



President's Message

I hope that you all have had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and that you are all off to a good start of the school year.

In this issue you will find updates on several events including the anniversary of The Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, the NAME conference in Salt Lake City and the Diversity Conference sponsored by the Baltimore County Public School System. In this issue you will also find the 2018 Scholarship information. Please share it at your school for high school and undergraduate students.

In the next issue in January you will receive information on the elections and spring events.

As a reminder, we are not hosting an annual conference this year. This is to allow us to hold a couple of evening events in the spring and to switch to a fall conference in 2018 instead of the spring conference. If you are interested in hosting the conference in your school system next fall, please let us know now.

I will be stepping down as President of the Maryland Multicultural Coalition at the end of December. It has been my pleasure to serve as President for the last 11 years. Our interim President will be Tracey Durant of Baltimore County. I would like to thank the board of MMC for their support over these years. I will remain on the board until my retirement at the end of the school year and will continue to work on the newsletter. Please welcome Tracey who will continue until we hold our elections in the spring.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Debbie Misiag
President MMC

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James Madison's Montpelier

James Madison's home in Virginia has opened its new permanent exhibition on slavery; *The Mere Distinction of Colour*. It opened in June 2017 and covers the perspective of slavery and race in America. The exhibition includes a film entitled, *Legacies of Slavery*. To learn more about the exhibition, follow this link to the website:
<https://www.montpelier.org/learn/6-ways-that-understanding-slavery-will-change-how-you-understand-american-freedom>



"We have seen the mere distinction of colour made in the most enlightened period of time, a ground of the most oppressive dominion ever exercised by man over man."

James Madison, June 6, 1787

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love."

Nelson Mandela

Save the Date

The 28th Annual International Conference for the National Association for Multicultural Education will be held in Memphis November 28-December 1, 2018. The theme of the next conference is *How Many More 'Til We Rise Up?*

Multicultural Education, a Radical Response of Love, Life and Dr. King's Dream. The call for proposals opens mid-December until mid-February. Go to nameorg.org to complete a proposal form.

MMC Nominations for the Executive Board

Nominations are open for the executive board. If you are interested in joining the board, please email MMC no later than January 1, 2018. The nominating committee will be meeting to develop the slate. Positions open this year are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Member-at-Large.
 Email: mdmulticultural@gmail.com





Teaching Tolerance Updates

- There are new resources on tolerance.org. Check out the new digital literacy resources. The resources include a new framework, lessons and videos.
- Nominations are open for the Teaching Tolerance Award for 2018. The application is on their website and closes on December 10, 2017. Think of how great it would be if a Maryland educator was recognized.
- Teaching Tolerance presented at NCTE on equity literacy and immigration and student empowerment on November 17th and 18th.
- In the month of October, Teaching Tolerance tracked 90 hate incidents in schools. These were ones that made the news.

The Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

This November, the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium (MAEC) celebrated its 25th Anniversary commemorating its achievements and contributions for more than two decades. The MAEC's goal is... Promoting excellence and equity in education to achieve social justice. Its central office is located in Bethesda, Maryland and it is one of four Regional Equity Centers coordinated across the nation by the U.S. Department of Education.

The 14 states served by MAEC are the Mid-Atlantic and New England states as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. More than 150 educators and community equity activists attended the 25th celebration event, which also presented awards to local equity leaders. Noted presenters at the conference included James Counts Early of the Smithsonian Institution and Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell, composer, author and member of the acclaimed choral group, Sweet Honey on the Rock.

As a nationally recognized center of Education Equity, the MAEC is directed by longtime acclaimed education and social justice leader, its President Susan Shaffer. Susan was honored and thanked for her leadership and was presented with a special tribute by noted education leaders, Jill Moss Greenberg, Board Member of MAEC, Jill Christianson, Equity Specialists at the National Education Association, and Linda Shevitz, former Equity Specialists at the Maryland State Department of Education.

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Everything in nature comes in different colors. Why can't we? D. Misiag

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Susan thanked her family, friends and colleagues for their commitment and leadership.

"Tonight we celebrate our past work and future commitment to education equity and social justice. Despite the myriad of challenges we face, I am deeply optimistic. I remain optimistic because of your generosity- giving your time, energy, expertise and support for social justice during the past quarter of a century."

Several educational leaders were honored at the event by the MAEC for their leadership and contributions in the area of equity. These included Dinora Del Carmen Caceres, Arlington, Virginia Public Schools; Reading, Pennsylvania School District; Tisha Edwards, President of BridgeEDu. Inc, Baltimore, Maryland; Tia Marie Bumsted, Director of Student Wellness, E.L. Haynes Public Charter School, Washington, D.C.; student leaders Jose A. Domingues Cortez, Morgan State University, Baltimore, and Wilson Aldana, The Next Step Public Charter School, Washington, D.C.

For more information about MAEC, contact the office in Maryland at 301-657-7741 or www.maec.org



L to R Linda Shevitz, Jill Christianson, Jill Moss Greenberg at the 25th Anniversary of MAEC.



Susan Shaffer, President of the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium.





NAME in Salt Lake City for the 27th Annual International Conference

More than 1000 participants from across the country attended the 27th Annual Conference in Salt Lake in early November.

