



The Maryland Multicultural Coalition, the State Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education

Voices Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy New Year! May this year be the most wonderful for you and your family.

As we move into a new year, let's remember why we went into education in the first place. Perhaps it was your love of learning or that you loved the content you are teaching. Maybe it was your love of children and wanting to make a difference in their lives. Our students need us more than ever. It has been a very confusing time for our students and families. There is an increase in bullying, harassment and overall inappropriateness in our schools. Get involved, locate your local resources and support our students and families. Maryland is one of the most diverse systems in the country. We owe it to our students to help them and teacher them well. Teach them of tolerance, acceptance, equity and social justice. And remember why you became an educator in the first place. *Debbie Misiag*



Save the Date

The 24th Annual Conference will be held on April 22, 2017 at Marriotts' Ridge High School in Howard County. This year the conference will be hosted by the Howard County Public School System. The call for proposals has ended. Vendor applications are still open. Registration begins in mid to late February.

More inside!

What's on The Calendar

There are several organizations that have conferences this spring. So mark your calendar!

Maryland Music Education Assoc. February 10-11, 2017 Baltimore, MD

Learning Disabilities Assoc. Annual Conference February 16-19, 2017 Baltimore, MD

MCTM February 25, 2017 Chesapeake College

Middle States Council of Social Studies February 24-25, 2017 Rehoboth, DE

Maryland Assoc. of Environmental and Outdoor Conference February 25, 2017 Towson, MD

National Assoc. of Independent Schools March 1-3, 2017 Baltimore, MD

National Professional Development Schools March 9-11, 2017 Arlington, VA

MD Distance Learning Assoc. March 9, 2017 / Linthicum Heights, MD

Music Teachers National Assoc. March 18-22, 2017 Baltimore, MD

45th Annual SoMIRAC March 29- 31, 2017 Hunt Valley, MD

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What coming next month?
Conference Registration Information



By the Numbers Answers

Last month we introduced By the Numbers section of the newsletter. Get out your answers and see how much you know ...

- 1) The number of US Presidents that owned slaves. **12**
- 2) The number of years African Americans were born into slavery. **250 Years**
- 3) The percentage of girls that have stated they have been sexually harassed. **83% and 1 out of every 3 women claimed to have been harassed in the workplace.**

By the Numbers Answers

cont.

- 4) The percentage of gay students that report they have heard anti-gay slurs at school. **26%**
- 5) The year the ADL was founded. **1913**
- 6) The year the 19th amendment was added to the U.S. Constitution. **Ratified in 1920**
- 7) The first election year that women were legally allowed to vote for President. **1920**
- 8) The number of hate organizations in the state of Maryland. **15**

SPLC calls on president elect to reject bigotry

In the winter issue of the Southern Poverty Law Center Report, the newspaper has an article on fighting hate. At press time the organization had 182,000 people sign a petition urging the President elect, to “distance himself and his office” from hate organizations. The article further states that during his campaign, he denigrated people on the basis of gender, race, disability, religion and other diversity factors. If you would like to add your name to their petition, go to splcenter.org/trump-pledge.

Videos Worth Watching

Next time you want to be inspired and hopeful, turn onto one of these videos. They are well worth the few minutes they take to watch. They also make great video clips for your graduate students or professional development presentations.

Love Has No Labels

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuGIhHs>

We Are America

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MdK8hBkR3s>



What to Watch

Another season of PBS is underway with Henry Louis Gates hosting Finding Your Roots. Check your listing for the time and date. These show highlights three notable people and the journey to find their roots with often surprising outcomes.

Hidden Figures is out in the theatre. This film highlights the little known accomplishments of a trio of women Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson - brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit.



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

**FEBRUARY
1-28**

Can you name the people above? Black History Month starts February 1-28. Do you know why February was chosen as the month to celebrate the contributions made by African Americans in this country? Find out the answers in the next issue of Voices coming in mid-February.

Resources for Black History Month

<http://www.infoplease.com/black-history-month/>

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/visit/opening>

The new National Museum of African American History and Culture in DC

<http://lewismuseum.org/>

Reginald F. Lewis Museum celebrates its 10th Anniversary

<http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/teachers.html>
African American History Month Resources for Teachers

**Diversity is
about all of us,
and about us
having to figure
out how to walk
through this
world together.**

- Jacqueline Woodson, author

**Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Regardless of
Skin
Intellect
Talents or
Years**



Maryland Association of Human Relations/Rights Agencies

MARYLAND HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2017

Sponsored by

THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF HUMAN RELATIONS/ HUMAN RIGHTS AGENCIES (MAHRA)

