

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and getting ready for the upcoming new year. I recently attended the National Association for Multicultural Education annual conference in Philadelphia, PA. Over 700 participants attended concurrent sessions, film festival viewings, conversations with authors, roundtable discussions and poster and intersecting presentations. Some participants attended half day institutes and school visitations of enrich their experience in Philadelphia.



Front Row: Susan Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Shevitz, Debra Nixon
Back Row: Debbie Misiag, Sharon Gooding, Jill Moss
Greenberg, Pamela Harris, Pat Levroney, Dr. Rita Robinson
• PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDA SHEVITZ

This conference had the theme of *Realizing the Power of Movements through Multicultural Education*. Maryland had many educators attend as well as present at the conference. Some of the presenters from Maryland and Northern Virginia were: Paul Gorksi, Betsi DeMulder, Stacia Stribling, Hye Young Shin, Katy Swalwell from George Mason University; Mark Brimhall-Vargas, Laura Lee, Ji Hynn Kim from University of Maryland, College Park; Stephanie Flores-Koulsh from Loyola University, Maryland; Barbara Dziedzic and Sherri Billheimer from AACPS; Rhona Summery and Regina Young from PGCPs; Daniel Morales and Felix Burgos from UMBC; Genevieve Dibua from Baltimore City Community College and Donna Gollnick, former President of NAME and consultant to NCATE.

The highlight of the conference was seeing the Maryland Multicultural Coalition's nomination for the Equity and Social Justice Advocacy Award be awarded to Linda Shevitz who is the MSDE liaison to MMC. Linda attend the Awards Banquet and accepted the award.

We hope that you will also join us in the spring for the MMC annual conference. May you have a wonderful holiday season and an outstanding 2013.

Deborah L. Misiag

President Maryland Multicultural Coalition,

Maryland State Chapter of NAME

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Special points of interest:

- * Linda Shevitz receives The Equity and Social Justice Advocacy Award.
- * Check out this year's theme for the Maryland Multicultural Coalition Conference!
- * Know someone worthy of the Jack Epstein Award? Find out how to nominate him or her!
- * See what happened at the Student Day portion of the 2012 NAME Conference in Philly.

SHEVITZ RECEIVES ADVOCACY AWARD AT CONFERENCE

Linda Shevitz was awarded The Equity and Social Justice Advocacy Award by the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME). This prestige's award was presented to Linda at the 22nd Annual NAME International Conference in Philadelphia, PA on December 1, 2012.

Linda is a committed member of the Maryland Multicultural Coalition Chapter of NAME, since its inception, which reflects her long term commitment to advocacy and social justice in schools and society. Her commitment to using her status, skills, and expertise to advocate *publicly and explicitly* to fight for equity and social justice, make her a model of integrity for social justice advocacy. She has exercised that advocacy as the current Branch Chief of the Maryland State Department of Education Equity Assurance and Compliance Branch and in her twenty years of service as its Equity Specialist.

Linda exemplifies the spirit and content of this award. She has tirelessly worked in numerous statewide organizations, countering discrimination and inequities in all forms. These include groups such as the Maryland Consortium on Human Relations, The Maryland Multicultural Coalition, and COVE, the Coalition Opposed to Violence and Extremism. She coordinates the state wide Task Force on Education that is Multicultural and Achievement, composed of representatives of every school system in the state.

Since the early 1980's Linda was the driving force behind the Maryland Women's History Project, coordinating the creation of innovative packets of information that went to every school in the state each year. She has been a prime leader in the development of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, where she serves as the program coordinator and a member on the Board of Board of Directors. Most recently, she chaired the development of the STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math exhibit at the center, working with many groups, including NASA/Godard Space Center.

Her dedication and advocacy have gone far beyond the state of Maryland. She was chair of AGELE, the Association for Gender Equity Leadership in Education and works with the National Coalition for Woman and Girls in education, NCWGE. For several years she coordinated the Film Festival at the International Conference of NAME.

Even more impressive, beyond the programs and resources that she provides, is the incredible person that she is. Linda is selfless and unassuming but has inner strength and



Shevitz (center) poses with her award alongside Susan Schafer (left) and Jill Moss Greenberg (right). • PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDA SHEVITZ.

