

MMC NEWS: VOICES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
MARYLAND MULTICULTURAL COALITION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and getting ready for another summer. As we wind down the academic year and think of the upcoming one, it is important to think about what we have accomplished this year. Next year will bring many changes for our Pre-K -12 teachers. The Common Core Curriculum will be in full swing. The new teacher evaluation system will be winding up. MSA will be around one more year and PARCC will be just around the corner.



This year several Maryland Educators have been recognized for the work they have done around equity, social justice and multicultural education. Dr. Judylynn Mitchell will be receiving the Carter G. Woodson Award from the NAACP; Cathy Price received the Jack Epstein Award at the Maryland Multicultural Coalition annual conference; and Linda Shevitz was honored in Annapolis, being inducted in the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. We honor you all for your accomplishments and are proud to have you as members of our organization.

In April, we were pleased to have Baltimore County Public Schools host the annual MMC conference at Parkville High School. Close to 400 people registered from 11 counties and from Pennsylvania, northern Virginia and even Delaware. The conference participants included high school, undergrad and graduate students. Teachers, college professors, para educators, and community members presented and attended the selection of 28 sessions. We were very fortunate that Dr. Lisa Williams and her team were able to arrange for the participants to have the privilege of hearing Dr. Geneva Gay as the keynote speaker. This was the first time Baltimore County hosted the conference and it is one that we will remember and cherish for a long time. The planning team did an outstanding job of planning and organizing this year's conference. We hope that everyone enjoyed the conference.

If you are not already a member of NAME, we encourage you to visit nameorg.org and complete the on-line membership form. Please select Maryland as the state affiliation.

Mark your calendar for the annual NAME conference. This year the conference will be held in Oakland, California. Registration information will be out shortly. It is best if you can register early and take advantage of early bird registration. The conference runs from November 6-10. We hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Debbie Misiag

President MMC 2013-2015

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S.O.S. AT TOWSON UNIVERSITY

On May 6, 2013 the
Maryland Coalition

Opposed to Violence
and Extremism

(COVE) and the
Baltimore County
Human Relations

Commission co-
sponsored an all-day Hate
Bias Summit—Save Our
Students (S.O.S.). The event

was held at Towson University and
was attended by around 300
individuals. The event was
informative and inspiring. Attendees
included community activists,
human rights and human relations
specialists, government officials, law
enforcement personnel, educators,
students, and civil rights and legal
professionals.

The keynote address, entitled *Hate:
Crossing the Line*, shared an
outstanding video written and
directed by the Nassau County New
York Police Department and Nassau
County students. It is a realistic and
open portrayal of hate bias incidents
and issues in schools. For more
information and to request a copy,
contact Detective Lieutenant Gary
Shapiro at GShapiro@PDCN.ORG.

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A Plenary Session focused on *Bullying
and Hate Bias*, and panelists looked
particularly at sexual orientation
issues—gay, lesbian, transgendered
and sexual identity. Various
afternoon workshop sessions
presented information and generated
discussions on topics such as *Adult
Responsibility and Student Rights*, *Free
Speech and Criminal Conduct Actions*,
*Role of School Resource Officers and
Campus and Community Police*, *School
Remedies*, and *Reporting and Prosecution
of Hate Cases*.

For more information about the
conference contact Chair Linda
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• Story by Linda Shevitz



Equitable Practices for High Achievement Students; Mid-Atlantic Conference 2013



• PICTURES FROM MID-ATLANTIC EQUITY CONSORTIUM WEBSITE. •

At its second annual equity conference, the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Inc. welcomed over 300 educators, community members, and students from the states and communities it serves (Maryland, Washington D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia). The event was held on May 7, 2013 at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute. The theme of this year's program was *Boosting Success for 21st Century Learners*, and the event offered several sessions focused on Language Minority Students, English Language Learners, Bilingual Education, and Strategies for Reducing Dropouts.

The Maryland *Edge-Ucators* from Wicomico County (school

staff, students, and the school system's Superintendent) provided opening energy for the attendees by performing upbeat songs with original lyrics about students' self-esteem and possibilities. Support for the event was also provided by the U.S. Department of Education, the Maryland Department of Education, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, and the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights under Law.

The keynote speaker was nationally honored Dr. Eugene E. Garcia, Professor Emeritus of Education, Arizona State University. He presented an analysis and discussion of current English Learner's (ELs) academic language issues with regards to achievement gap

reductions. The presentation was based on new national longitudinal student data along with specific successful classroom practices. His comments set the tone for sessions to energize, provide information, and identify successful practices for boosting achievement for *all*.

