

August 2020 Newsletter

Back to the (Virtual) Classroom!

Hello!

School is back in session! Whether at home, in the classroom, or somewhere in between, our leaders and students have returned to school and reunited with their friends and staff members. With the start of the new academic year, we are reflecting on why SRLA matters this school year and planning for a season that will keep our students, leaders, and supporters healthy, active, and connected.

To kick off the season, 200+ leaders from 170 groups attended our **Annual Leader Conference** on July 29th. The conference included presentations from [Nike](#), the [Orthopaedic Institute for Children](#), [Positive Coaching Alliance](#), and our very own SRLA leaders. This year's conference focused on ideas and techniques to keep our students running in a virtual world.



Our leaders also reflected on [Why SRLA Matters Now](#),

especially during this COVID-19 health crisis when students may not be able to meet in person. The SRLA connection runs deeper than any physical world, inspiring and teaching students how to persevere. Check out our leaders' reflections in our most recent [blog post](#).

“We will join hands, virtually.”

— mike sheehan (dorsey; los angeles marathon legacy runner)

Jennifer Kelly, the Primary Leader of the SRLA Group at Port of LA High School, took time to create [a video](#) explaining why the opportunity for young people to engage with their peers through the SRLA program remains critical.



An Outlet and An Opportunity - Why SRLA Matters Today

You can join Jennifer in supporting students this season by giving the gift of running through our [Back to School Booster](#).

The importance of keeping SRLA running has never been more apparent. That's why

we've been hard at work this summer making adjustments and planning ahead for an ever-changing world. Throughout this planning process, I continue to be amazed by the tireless dedication of our leaders, staff, and volunteers. It's incredible to see how it all comes together as we work to support each other as one team, one family. Looking forward to a great season ahead!

Take Care and Stay Healthy,

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