Re-Imagining Education for Generations

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bettina Love

About Leadership in Diversity

Started by two Neag students in 2014, Leadership in Diversity (LID) is a student run organization that aims to provide its members with the necessary tools, networks and information that they will need to be competitive, well-rounded, culturally responsive educators.

On March 24, 2018, we will be hosting our third annual education conference open to all interested in attending. This year’s theme, “Reimagining Education for Generations” speaks to the fact that the ever changing course of our nation needs to be reflected in our educational system and the power of progress lies in the hands of us as educators and our students.
On March 24, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Leadership in Diversity will host its third annual Multicultural Education & Culturally Responsive Teaching conference.

Our theme this year, Reimagining Education for Generations, brings to light the need for educators to collectively come together to empower the youth. As the course of our nation is changing, the need for educators to reflect these patterns in the classroom is necessary so that each student has the ability to speak their own truths. Education, when seen in a different lens, can be used as a tool to allow students to critically think for themselves and become advocates for issues that need to be addressed.

This is a conference for professionals in the education field, current students in teacher prep programs and those interested in the field of education. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions on a variety of topics related to multicultural education and culturally responsive teaching. The conference will close with remarks from our keynote speaker, Dr. Bettina L. Love!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

~Nelson Mandela

Registering for Reimagining Education for Generations

We hope to see you at our third annual conference!

Please register by March 10th:
https://lid2018conference.eventbrite.com
LEADERSHIP IN DIVERSITY IS PROUD TO WELCOME DR. BETTINA LOVE AS OUR 2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKER!

Dr. Bettina L. Love is an Associate Professor at the University of Georgia and is also an award-winning author of her novel titled, *Hip Hop’s Li’l Sistas Speak: Negotiating Hip Hop Identities and Politics in the New South*. Her book focuses on interviews and observations conducted with female Black middle and high school students and goes in depth as to how these females used Hip Hop as a mode to understand societal institutions. Dr. Love also conducts research that key in on how the youth use Hip Hop music as a way to create their individual identities. Dr. Love describes her research work as, “informed by critical pedagogy, critical race theory, and Black feminism with an aim to create innovative pedagogical practices through the use of non-traditional educational curricula (e.g., Hip Hop-based education, critical media literacy, Hip Hop feminism, and popular culture).”

Aside from her book and research, Dr. Love is also the founder of Real Talk: Hip Hop Education for Social Justice, which is an after school program created to teach students about the relationship of Hip Hop and social justice. Dr. Love is also a public speaker who focuses her talks on: Hip Hop Education, Black girlhood, queer youth, Hip Hop Feminism, and more issues regarding diversity. Further, Dr. Love is one of the founding board members of The Kindezi School, a school that focuses on art-based classroom and smaller class sizes. We are honored to have Dr. Love as our keynote speaker this year and hope you all learn ways to incorporate her ideas into your classroom.

- From http://www.bettinalove.com/about
Call for Session Proposals

Reimagining Education for Generations Keynote: Dr. Bettina L. Love
Proposals Due by February 16, 2018

For our third annual conference, Leadership in Diversity is seeking proposals for conference sessions that are relevant and engaging for the following audiences: 1) pre-teaching students hoping to pursue careers in education, 2) current education students, and 3) past and present educators. Sessions will be held on the campus of the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut. Each session will be 50 minutes and may be led by anyone involved in education. Join us at UConn to share your knowledge and skills with other educators!

For this year’s conference, we are seeking proposals for workshops that speak to the theme of “Reimagining Education for Generations”. To LID, this means that as educators, we need to reimagine our youth through ways that allow them to rethink about the world around them and become critical thinkers. We invite proposals of relevance to educators in varied settings that focus on a diverse range of topics. We are specifically seeking sessions that focus on multicultural education and culturally responsive and sustaining pedagogy. Curricular ideas, classroom strategies, presentations on community work, and other ideas for inspiring practice are all welcome. Please note that these sessions are to be informative, educational and interactive, so get creative!

Examples of session topics are listed below...

Multicultural Education in STEM courses Multicultural literature
Hip Hop Education Social Justice and Student
Activism
Family Involvement & Engagement Gifted Education & Students of Color
Bilingual Education Equity in Assessment

To be considered as a presenter, your proposal must be completed in its entirety and received by Leadership in Diversity by 11:59 p.m. on February 16, 2018.

Conference Schedule
9:00 a.m. Arrival/ Check-in
9:30 a.m. Welcome
10:00 a.m. Session I
11:00 a.m. Session II
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Session III
2:00 p.m. Session IV
3:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker Dr. Bettina Love
TIMELINE

Proposals due: February 16th, 2018 by 11:59 p.m. You should receive a confirmation email within one week of submitting your proposal. If you do not receive a confirmation, please email leadershipindiversity@gmail.com to ensure that it was received.

Notification of acceptance/rejection: You will receive an email by February 23rd, 2018.

Accepted Presentation confirmation: Please confirm session by February 28th, 2018 by 11:59 p.m.

SUBMIT SESSION PROPOSALS HERE:

https://goo.gl/forms/J8NcWw0KzzhxMf XK2
Through four foundational values we work to support students of color interested in and currently attending the Neag School of Education.

**Peer Support**

**Mentoring**

**Leadership Opportunities**

**Professional Development**

**DEMO Mentoring Program**

In January 2016, LID and Neag kicked off a new mentoring program that matches students of color in the School of Education, with educators of color in Connecticut – Diverse Educators Making Outstanding Change. Through this program, students are able to develop meaningful connections to current educators, and after graduation, have the opportunity to become mentors themselves.

We will be selling L.I.D. t-shirts!

Thus far, all L.I.D. events including workshops and conferences have been free to attendees. This is made possible by fundraisers and donations. Your financial support allows us to continue to provide professional development opportunities to the next generation of educators.