For more information about the programs, resources, webinars, and newsletter provided as valuable multicultural educational resources, contact the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Inc. Their website is www.maec.org, and you can sign up to be on the Center's mailing and email lists. The President is Susan Shaffer, and she can be reached at sshaffer@maec.org.

• Story by Linda Shevitz

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Like most commemorative months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, senators Daniel Inouye and Spark

Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

To learn more about Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month please visit the web site hosted by the Library of Congress: <http://asianpacificheritage.gov/index.html>

• Story courtesy of Renee Williams and Linda Shevitz

MMC/NAME Election Results

The MMC/NAME membership elected four members to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2013-2015 term. They are: Debbie Misiag, President; Pat Levronney, Secretary; Rita Robinson, Parliamentarian; and Sharon Gooding, At-large Member.

Congratulations to all and many thanks for taking on the responsibility of keeping MMC/NAME an exemplary chapter of NAME.

• Election results courtesy of Bonnie Brownell



• PICTURE FROM UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK'S WEBSITE. •

Congratulations!

“We honor you all for your accomplishments and are proud to have you as members of our organization.”

-Debbie Misiag, President of MMC



The Jack Epstein Award was presented at the 2013 MMC/NAME Conference. Pictured above are Bonnie Brownell (left), Cathy Price (Center), and Debbie Misiag (right). • PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDA SHEVITZ •

The Jack Epstein 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 together in schools and communities. Congratulations to the recipient of the 2013 Jack Epstein Award, Cathy Price.



Linda Shevitz, long-time member of the Maryland Multicultural Coalition and the National Association for Multicultural Education, was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. On March 21, 2013, hundreds of guests and family members came together at the Miller Senate Office Building to honor six outstanding women of Maryland from many backgrounds. The women honored included Helen Delich Bentley, Jean B. Cryor, Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes, Ellen R. Sauerbrey, Linda Shevitz and Beatrice P. Tignor, Ed.D.

Susan Shaffer, President of the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, Inc., nominated and introduced Linda to the audience. Each of the recipients was introduced, made brief comments and was awarded their plaque. Linda was joined by friends and family members for the occasion.

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1985 through the efforts of the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland. There are approximately 160 honorees which include Maryland women such as Rachel Carson, Harriet Tubman, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Clara Barton, Barbara Mikulski, Anna Ella Carroll, Jill Moss Greenberg, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Mary Pickersgill, Bea Gaddy, and Eleanora Fagan (Billie Holiday).

A reception at the Governor's House followed the ceremony. Light refreshments were served in the historic home of the First Family of Maryland. Congratulations Linda and thank you your years of service to our state.



The five other Maryland Women's Hall of Fame 2013 Inductees were Helen Delich Bentley, Jean B. Cryor, Charlene Mickens Dukes, Ed. D, Ellen R. Sauerbrey, and Beatrice P. Tignor, Ed. D. Pictured above are Linda Shevitz (left) and Debbie Misiag (right).

• PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBBIE MISIAG •

• Story by Debbie Misiag

DR. MITCHELL RECEIVES 2013 WOODSON AWARD

For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Judylynn Mitchell has applied her many creative talents to the celebration and teaching of African American History. Indeed, she has been a virtual African American History dynamo.

She has written and directed plays; written poems, articles and curriculum about African American History; hosted a children's TV program; and given speeches about African American History. Her audiences have ranged from school children to church groups to college students to prisoners in a correctional facility.

Born and raised on Maryland's Eastern Shore, a place rich in African American History, Dr. Mitchell was educated in public schools, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Bowie State University, her Master's in Reading from Bowling Green University and a Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University. She is currently an administrator in the Wicomico County Public School System. She supervises the Education That Is Multicultural Program as well as ESOL and magnet programs. Dr. Mitchell serves as host for "Story Time," a television reading program for children on the PAC 14 Public Access Network serving Wicomico County and surrounding areas. She also served as the host of "Land of Books," a children's television reading program for nine years on the Comcast Cable Network.

A prolific writer, Dr. Mitchell has written over 75 newspaper and magazine articles on a wide range of African American History topics, including "Martin Luther King, Jr. Helped Poor and Oppressed," "Harriet

Tubman, Her Peoples Moses," and "Women's Rights Champion—Mary Church Terrell." She also co-authored, with Dr. Molefi Kete Asante, the *Classical Africa Activity Book*. She wrote the *African American Journey: A Resource for Learning the History of African Americans in Maryland and the United States*, a curriculum for grades 4-12. She also wrote the elementary workbook, *Science Anytime: African American Scientists*. She also served as an advisor/reviewer for several publishers, including Harcourt Brace, Houghton Mifflin and Peoples Publishing Company.

