



## **400 secondary students to meet at King's for 10<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Student Leadership Conference**

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London, ON - King's University College will welcome 400 secondary students from across Ontario at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Carpe Diem Catholic Student Leadership Conference May 29 – 30, 2014. Students will be able to choose from 10 different workshops ranging in topics from global citizenship, food sustainability, guided meditation and spirituality, Taizé prayer, understanding and dealing with bullying, and being a Good Samaritan in today's society.

Michael Masci, co-founder and motivational speaker for Positive Gear (<http://positivegear.org/>), will present a keynote address on Thursday May 29 and Friday May 30 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, Room 103, 266 Epworth Ave, London. At the age of 15, Masci was a national ranked debater and was president of a government-recognized provincial student organization where he was given the opportunity to further develop and practice his leadership skills. Educated in social work and child youth work, Masci currently enjoys being a professional DJ/MC, youth minister, occasional comedian, and life coach.

"These young people are recognized by their schools for being Catholic leaders in their communities. This is a great opportunity for them to meet new friends, celebrate their faith and go back out into their communities to make a difference," says Marilyn Mason, Registrar at King's. "Of course, we'd love to see them return here in a few years as students!"

The event is organized and sponsored by King's for selected students in grades 10-12. The conference events begin on May 29 at 9 a.m. with a morning prayer led by King's Chaplain Michael Bechard, followed by the workshops and a BBQ lunch.

Details of the conference can be found at <http://carpediem.kings.uwo.ca/>

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