

Affiliate Spotlight: Why Should College and University Affiliates Attend NCSSSMST Conferences?

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Back in 2000, I made a very fortunate discovery. I became aware of the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology (NCSSSMST) and immediately realized that this is an organization with goals, desires, and ideas very similar to my own. I haven't missed any of the NCSSSMST professional conferences since.

By attending their annual spring conference, you will have an opportunity to network with our NCSSSMST high school colleagues, present and participate in a variety of conference sessions, promote your institution and programs at the Affiliate College Fair/Reception and develop meaningful relationships that benefit both the high school and affiliate members. I've come back from every professional conference with new friends and ideas. Of course, another obvious benefit is the increased awareness that some of the top high schools in the nation will have of your college or university, which equates to more highly qualified applicants.

All of the NCSSSMST professional conferences that I have attended have been among the most very well organized and interesting conferences that I've attended, and believe me, I have attended many conferences in my thirty plus years in college admissions. The 2009 professional conference turned out to be the best ever. The sessions, location and social arrangements were really fun. I hope to see you at the 2010 conference in Nashville.