



MARYLAND MULTICULTURAL COALITION



Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education

Upcoming Events

**NAME Conference in Philadelphia, PA
November 28- December 1, 2012.**

**Every Third Wednesday of the month
MMC holds their monthly meeting at
Old Cedar Lane School**

**5451 Beaverkill Road, Columbia, MD
21044**

National Hispanic Heritage Month

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome back to another school year. I hope the beginning of the year has gone smoothly for you.

The Maryland Multicultural Board is preparing to attend the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) conference in Philadelphia this fall. I encourage you to attend the conference. It will not be this close to the Baltimore area for a while and this is an outstanding chance to meet with other educators and community activists from around the country and the world. You may register at <http://www.nameorg.org>. This website also contains a lot of information about the NAME. This is also the site to renew your membership in NAME.

The executive board of MMC has begun planning for our annual conference to be held this spring. We will be finalizing the location and the date in late October and will get this out to you. Also in the fall, we will be introducing our first scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or undergraduate who is going into the field of education. More details will be available in late fall.

Check out our blog site. The Maryland Multicultural Coalition has had a blog site for the past five years. We encourage you to add books that you have read and other resources that focus on multicultural education and cultural proficiency. You can add your favorites by clicking onto the comment link and then type in the title of your book and a brief summary of the book. Visit our site for other resources as well at <http://mdmc.edublogs.org>.

We will be hosting and co-sponsoring several events again this year and are still working on getting things scheduled. I will email you updates when our plans are finalized. Last year we sponsored or co-sponsored six events across the region including our conference in Carroll County.

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Happy 40th Anniversary to Title IX: Ensuring Gender Equity in Education

Title IX is regarded as one of the most important pieces of legislation that advances opportunities for women and girls in the world of education. Part of this important story is what this legislation has done to advance their lives off the field and out of the classroom. If this is what we have accomplished in the past 40 years, I cannot even begin to imagine the greatness that lies ahead.

Maryland Senator Barbara A. Mikulski

BACKGROUND

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Congressional passage of a vital national civil rights law creating equal opportunity in education. The law, Title IX (of the Education Amendments of 1972) assures that:

No person in the United States, shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

While media coverage has often portrayed Title IX as increasing opportunities for women and girls in athletics, the law applied to all areas of education, and its impact has been significant from K-12 schools through higher education. Title IX ensures equity for all students, both girls and boys. As thousands of Maryland educators and students begin the 2012-2013 school year, knowledge of the guarantees under Title IX will help to assure fair treatment for every student:

ATHLETICS

In 1972, there were some 300,000 girls involved nationally in high school sports. In 2012 there are more than 3 million involved. For the first time, more U.S. women than men competed in the Olympics this year.

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Until Title IX, many schools didn't admit women to graduate programs in field such as law, medicine, and veterinary medicine. Even Supreme County Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was initially denied admission to law school. Today law, medical, and veterinary graduates nationally are about 50 percent women.

Title IX Anniversary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Prior to Title IX girls were not permitted to take “shop” courses (auto mechanics, etc.) and boys could not take courses in Home Economics (cooking and sewing, etc.) Today, courses must be open to all students.

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics) CAREERS

Before Title IX, most women were excluded from STEM careers. The percentage of women with degrees in STEM fields rose dramatically since Title IX, but Engineering is still at 16 percent. In Maryland, many STEM programs have been instituted in schools and communities to promote equity.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual Harassment and gender-related bullying are covered by Title IX. The U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice have issued national guidelines. Nationally, in grades 7-12, 40% of female and male students report sexual harassment of some form. This figure rises to 70 percent among gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

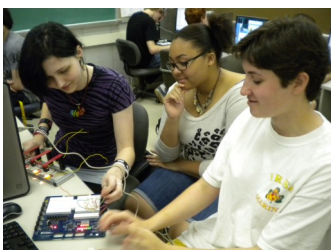
PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS

Under Title IX, pregnant and parenting teens must be provided with full school participation and opportunities for graduation. A new publication, *A Pregnancy Test for Schools: the Impact of Education Laws on Pregnant and Parenting Students*, can be downloaded from the National Women’s Law Center at www.nwlc.org.

