

OC Human Relations Presents  
**Walk In My Shoes**  
*24<sup>th</sup> Annual BRIDGES Youth Conference*



**University of California, Irvine**

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**OC Human Relations**  
*Building community by fostering respect, resolving conflict and pursuing equality*

# OC HUMAN RELATIONS'

2012

## Walk in My Shoes BRIDGES Youth Conference

Co-Sponsored by:

**Office of the Vice Chancellor Student Affairs, UCI**

This conference brings together students and teachers from across Orange County to explore issues of identity and culture, develop their leadership skills and be exposed to examples of successful youth activism. Our goal is to empower and mobilize students to work towards creating positive social change. Walk In My Shoes is supported by:

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We would like to also extend our sincere appreciation to all the presenters. We appreciate you dedicating your time and energy to promote equity, understanding and safety on our school campuses and to motivate students to create positive change.

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### Schedule of Events

<b>7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Gallery Lounge</b>
<b>8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>	<b>Pacific Ballroom</b>
<b>Emcees:</b>	<b>Candice Brown</b> , Cypress High School <b>Ralex Gutierrez</b> , Magnolia High School and <b>Kornkamol (Moon) Pankam</b> , Capistrano Valley High School	
<b>Welcomes:</b>	<b>Alison Lehmann</b> , Deputy Director of OC Human Relations <b>Dr. Rameen Talesh</b> , UCI -Vice Chancellor Student Affairs <b>Kathy Tran</b> –OCHRC Board member & Los Amigos HS Senior <b>Christian Lopez</b> - 2012 YouthSpeak Contest Winner	
<b>9:25 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.</b>	<b>WORKSHOPS Session 1</b>	<b>Various Sites</b>
<b>10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORKSHOPS Session 2</b>	<b>Various Sites</b>
<b>11:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.</b>	<b>WORKSHOPS Session 3</b>	<b>Various Sites</b>
<b>12:40 p.m. – 1:15p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Pacific Ballroom</b>

**Entertainment:**

**UCI's Rangla Punjab**

# Workshop Sessions

## Session One: 9:25 - 10:25 a.m.

Unnecessary Act  
 Mirror, Mirror  
 Jason's Story & Teen Dating Violence  
 Identity Corners  
 What is Modern Slavery? What Can I Do?  
 POC-Drugs Abuse Prevention  
 Do you Know your Rights?  
 SOS-Signs of Suicide  
 In Your Faith!  
 Don't Hate! Educate

## LOCATION

**Crystal Cove Audit.**  
**Doheny Bay A**  
**Doheny Bay B**  
**Doheny Bay CD**  
**Emerald Bay B**  
**Emerald Bay C**  
**Emerald Bay DE**  
**Moss Cove A**  
**Moss Cove B**  
**Woods Cove AB**