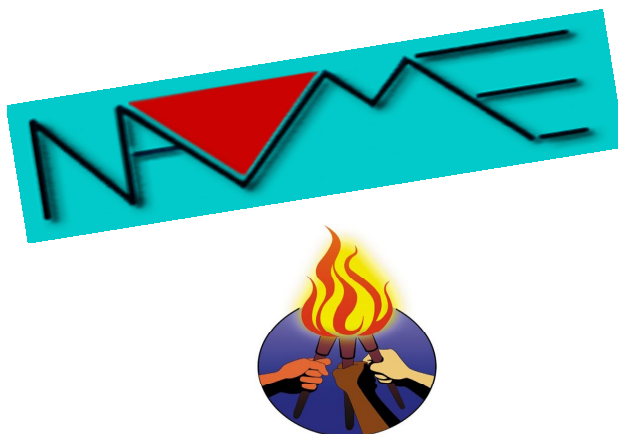
warmth that engages people coming from diverse backgrounds to work effectively together. She believes in the importance of an inclusive perspective on educational equity and social justice and models it in absolutely everything that she does. She is the rare leader who can also be a partner and supporter, encouraging others to work together respectively to achieve common visions. She has brought these qualities to

her newest role, as Director of the Office of Equity Assurance at MSDE.

• Story by Rita Robinson

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Maryland Multicultural Coalition Conference will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Parkville High School. This year's theme will be Deliberate Excellence: Pursing High Expectations for ALL Learners. We are looking forward to having Baltimore County Public Schools host this year's event. The call for proposals will come out in January and registration will begin in March.



SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 JACK EPSTEIN AWARD

The Executive Board of MMC/NAME is seeking nominations for the 2013 Jack Epstein Award that will be presented at the annual spring conference being held April 20, 2013 at Parkville High School in Baltimore County, Maryland.

The award recognizes exemplary commitment to Education That is Multicultural in Maryland. Nominees may be educators or others who are dedicated to creating educational environments in which all people are valued equally and where all are inspired to work together in schools and communities.

Outstanding examples of multicultural activities, programs, or multiculturalism in an educational setting may also be nominated for recognition.

Completed nomination forms must be postmarked no later than March 11, 2013.

The award is in the form of a plaque from MMC/NAME, as well as recognition at the MMC/NAME spring conference and in the pages of the MMC/NAME newsletter, *Voices*. For more information email Bonnie Brownell at bandbbrownell@comcast.net.

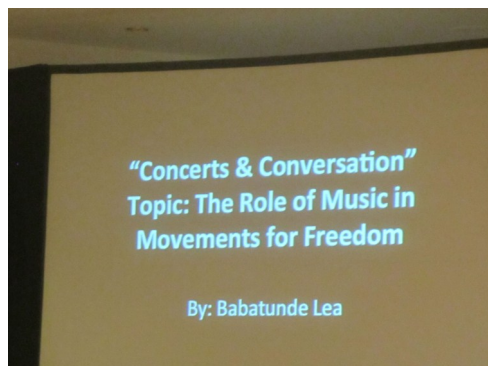


2012 NAME CONFERENCE—PHILADELPHIA, PA: STUDENT DAY



Student Day was among the exciting activities held on Saturday, December 1st, 2012 during the NAME Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

• PHOTOS COURTESY OF RITA ROBINSON.



CONTACT INFORMATION



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NAME's Website:
www.nameorg.org



MMC's Website and Blog:
<http://mdmc.edublogs.org>

Be sure to check out information about the 2013 Jack Epstein Award Nominations on pages 5 through 7! And about the annual NAME Scholarship on pages 8 through 11!

2013 JACK EPSTEIN AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION



The Maryland Multicultural Coalition/Chapter of NAME (MMC/NAME) presents an award each spring at its annual statewide conference. This year the conference will be held in Baltimore County at Parkville High School, on April 20, 2013.

The award will recognize exemplary commitment to Education that is Multicultural in Maryland. Nominees may be educators or others who are dedicated to creating educational environments in which all people are valued equally and where all are inspired to work together in schools and communities. Outstanding examples of multicultural activities, programs or multiculturalism in an educational setting may also be nominated for recognition.

NAME CRITERIA

Nominees may include (but need not be limited to) teachers, support personnel, volunteers, counselors, administrators, specialists, coordinators, directors, and community activists. Nominees may work in public or private organizations and must live or work in Maryland. Members of the MMC/NAME Executive Board may not be nominated.