Above are President H. Prentice Baptiste (Founding Member) and The President-Elect, Ann Lopez



CUBA - IN THE NAME OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

By Dr. Rita Robinson

Produced and Directed by Mary Parks for PBS' TV series American Spirit. 2017. (See Mary Parks in the picture with Rose Duhon-Sells, NAME's Founding Mother)



Producer/Director Mary Parks (L) and Rose Duhon-Sells, NAME Founding Mother(R)

For a third consecutive year, NAME has lead a group of nearly two dozen educators on a cultural and professional exchange to Cuba. This summer (2017) trip was captured on film for an **American Spirit documentary**. It shows NAME members traveling deep inside a biosphere community, dinning with Cubans in their homes, and engaging with students, educators, artists and musicians to experience cultural cuisine, and sustainability. **This documentary will air on PBS.** You will laugh, cry, reflect and understand how NAME educators are collaborating with Cuba to advance mutual understanding and help bring down the blockade separating the two nations for more than a half a century.



(L to R) Author, Educator, Dr. Sonia Nieto, MMC Board Member Dr. Rita Robinson, and Christine Clark.

Author Gloria Ladson-Billings at the NAME Conference (below)

MMC NEEDS YOU

We are currently looking for a host county for the fall 2018 Annual Conference for MMC. The host school system responsibilities include obtaining the use of a high school to hold the conference, helping with obtaining a keynote speaker and getting 10 proposals from their county for sessions. They may also help in finding a caterer, the printing of the program and any entertainment.

If you are interested in having the conference in your school system please contact us at mdmulticultural@gmail.com. We would like to begin to work on the conference in February. Past conferences have been held in Howard, Carroll, Caroline, Wicomico, St. Mary's, Harford, Montgomery, Ann Arundel and Baltimore Counties.



BY MIKE KEEFE FOR THE DENVER POST

Smithsonian Celebrates Heritage Months

Did you know that the Smithsonian celebrates the various heritage months? November was Native American Heritage month and there were several events in the Portriat Gallery honoring various Native Americans. Events include performances, lectures, and other family oriented activities that honor and recognize the history and heritage months.

Join them during the following upcoming events: [African American History Month](#) in February, [Women's History Month](#) in March, [Asian Pacific Heritage Month](#) in May, [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) from Sept. 15–Oct. 15, and [American Indian Heritage Month](#) in November.

For more information go to the Smithsonian website at :

<https://www.si.edu/events/heritagemonth?trumbaEmbed=view%3Dseries%26seriesid%3D1300948>



Jack Epstein Award

The nomination form will come out in the spring for the Jack Epstein Award. The award will be awarded in the fall, beginning in 2018. So start thinking of a person you would like to nominate in Maryland that has contributed to social justice and multicultural education.

2018 Scholarship Application Process now open.

The following pages of this newsletter include the scholarship application for the 2018 year. We encourage you to share this form with colleagues, friends and students for consideration. Each year we have awarded between one and three scholarships to worthy candidates that wish to be teachers. Candidates must be a current resident of the state of Maryland. The application process includes two letters of reference, an official transcript, the application and an essay. The scholarships are awarded in July 2018 and payment is made to the college or university directly. The amount awarded is between \$500.00 and \$1,000 each.

Congratulations to the past recipients. We had our first award winner graduate from college last spring.



Scholarship Application

Application Year: 2018

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 2, 2018. Mail the application packet to **MMC/NAME Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 738, Columbia, MD 21045**. Scholarship applicants will be notified of the decision in July 2018.

Requirements for **High School** Applicant must:

- _Be a resident of Maryland
- _Have a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher
- _Be eligible to graduate in June of the year of application
- _Provide proof of acceptance in a 2 or 4-year undergraduate program
- _Intend to teach P-12 upon completion of an undergraduate program
- _Attach a copy of your official transcript
- _Attach two letters of recommendations. One must be personal (family members excluded) and the other should be school related.

Requirements for **Undergraduate College** Applicant must:

- _Be a resident of Maryland
- _Be a current undergraduate student in one of Maryland's colleges or universities
- _Have a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher
- _Intend to teach P-12 upon completion of an undergraduate program
- _Attach a copy of official transcript
- _Attach two letters of recommendations. One must be personal (family members excluded) and the other should be school related.

Checklist:

The following items must be submitted by the due date:

- _Completed cover sheet
- _Extra-Curricular Activities List
- _Essay
- _Copies of acceptance letters (high school only)
- _Transcript
- _Two letters of recommendation

Important:

- _All materials must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2018.
- _Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed.
- _All candidates will be notified in July 2018.
- _If you are selected to receive the scholarship, you will be asked for proof of registration and a copy of the school bill for the upcoming school year.
- _Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college/university in August.

Personal Information

First Name: Last Name:

Address:

Home Phone: Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail:

Educational Information*HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS*

High School: Attach official transcript

GPA:

COLLEGE APPLICANTS

College: Attach official transcript

GPA:

Extracurricular Activities (High School and College Applicants)

Activity Roles and Responsibilities

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Letters of Recommendation

Attach two letters of recommendation. One must be personal (family members excluded) and the other should be school related.

Essay Questions

Attach a response to the essay questions below. Your submission should be two pages (maximum), typed, double-spaced, and include your signature on each page.

- _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.

Signature of applicant _____ Date_____

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a wonderful winter holiday season. The next issue will come out in early January 2018.

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