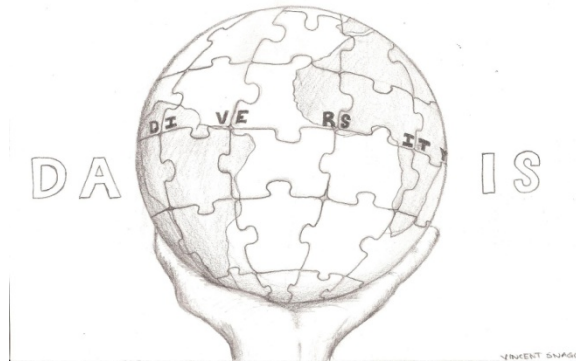




The 11th Annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference
Presents...

**“The Audacity of Diversity:
Regaining the Power of Change”**



****Students in Grades 8-12 Are Invited ****

Saturday, May 15, 2010

at

The Hackley School
293 Benedict Avenue
Tarrytown, New York 10591

914-631-2600



840 Lincoln Place
Brooklyn, New York 11216

Phone: 718-756-7298
Fax: 718-756-2098
E-mail: DAISOrg@aol.com
Web: www.daisorg.org

Registration Form: For Grades 8 through 12

Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Ethnicity (optional) _____

School _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please list the top 4 sessions you would like to attend:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

We will try to accommodate your first choices

**Fee: \$44.00 up until April 14, 2010
 \$49.00 after April 14, 2010**

Please mail and make checks payable to:

**Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students
840 Lincoln Place
Brooklyn, New York, 11216**

(Please write DAIS Student Diversity Conference in the memo section)

**If you have any questions, please call: Joan Marable- Exec. Dir. - (718) 756-7298
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE- SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

11AM - 11PM

11:00am-12:15pm: Registration
12:15-12:45pm: Opening
12:45-2:00pm: Workshop I
2:15-3:30pm: Workshop II
3:30-4:45pm: Group Activity
4:45-6:00pm: Talent Show/Open Mic & Closing
6:00-7:30pm: Dinner
7:30- 11:00pm: Dance

*****Please note**** The use of alcohol and drugs is strictly prohibited by DAIS, the host school and most importantly, the law. Any student caught with possession of or using such substances will be asked to leave the conference, accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

No students will be admitted to the conference after 2 PM.

School/picture ID's may be requested.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Each student will be enrolled in two conference workshops.

- * **A Disgrace to Your Race** * Is there a specific 'mold' for your race? Do you fit that particular mold?
- * **Derogatory terms...more than just words?** * The line between terms of endearment and offensive words. Who has the right to use these words? What weight does one term have vs. another?
- * **Gender Roles...Science or Fiction?** * Are they genetic or learned behaviors? Are we bound by them?
- * **"I Am Not My Hair** * What is the obsession? What will we sacrifice? How far is too far?
- * **I Believe!** * Is religion a blind faith? Is religion man made? Can you believe in anything other than God?
- * **Kids Say the Darndest Things!** * What is 'age appropriate'? Does the definition of 'age appropriate' change with time?
- * **Putting a Round Peg into a Square Hole** * Where do you fit in? Do you want to fit in? What do you identify as?
- * **Sex Therapy** * How much sex is too much? What is the difference between pleasure and addiction?
- * **Simply Chance** * "Luck is when preparation meets opportunity" –Oprah. Where is the line between living up to expectations and exceeding them? Ability vs. Capability
- * **That's So Hetero!** * What are socially accepted interactions defined as between the sexes (same or different)? Why are they different for men vs. women?
- * **The Real, Real World** * Why are we so attracted to reality television? What is the affect on us? Is what we see what we can expect to get?
- * **They Don't Want Music!** * Does music define a generation? Do we listen to music for the beats or the lyrics?
- * **You Can Pay for School, but You Can't Buy Class!*** How does class play a role in our relationships? Do you act above or below your socio-economic class to fit in?
- * **Who Is American?** * How far do you go to prove you are not American? What is so bad about being an American?
- * **Capoeira** * An interactive workshop of the dance/martial arts form from Brazil. Wear comfortable clothes to move in.



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Registration Total Sheet: (Please attach individual registration forms.)

****Special Opportunity-** For every five students who are pre-registered and paid for at \$44 per student, an additional student can be registered at no cost. In other words, if ten students are pre-registered and paid for, two additional students can be registered at no cost. **This opportunity is only available to schools that pre-register and pay in full, postmarked by Wednesday, April 14, 2010.** Registration after April 14th, through the day of the conference will increase to \$49 per student, and will be without the benefit of the above mentioned opportunity.

1) Name _____

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4) Name _____

5) Name _____

X \$44.00 = _____

Name _____

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Dear Sir: Dear Madam:

The Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students, DAIS, is a nonprofit student led organization dedicated to strengthening our schools through increased knowledge, awareness and respect for differences among us. DAIS provides a forum for accomplishing this through meaningful, challenging and productive dialogue. DAIS was established in 1999 by and for students in grades 8 through 12. This year marks our eleventh anniversary!

