

Milligan hosts annual student leadership conference: July 24-30

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (May 11, 2016) — Now in its 14th year, the Youth in Ministry (YiM) Student Leadership Conference at Milligan has a stellar line-up of speakers and leaders from around the country to prepare high school students to be servant leaders in their schools, communities and future careers.

Over 70 high school students from 12 states are expected for the one-week conference July 24-30 held on the college's campus.

"It's amazing to watch God work in the lives of the young servant leaders who participate in Youth in Ministry," said Phyllis Fox, director of church relations and YiM at Milligan. "Many go on to serve in churches as worship ministers, student ministers, children's ministers and in other positions."

This year's speakers include Dr. Curtis Booher, associate professor of Christian ministries at Milligan and associate pastor at Crossroads Christian Church, Gray, Tennessee; Laura Buffington, creative director and spiritual formation pastor, SouthBrook Christian Church in Miamisburg, Ohio; Dori Gorman, co-founder and co-pastor, New Story Church, Chicago, Illinois; Bob Robinson, senior minister, Avoca Christian Church, Bristol, Tennessee; and David Robinson, senior minister, Community Christian Church in Nottingham, Maryland.

In addition, returning students will participate in "Leadership 201" with Tim Burchfield, owner of Chick-fil-A in Johnson City.

Nathan Hall, 2014 Milligan alum and vocational minister at Crossroads Christian Church, will lead worship. Other Milligan alumni serving as conference leaders include Ryan Arnold ('07) from Nottingham, Maryland; Kit Dotson ('93), associate director of church relations at Milligan; Christian Thompson ('07), Bowling Green, Ohio; and Chris Wells ('09), Annapolis, Maryland.

On average, 30 to 40 percent of YiM students continue their journey at Milligan when they graduate from high school.

"At Milligan, YiM students become leaders among their peers as student ambassadors and peer mentors, and they serve in athletics, student-led worship services, residence life and student government," said Fox. "Youth in Ministry challenges students to learn that, whatever their profession may be, they can use that as a ministry to share the good news of Christ. That is our mission."

The deadline to register is June 3.

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variety of fields, along with graduate and adult degree completion programs. To learn more about Milligan College, visit www.milligan.edu or call 800-262-8337.