RESOURCES

In June 2012 a ground-breaking report was released by the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE), *Title IX at 40: Working to Ensure Gender Equity in Education*. (The report, covering all areas of Title IX, can be downloaded at <http://www.ncwge.org>.)

Each State Department of Education, public school system and college is required to have a Title IX Coordinator. Linda Shevitz, Maryland’s Title IX Coordinator since 1982, is the longest serving State Title IX Coordinator in the nation. She also coordinates the Maryland Title IX Network of educators who represent all 24 school systems. The Maryland Women’s Heritage Center in Baltimore will present a *Title IX at 40* program in the Fall.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES

I would like to thank those of you that took the time to send or email back your updated contact information. I was able to add several new emails to our mailing list. I appreciate your responses. If you have changes in your email addresses or mailing address, please let me know. Our mailing address is MMC, P.O. Box 738, Columbia, MD 21045. My email address is dmisiag@yahoo.com.

Thank you for being a member in our organization. We look forward to seeing you at our events this year.

Sincerely,

Debbie Misiag

President of MMC



**LEVRONEY RECEIVED
HIGH COMMUNITY
HONORS**

Patricia T. Levrony, Supervisor of Equity and Community Outreach for Carroll County Public Schools received the Carroll County Branch of NAACP 7014 the Community Leaders Award on Friday, October 12, 2012 at Martin's Westminster. Levrony received this outstanding award for her willingness to give her community a better understanding of how diversity works for the betterment for all and the enrichment it brings to the Carroll County Community. She was honored at the 10th Annual Freedom Banquet in Westminster, MD.

In January, 2011, during the celebration of MLK, Mrs. Levrony received Educator of the Year from MSEA.

Patricia also serves at MMC Secretary and has held that position for over eight years. Congratulations, Pat! We are proud of you.

National Hispanic Heritage Month From Wikipedia

National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, when people recognize the contribution of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate the group's heritage and culture.

Hispanic Heritage Week was approved President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30 - day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition Mexico, Chile, and Belize celebrated their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively.

NEW RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

Generating Expectations for Student Achievement (GESA): An Equitable Approach to Educational Excellence

This book is a updated version of the popular and practical earlier GESA materials. It includes background, research and many materials for professional development. Find out more and order online at www.graymill.com

Speak Up at School: How to Respond to Everyday Prejudice, Bias, and Stereotypes

This comprehensive guide for teachers is a publication of *Teaching Tolerance*, and is available free online at www.teachingtolerance.org.

Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium Webinars

Comprehensive webinars addressing many issues of diversity are offered every month by the Mid Atlantic Equity Consortium. Schedules and lists of follow-up power points and materials and videos of the webinars can be found by emailing info@maec.org

Top Ten Reasons to join NAME Now

10. Build a statewide and national network and support system focused explicitly on supporting and advocating for multicultural education.
9. Stay informed. Your membership includes a subscription to *Multicultural Perspectives*, one of the leading periodicals in the multicultural education field.
8. Membership also includes a subscription to NAME-MCE, a ListServ (email discussion group) with over 950 members.
7. Make a difference! Learn about the latest ideas and resources to use in your work in the field.
6. Grow professionally by attending local programs and conferences.
5. Keep abreast of the latest information and happenings in Maryland through the MMC/NAME newsletter, *Voices*.
4. Get reduced state and national NAME conference registration fees.
3. Get two for one: your NAME membership includes membership in the state chapter. ***Just make sure to select the Maryland chapter when you fill out the registration form.***
2. Your membership looks good on your resume.
1. Make new friends. MMC/NAME is a welcoming, dedicated, fun group of hardworking individuals focused on making our schools and communities better places to live and learn.

To join NAME, go to nameorg.org and click on “Membership.”