DAIS has grown substantially since its creation 11 years ago. Attendance at our monthly meetings this year has averaged over 65 students per gathering. As interest blossoms around the topics of discussion, it is evident that further expansion of student participation is eminent. This excitement also centers around the planning of the **11th Annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference**, which is being held at the **Hackley School on Saturday, May 15, 2010**. The theme this year is **The Audacity of Diversity: Regaining the Power of Change**. The student members of the Executive Committee as well as various individuals involved in the planning of the conference are anticipating a large turnout, based on the results from conferences over the past few of years. The conference held last spring, which was the tenth for DAIS, registered over 400 participants!

We come to you with a request for help in achieving further success for this year's conference. We believe that a combined effort from the students, parents, schools, and faculty will accomplish this. In order to encourage student participation, we need your help in informing all students in grades 8 through 12 about the May 15th conference. A brochure, registration forms and other information are attached.

Financial support of your students is needed as well. We encourage all schools to participate and support student registration fees of \$44 per student. *As was done last year, we are offering a special opportunity. For every five students who are pre-registered and paid for, an additional student can be registered at no cost. In other words, if ten students are pre-registered and paid for, two additional students can be registered at no cost. This opportunity is only available to schools that pre-register and pay in full by Wednesday, April 14, 2010.* Send your check, made payable to **Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students**, along with the registration forms, postmarked no later than April 14, 2010 to Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students at 840 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, New York, 11216. Registration after April 14th, through the day of the conference will increase to \$49 per student, and will be without the benefit of the above mentioned opportunity.

Over the years, this conference has been beneficial not only to the student participants but to their schools as well. The knowledge and experience gained at this DAIS event allows students to return to their schools more confident in themselves and prepared to take the initiative to educate others about diversity.

Thank you for your generous support of your students and this valuable event.

Sincerely,

Joan Marable
Executive Director



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*A fantastic all day annual conference with student-led
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Come join us for student led workshops regarding diversity issues of
interest!

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Contact: Joan Marable, Executive Director, www.daisorg.org

DAIS Mission Statement:

The Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students is an organization dedicated to strengthening our schools and ourselves, through increased knowledge, awareness, and respect for different cultures. Its members are comprised of students from public, parochial and independent schools who wish to discuss and improve human relations within our communities and society at large.

From the North

Close

Take Route 9 south through Tarrytown. Turn left at the traffic light onto Benedict Avenue. Continue through one blinking light and two traffic lights. After the second traffic light, turn left into the Hackley School campus.

From New York City

Close

From the East Side: Take the East River Drive (F.D.R.) and get on the Major Deegan (Interstate 87). Continue north until the exit for Saw Mill River Parkway. (continue directions from West Side Saw Mill River Parkway)

From the West Side: Take the West Side Drive to the Saw Mill River Parkway. Follow the Saw Mill north and take the exit which reads "Tarrytown 119" (Exit 21w). Turn right (west) on 119. Approximately one-half mile down the road (5 traffic lights), turn right on Benedict Avenue, a road which forks up the hill. The school gate and sign are on the immediate right at the crest of the hill at the traffic light. Turn right into the campus.

From the South, Southeast, East and Northeast

Close

From the Sprain Brook Parkway, Bronx River Parkway, Connecticut Thruway/Interstate 95, the Merritt or Hutchinson River Parkways, Interstate 684 or the Saw Mill River Parkway: Take Route 287 Westbound. Turn off at Exit 1 for Tarrytown 119 and turn right (west) on 119. Approximately one-half mile down the road, turn right on Benedict Avenue, a road which forks up the hill. The school gate and sign are on the immediate right at the crest of the hill at the traffic light. Turn right into the campus.

From West of the Hudson River

Close

From Rockland County and Tappan Zee Bridge: Take the first exit after the toll booth (Tarrytown Route 9) when leaving the Tappan Zee Bridge. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right (north) on Route 9. Turn right at the fourth traffic light (Benedict Avenue). Continue through one blinking light and two traffic lights. After the second traffic light turn left into the Hackley campus.

By Train

Close

Tarrytown Station is located on the Hudson Line of MTA Metro-North Railroad. There is regular train service from Grand Central Station and points north. The trip from Grand Central takes approximately 40-50 minutes. Check web site for schedule and fares. <http://www.mta.info/mnr/>

Hackley School is a short ride from Tarrytown Station. There are generally cabs waiting at the station, but a list of phone numbers for local cab companies follows:

National Taxi (914) 366-0202

Americas Taxi and Limo Service (914) 631-6400

United Taxi & Limo Corp. (914) 631-2920

Westchester Taxi & Limousine (914) 946-9333

White Plains Taxi Co. (914) 949-0054

****** PLEASE NOTE: Hackley will be providing shuttle buses between Tarrytown Station and the school-***

ONLY FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD BEFORE , AT THE BEGINNING AND AT END OF THE CONFERENCE!***