# **MAX LEADER LETTER**

Youth Pastors, Leaders, and Volunteers:

Greetings we introduce MAX@MNU (MidAmerica Extreme @ MidAmerica Nazarene University), a beacon of talent, dedication, and spiritual growth. Since the 1980s, MAX has been a pivotal platform for hundreds of teens to pursue excellence in Bible quizzing, sports, music, communication, and academics. At its core, MAX fosters churchmanship, leadership, fellowship, and opens avenues for evangelism and discipleship. It's a place where youth not only develop their talents but also strengthen their bonds with peers, the church, and the Lord. Participation in MAX, whether at local, zone, or district levels, nurtures an esprit de corps, deepening commitment to excellence that can continue at MidAmerica Nazarene University post-high school.

Our guiding scripture, Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another," encapsulates our mission. We aim for MAX@MNU 2024 to be an unforgettable event, reflecting this ethos of mutual growth and excellence.

**Event Updates and Important Information:**

* Registration: This year, we are streamlining the registration process. Participants must fill out individual forms, which youth pastors/leaders collect and mail or scan to Amanda Pride no later than **April 1st**. Please include your one church check made out to Joplin District NYI in your mail. Mail to Amanda Pride at **704 N. Leonard Girard, KS, 66743**
* Cost: $65 for event for entrants/chaperone
* Lodging: This year, we have a block of rooms/hotels. For those who are taking advantage of this service the cost per room/per night will be $145. We have contracted 94 rooms with 4 hotels. We aim to provide comfortable accommodations to enhance your MAX experience. If you have questions please get with Fred Toomey.
* Speaker Highlight: We are thrilled to announce Stephanie, a devoted Nazarene pastor and MNU alum, as our MAX speaker. With a rich history of serving in pastoral roles and her engaging writing and speaking, Stephanie brings a heart full of passion for nurturing youth in their spiritual journey. She, alongside her husband Tommy and children JoJo and Jack, exemplifies the spirit of dedication we cherish.

We are grateful for your continued support of Joplin District NYI. Your participation enriches this event, making it a cornerstone of spiritual growth and talent development for our youth. Attached, you'll find the list of addresses/contact information for your reference.

Should you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to reach out. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you to this year's MAX@MNU, where talents are celebrated, and faith is deepened.

Warm regards,

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