Only one nominator is required for each nomination. Anyone may make a nomination, whether the nominator is a NAME member or not. All nomination forms must bear the signature of the person making the nomination along with his/her home address, day and evening phone numbers, and email address.

Completed nomination forms and supporting documents are to be mailed to MMC/NAME, P O Box 738, Columbia, MD 21045. **Nominations must be postmarked or delivered no later than March 11, 2013.**

Each nomination must include as supporting documents:

One letter of support. (Additional letters of support may be included.)

A brief biographical sketch of the individual or overview of the program.

Materials from projects, newspaper clippings and other support material may be submitted. Support material should relate to the reasons the nominee is being nominated. The MMC/NAME Executive Board may solicit additional information if it is deemed necessary. The nomination form and support materials will become the property of MMC/NAME.

The final decision on awards to be presented will be made by the MMC/NAME Executive Board. The Executive Board may appoint a sub-committee to review nominations and make

recommendations to the Board for a final decision.

The award will be in the form of a certificate from MMC/NAME, recognition at the MMC/NAME Annual Conference and in the pages of the MMC/NAME newsletter, **VOICES**.

Nomination of _____

Maryland Multicultural Coalition/State Chapter of NAME
2013 JACK EPSTEIN AWARD
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
NOMINATION FORM

This application and all support materials will become the property of Maryland Multicultural Coalition/NAME. To be considered, this application must be postmarked or delivered by March 11, 2013.

Please type or print clearly.

1. NAME OF NOMINEE/NOMINATED PROJECT:

2. Business address: _____
street apt. #

_____ city state zip

3. Home address (if individual):

_____ street apt. #

_____ City state zip

4. Home phone: _____ **Work phone:** _____

PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS NOMINATION:

- A letter of support explaining how the nominee meets the criteria (see attachment) for the award. (Additional letters of support may be included.)
- A brief biographical sketch of the individual or overview of the program.

Materials from projects, newspaper clippings and other support material may be submitted. Support material should relate to the reasons the nominee is being nominated. Final decision on awards to be presented will be made by the MMC/NAME Executive Board. The Executive Board may solicit additional information if it is deemed necessary. The nomination form and support materials will become the property of MMC/NAME.

Nomination of _____

Please type or print clearly:

1. NOMINATED BY:

name

2. Business address: _____

street

apt. #

city

state

zip

3. Home address (if individual):

street

apt. #

city

state

zip

4. Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail address _____

**MAIL TO: MMC/NAME
PO Box 738
Columbia, MD 21045**



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Scholarship Application 2013

Application Instructions:

Please complete the attached application form to apply for the MMC/NAME Scholarship and submit it by March 15, 2013. Attention to MMC/NAME Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 738 Columbia, MD 21045

Requirements for **High School** Applicant:

Must be a resident of Maryland

Must be eligible to graduate in June, 2013

Proof of acceptance in a 2 or 4-year undergraduate program

Must intend to teach P-12 upon completion of an undergraduate program

Attach copy of current transcript

Requirements for **Undergraduate** Applicant:

Must be a resident of Maryland

Must be a current undergraduate student in one of Maryland's colleges or universities

Must have a 3.5 cumulative average

Must intend to teach P-12 upon completion of an undergraduate program

Attach copy of current transcript



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Personal Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Educational Information

College GPA: _____ Attach current transcript

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY:

High School: _____ Attach current transcript

GPA: _____

Please circle one: SAT ACT

SAT Math: _____

ACT English: _____

SAT Verbal: _____

ACT Math: _____

SAT Total: _____

ACT Reading: _____

ACT Science: _____

ACT Composite Score: _____



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Extracurricular Activities (High School and College Applicants)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Roles and Responsibilities</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Please provide two references, one personal and one school based.

Personal Reference:

Name: _____

E-mail _____

Daytime phone number _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

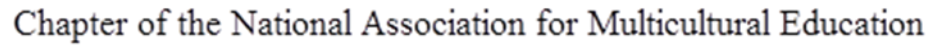
School based Reference:

Name: _____

E-mail _____

Daytime phone number _____

Relationship to applicant: _____



In the space provided, tell us about the experiences that have influenced your decision to pursue a career in education and how these experiences will help you in this career choice. Include your statement of need for this scholarship.

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Date: _____