Maryland Civil Rights Commission, Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission, City of Annapolis Human Relations Commission, Baltimore City Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement, Baltimore County Human Relations Commission, City of Cumberland Human Relations Commission, Frederick County Human Relations Commission, Harford County Human Relations Commission, Howard County Office of Human Rights, Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, Prince George's County Human Relations Commission

THE COALITION OPPOSED TO VIOLENCE & EXTREMISM (COVE)

THE CIVIL RIGHTS COALITION OF MARYLAND

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lowe House Office Building – Room 180

6 Bladen Street

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Valid ID needed to enter building*

“Human Rights/Civil Rights: The Path Forward”

Featuring Advocacy Updates, Legislator Check-Ins, Panel Discussions & Speakers

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For more information please contact:
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Refreshments will be served

Scholarship Application

Application Year: 2017

MMC/NAME is the Maryland Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education. The mission of MMC/NAME is to promote and support education that is multicultural as a means of achieving the full academic potential of every learner in Maryland by: sharing knowledge and resources, fostering appreciation of diversity, and advocating for educational equity. MMC/NAME brings together individuals and groups with an interest in multicultural education from all levels of education, from different academic disciplines and a variety of educational institutions. It is our pleasure to sponsor this scholarship.

Application Instructions:

Please complete the attached application form to apply for the MMC/NAME Scholarship and submit it by April 1, 2017. Mail application packet to: MMC/NAME Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 738 Columbia, MD 21045. Scholarship applicants will be notified of the decision in June 1, 2017.

Requirements for **High School** Applicant:

- Must be a resident of Maryland
- Must have 3.4 GPA or higher
- Must be eligible to graduate in June, of the year of application
- 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 your **official** transcript
- You must show a copy of your school bill in order to receive your monetary scholarship
- **You must include in your packet two letters of recommendations. One recommendation must be personal and the other recommendation must be school related.**

Requirements for Undergraduate College 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 official transcript
- **You must include in your packet two letters of recommendations. One recommendation must be personal and the other recommendation must be school related.**

Checklist:

The following items must be submitted by the due date:

- ___ Completed cover sheet and Extra-Curricular Activities List
- ___ Essay
- ___ Copies of acceptance letters(high school only)
- ___ Transcript
- ___ Two letters of reference

Applications that are not complete, will not be reviewed. All materials must be submitted or postmarked no later than April 1, to be reviewed. All candidates will be notified by June 1.

Once you have been awarded the scholarship, you will be asked for proof of registration for the upcoming school year. Your scholarship will be sent directly to the University in August.

Personal Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Educational Information

College GPA: _____ Attach current transcript

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY:

High School: _____ Attach official transcript

GPA: _____

Attach the two letters of recommendations. One is personal the other is school related. Your packet will not reviewed if you do not have all components in your packet.

Extracurricular Activities (High School and College Applicants)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Roles and Responsibilities</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Essay Questions

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.
- What are your thoughts on educating an increasingly diverse student population or explain your experience with or interest in promoting diversity and equity in schools.
- Include your statement of need for this scholarship, describing hardship, funding and gaps for tuition costs, etc.

Limit essay to a maximum of two double-spaced, typed pages with signature on each.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date: _____

Nomination of _____

Maryland Multicultural Coalition/State Chapter of NAME
2017 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 1, 2017.

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 _____

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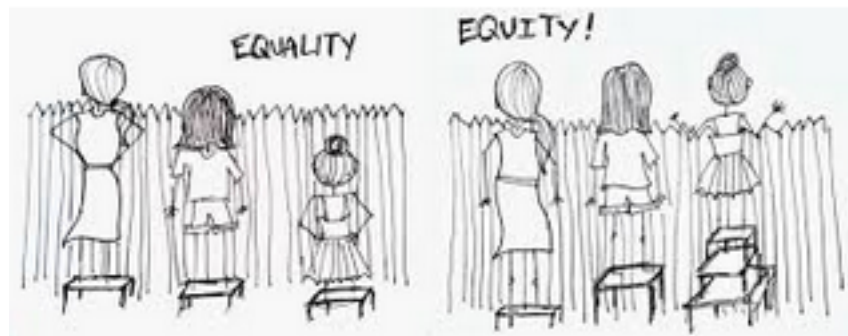
or email to mdmulticultural@gmail.com

Save the Date

The 24th Annual Maryland Multicultural Coalition Conference The state chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education

April 22, 2017
Marriotts Ridge High School
12100 Woodford Dr. Marriottsville, MD 21104
Hosted by the Howard County Public School System

The theme for this year's conference is
The Journey to Excellence with Equity in Education



***Registration to begin in mid-February. Check the MMC website at
mdmc.edublogs.org for more information or email
mdmulticultural@gmail.com***