Dr. Mitchell has written and directed several plays for the church and community. Her musical drama, "I'll Rise Above It All," raised thousands of dollars for youth programs and enlisted the talents of educators, parents, students and gospel singers. Her other theatrical works include "Yesterday's Women: Gone But Not Forgotten"; "Kwanzaa: A Village Reborn." The production of her "I'm All Cried Out: Peace In The Midst Of the Storm," was held at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 2010, received outstanding reviews and raised thousands of dollars for community and church youth programs.

Dr. Judylynn Mitchell holds a Life Membership in the Association for the Study of African American History (ASALAH), and many of her African American History learning materials on CDs are available through ASALAH.

• Biography from the National Education Association's website.

Announcing the 2014 National Women's History Month Theme:

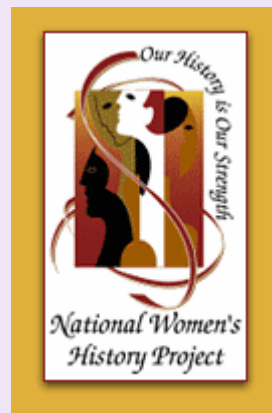
Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment

Nominate an Outstanding Woman to be Honored During National Women's History Month 2014!

The National Women's History Project is accepting nominations for 2014 Women's History Month Honorees.

Click here for details <http://www.nwhp.org/2014nwhm_form.doc> .

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nwhp@nwhp.org



MMC-NAME Conference 2013

Kudos and many thanks go to Baltimore County Public Schools for organizing and hosting the MMC/NAME 2013 Spring Conference! The BCPS planning team included Lisa Williams, Director of the Office of Equity and Cultural Proficiency; William Burke, Executive Director; Jeanne Imbriale, Coordinator; Catherine Armstrong, Administrative Assistant of the Office of Professional Development; and many of their staff members. For the 400 educators and community members that attended the conference, the BCPS planning team provided a welcoming and stimulating environment, and a broad selection of enriching experiences in the workshop sessions and the speaker presentations. Thank you all for bringing together such a wealth of knowledge and expertise on cultural proficiency and multicultural education for MMC/NAME members and guests at the conference.

• Story by *Bonnie Brownell*

• PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA SHEVITZ AND DEBBIE MISIAG •





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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 **August 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: _____

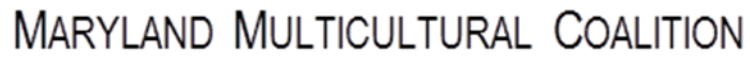
School based Reference:

Name: _____

E-mail _____

Daytime phone number _____

Relationship to applicant: _____



NAME

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:_____



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Advocates for Educational Equity and Social Justice

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Membership Application

Join NAME by sending the following form to the National Association for Multicultural Education's national office. This form may be saved as a Word document and typed onto directly, or printed out and filled in by hand. If you are applying for an institutional membership and would like to designate a second person, please attach a sheet with that person's contact information. If you are paying by credit card,* please do not forget to sign the form.

***Note:** You can also join or renew your NAME membership online with credit card, visit www.nameorg.org for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

First Name: M.I.:

Last Name:

Position/Title:

Institutional/Organizational Affiliation:

Work Phone:

Fax:

Home Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address (if your title and/or institution is part of your address, include it here) :

Street address, line (1):

Street address, line (2):

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Country:

If somebody referred you to NAME, please list that person here:

☐ **NAME has my permission to include my name on mailing lists**
(provided only to groups that support NAME's goals)

Preferred Chapter Affiliation:

(refer to the NAME website for a current list of active chapters)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (note new categories, please check one):

☐ Regular (\$100) ☐ Student (\$40) ☐ International (\$65)

☐ Retired (\$60) ☐ Community Activist (\$40)

Institutional Memberships

☐ P-12 (\$250) ☐ Higher Ed (\$500) ☐ Corporate (\$1,000)

☐ Non-Profit A (\$125) ☐ Non-Profit B (\$250)
Operating Budget <\$25,000 Operating Budget >\$25,000

Lifetime Memberships

☐ Lifetime (\$2,000) ☐ Subscribing Lifetime (\$400/yr over 5 yrs)

PAYMENT MADE BY:

☐ Check (U.S. currency, drawn on U.S. bank) or money order enclosed, made payable to
NAME; or

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX ☐ Diners Club ☐ Discover

(Only Visa and MasterCard are accepted.) If paying by credit card, please fill in the following information, then **print the form, sign and date it**, and send it to the NAME National Office. **You may also make credit card payments directly online.**

Total amount to be charged: \$

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Cardholder's Name:

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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