The conference opening session will begin at 9:00am. Prior to 9:00am, participants will be checking in and picking up their breakfast and conference packets. It is helpful for the president or designee to arrive 15 minutes prior to 9:00am and meet in the green room of the auditorium. We will also need a short bio for the president's introduction.

Our student leaders will welcome the audience to the 2018 Young Leaders Conference at 9:00am. They will share 2-3 pieces of YLC history and then introduce the host college representative to provide an "Official Welcome from the President". The president/designee is asked to keep the message between 3-5 minutes.

In previous years, college president's/designee would share the following key points:

- Welcome to the college
 - A brief history of college (year established, mascot, niche programs offered, etc.)
- Purpose for the day
 - Engage in workshop sessions to enhance their leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities
 - Promote a college going culture
- Theme for the conference is "Building blocks for success"
 - The representative can be creative as to what she/he recommends as building blocks for success
- Closing statement