involvement. This is a valuable opportunity to make a difference.



To volunteer or become a sponsor, contact
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Volunteer Opportunities

Your experience, expertise and enthusiasm are valuable assets that can help us provide a premier event worthy of our students. We are looking for participants in the following areas:

Keynote Speakers If you or someone you know can share noteworthy and inspirational experiences with our students, contact us for speaker opportunities.

Athletic Panel Participants Athletes, trainers, agents and sportscasters are all welcome to participate on our sports panel.

Workshop Leaders Lead a workshop or presentation on careers in STEM, business, sports, arts & entertainment, law, government and public service.

Volunteers We need volunteers in preparation for the event and on the day of the event.

Become A Sponsor

Not only will your contribution help us host a quality event, but your name will be associated with a program that encourages young minority men to reach their highest potential.

Event Platinum - \$50,000 Includes event naming and covers the expense of keynote speakers and panelists. Name and logo on all marketing, mentioned in all keynote addresses and workshops, t-shirt logo, event banner and event presence.

Gold Sponsor - \$20,000 Logo on all marketing materials and t-shirt, table setup at event. Covers expense of breakfast and lunch for all participants.

Silver Sponsor - \$10,000 Logo on all marketing materials and t-shirt. Covers expense of shirts for all participants.

Bronze Sponsor - \$5,000 Logo on all marketing materials and t-shirt. Covers event decorations and materials.

