

Milligan College hosts annual Student Leadership Conference

A record number of high school students will be at Milligan College July 24-30 for the annual Youth in Ministry (YiM) Student Leadership Conference, a weeklong conference designed to help teens prepare for lives of leadership and service.

"This year's conference is bigger than ever," said Phyllis Fox, director of YiM and church relations at Milligan. "We have 80 students, representing 13 states and 50 different churches."

The conference is hosted by Youth in Ministry (YiM), a partnership of Milligan College and Emmanuel Christian Seminary. The organization was launched in 2002 through a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc.

"Today's youth have lots of questions about their future and about how they can make a difference in this world," Fox said. "Many of them don't yet know what career they will pursue, or what God is calling them to do, or whether God might even be calling them into full-time ministry. The YiM program is designed to help teens pursue those answers."

"In addition to exploring God's call, we want teens to develop skills to serve in their churches. The Student Leadership Conference is a week that changes teens' lives and helps guide their futures."

The conference features ministry skills workshops in preaching, multi-media ministry, leadership, performance arts, worship, youth ministry, missions, counseling and children's ministry. It also includes life discovery assessments, an introduction to the spiritual disciplines, accountability groups and worship services.

On Wednesday, July 27, the



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students will enjoy a performance by Christian comedian Bob Stromberg at 7 p.m. in the Mary B. Martin Auditorium of Milligan's Seeger Memorial Chapel. This event is free and open to the public.

"We welcome families, individuals and church groups from throughout the region to this fun night of family entertainment and comedy," Fox said. "YiM brings a special guest to Milligan's campus each year for the Student Leadership Conference, and it's always a big hit with the students and the community."

For more than 30 years, Stromberg has delighted audiences of all ages with his perfect blend of standup, story and shtick. Always clean, his presentation is a disarming healthy blend of knee-slapping comedy and wholesome encouragement. His arsenal of gifts includes physical comedy, a non-threatening touch of audience participation and tender stories from his own experiences.

No reservations are required for the family night of comedy. Doors open for seating at 6:30 p.m.

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