Past Epstein Award Recipients

2001 Woodrow Grant
2002 Cheryl Pasteur
2003 Linda Shevitz
2004 Joyce Bransford Byrd
2005 Dina Shein
2006 Mary Louise Jones
2007- *No Conference*
2008 Robert Barnes
2009 Joyce Harris
2010 Margaret Kulow
2011 Michael Martirano
2012 Tim Johnson
2013 Cathy Price
2014 Maria Whittemore
2015 Debra Nixon
2016- *No recipient*

Maryland Multicultural Coalition Scholarship Recipient

2013 Kelly McKenzie of Nanticoke, Maryland
2014 Darby Whitehair UMD
Emily Lewis – Hartford County, MD
2015 Valerie Abbott Queen Anne's County, MD
Elizabeth Hernandez Towson U
2016 Bria Johnson Towson U
Valentina Ross Towson U
Jonathan Morales Hood College
Terra Cook Hagerstown Community College

Maryland Multicultural Coalition Legacy Award Recipients

2011- Woody Grant- MSDE
2014 Linda Shevitz - MSDE
2016 Maria Whittemore- FCPS

From the Archives of MMC

Past Editors of the Voices Newsletter 1992-2016

*Tom Owen
Randy Robinette
Marilyn Hunter
Tom Owen
Patricia Levroney
Deborah Misiag*

In 1996 the Maryland Multicultural Coalition becomes a state chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), nearly 20 years after MMC was founded. NAME was founded in 1991. MMC was founded in 1979.

Past Presidents of MMC

Jill Christianson
Tom Owen
Joyce Harris
Cheryl Yvonne Collins
Joyce Harris

Cathy Price
Bonnie Brownell
Deborah Misiag

We Need You More Than Ever

Due to the current climate in our country, leaning more towards hate than tolerance; more towards mistrust than compassion; more towards bullying than acceptance, we need you more than ever. How can you get involved? Here is how:

- 1) Join NAME. Become a member of the National Association for Multicultural Education. Already a member? We sure you have selected Maryland as your state chapter. Renew if your membership has expired. Go to nameorg.org and join today.
- 2) Distribute the flyer for our conference to your friends and colleagues
- 3) Stand up and speak up. Report hate crimes. You can do this with your local police department and go to ADL to report hate crimes.
<https://secure2.convio.net/adl/site/SPageNavigator/Report/Incident.html#.WHpsr66kLPc>
- 4) Attend the MMC annual conference. It continues to be a well attended conference. This year it is hosted in Howard County. Meet with like-minded people and get rejuvenated.
- 5) Attend the Human Rights Conference in March. This newsletter has conference information.
- 6) Take a class on culture and diversity.
- 7) Attend the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium conference in the spring.
- 8) Join our board. We will be having openings this year. If interested in running for an office, let Bonnie Brownell know. You can contact her at our email address mdmulticultural@gmail.com
- 9) Listen more than you talk to your students. Hear how they are feeling. Since the election there have been all sorts of feelings from our students. Seek guidance on how to speak to your students so that you are supportive and understanding of their voice.
- 10) Become informed and stay informed.
- 11) Sign the petition from SLPC . The email is listed in this newsletter.
- 12) Write your congress person and let them know how you feel about the direction our country is going in.
- 13) Stay off of tweeter. It only increases your blood pressure.

Who's Up for Elections?

President
Secretary
Parliamentarian
Member-at-Large

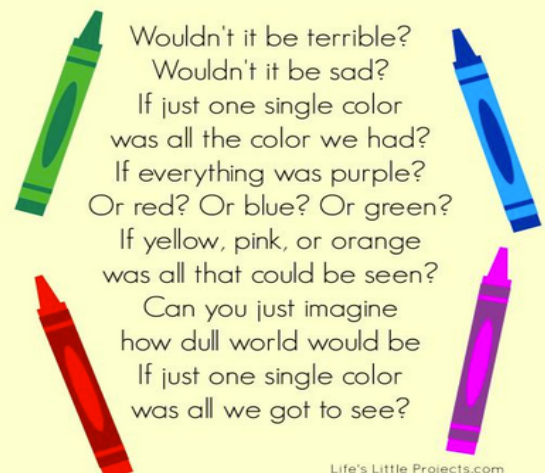
Interested? Contact us at mdmulticultural@gmail.com.

Elections are held in March. You must be a member of NAME to be on our MMC Executive Board. We look forward to hearing from you.



Dark times lie ahead of us and there will be a time when we must choose between what is easy and what is right.

- Albus Dumbledore in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.



Life's Little Projects.com