About Leadership in Diversity

Leadership in Diversity, LID, is a student led organization that aims to help maintain and encourage confidence and success in students of color as they pursue careers in the field of education.

Leadership in Diversity was started by two Neag students in 2014. It was their hope that through mentorship, professional development and peer support, students of color in the School of Education could have a space to discuss issues and grow together as leaders while also growing professionally. For more information visit our website: leadershipindiversity.weebly.com

NAME Conference
In October 2015, LID members traveled to the National Association of Multicultural Education conference in New Orleans to present on their experiences as students of color in a teacher prep program.

DEMO Mentoring Program
In January 2016, LID and Neag kicked off a new mentoring program that matches students of color with educators of color.
Teaching for Tomorrow Today

On April 2nd, 2016, Leadership in Diversity will host its first annual Multicultural Education & Culturally Responsive Teaching conference.

Teaching for Tomorrow Today is a conference for professionals in the education field, current students in teacher prep programs and those interested in the field of education. The conference will take place on Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00am to 4:00pm. During the conference, attendees will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions on a variety of topics related to multicultural education and culturally responsive teaching. The conference will close with remarks from our special guest, Dr. Jamila Lyiscott! LID hopes that through this experience past, present and future educators will be able to strengthen their practice while also networking with others in the field.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela

Conference Schedule
10:00 am Arrival/Check-in
10:30 am Welcome
10:45 am Session I Rotation
11:35 am Session II Rotation
12:20 pm Lunch
1:20 pm Session III Rotation
2:10 pm Session IV Rotation
3:00 pm Keynote Speaker

Registering for Teaching for Tomorrow Today

We hope to see you at our first annual conference! If you are interested in attending please register by Thursday, March 24th!

To register please visit: http://lidteachingfortomorrowtoday.eventbrite.com
LEADERSHIP IN DIVERSITY IS PROUD TO WELCOME
DR. JAMILA LYISCOTT AS OUR 2016 KEYNOTE SPEAKER!

"Jamila Lyiscott recently received her Ph.D at Teachers College, Columbia University where her work focuses on the education of the African Diaspora. A spoken word artist since the age of fifteen, Jamila engages the arts in her work as a scholar, educator, activist, and community organizer. Jamila’s scholarship and activism work together to prepare educators to sustain diversity in the classroom, empower youth, and explore, assert, and defend the value of Black life. Jamila transdisciplinary scholarship is situated in literature, critical literacy studies and critical pedagogy for racial justice. Her praxis combines academic activism, New Literacies, and Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) to center and champion the cultural wealth of African Diasporic communities. As an adjunct assistant professor and community educator, Jamila has lectured and performed throughout the country and teaches courses on literacy and diversity for pre-service and in-service educators. Jamila is the recipient of several fellowships and is currently working as a Graduate Research Fellow at the Institute for Urban and Minority Education (IUME) where she leads the Cyphers For Justice (CFJ) youth, research, and advocacy program.

Jamila was recently featured on Ted.com where her video was viewed over 2 million times. Her poetry and scholarly work has been published in Teachers and Writers Collaborative Magazine and English Journal. She has directed several conferences and projects both locally and internationally and has presented both spoken word and academic papers at many seminars including the American Educational Research Association Conference (AERA), National Council for Teachers of Education Conference, (NCTE) the Diversity in Research and Practice Conference (DiRP), the Urban Literacies Institute for Transformative Teaching (ULITT) (co-director), the Preemptive Education Conference (co-directed), the New York Collective for Radical Educators Conference, Critical Race Studies in Education Association Conference, the Urban Literacies Institute for Transformative Teaching. Through her community, scholastic, and artistic efforts, Jamila hopes to play a key role in forging better connections between the world of academia and communities of color outside."

-From http://jamilalyiscott.com/bio

Please visit  http://www.ted.com/talks/jamila_lyiscott_3_ways_to_speak_english?language=en
Call for Session Proposals

Teaching for Tomorrow Today
Keynote: Proposals Due by March 11, 2016

For its first annual conference, Leadership in Diversity is seeking proposals for conference sessions that are relevant and engaging for the following audiences: 1) pre-teaching students hoping to pursue careers in education, 2) current education students, and 3) past and present educators.

Sessions will be held on the campus of the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut. Each session will be 40 minutes and may be led by anyone involved in education. Join us at UConn to share your knowledge and skills with other educators.

For this conference, we are seeking proposals for workshops that speak to the theme of “Teaching for Tomorrow Today.” To LID this means preparing the next generation of educators by challenging them to create a new culture of learning for a world of constant change. We are specifically seeking sessions that focus on multicultural education and culturally responsive pedagogy. Curricular ideas, classroom strategies, presentations on community work, and other ideas for inspiring practice are all welcome. Please note that these sessions are to be informative, educational sessions and interactive, so get creative! Session topics may include, but are not limited to, the ideas listed below. To be considered as a presenter, your proposal must be completed in its entirety and received by Leadership in Diversity by 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2016.

TIMELINE

Proposals due: March 11, 2016. You should receive a confirmation email within one week of submitting your proposal. If you do not receive a confirmation, please email leadershipindiversity@gmail.com to ensure there was not a technological problem.

Notification of acceptance/ rejection: Approximately March 18, 2016. Please note, as a student organization, we do not have the capacity to provide feedback on rejected proposals.

Accepted Presentation confirmation: Confirm session by March 24th.

Session Topics may include...
Multicultural Education in STEM courses
Hip Hop Education
Family Involvement & Engagement
Bilingual Education
Social Justice and Student Activism
Gifted Education & Students of Color

Submit conference proposals here: http://goo.gl/forms/b4vMEBkszDU