## Session Two: 10:30 - 11:30

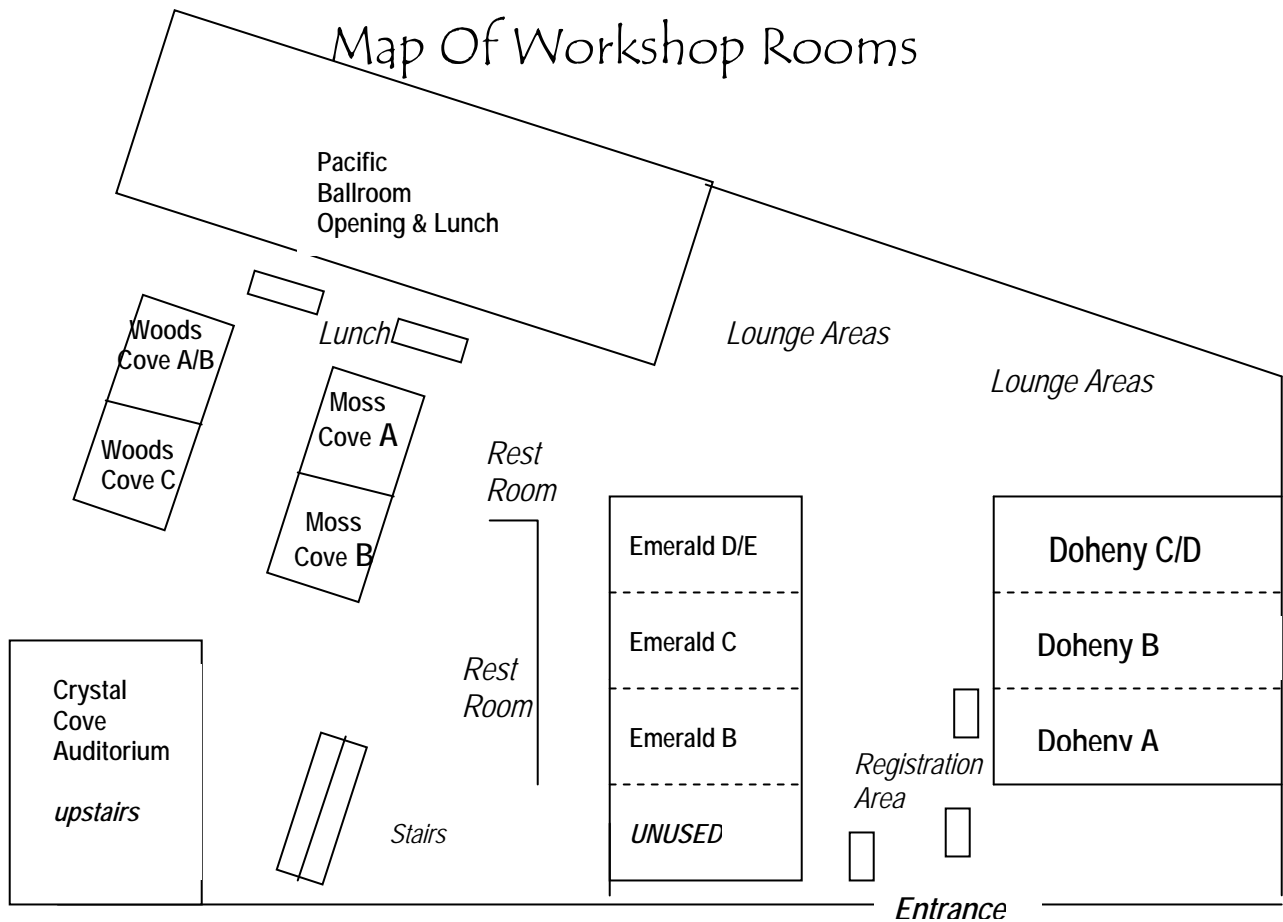
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 POC-Drugs Abuse Prevention  
 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals  
**Islam-** Getting to know your Muslim Neighbors  
 Putting the "Move" in Movement  
 Art To Heal: Theatre of the Oppressed

## Crystal Cove Auditorium

**Doheny Bay A**  
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# Workshop Descriptions (Listed ALPHABETICALLY by Title)

## Symbols:



### **Activism**

Learn about other students' campaigns and what you can do!



### **Identity**

Hear about the challenges and experiences of others.



### **Awareness**

Gain information to help you make informed decisions.

## **Act Like A Man/Act Like A Woman**

**10:30**

**Doheny Bay CD**



Have you ever wondered why some boys refuse to do their own laundry? And why do some girls think they couldn't possibly change a flat tire on their car or take out the trash? This interactive workshop demonstrates how we learn gender roles and stereotypes and how these can lead to oppression.

Presenter: **Pooja Parashar and Patrick Chen- R.E.A.C.H., UCI Cross-Cultural Center**

R.E.A.C.H. (Reaffirming Ethnic Awareness and Community Harmony) is an educational outreach program devoted to increasing awareness of the issues important to community harmony in a multicultural world.

## **Art to Heal: Theatre of the Oppressed!**

**11:35**

**Woods Cove AB**



Systems of oppression are constantly caging and holding us back from our potential to stand up and defend our families, our communities and ourselves. Using Theatre of the Oppressed, we will analyze our own oppressive experiences and develop short plays to form practical and critical solutions to attempt or even end the oppression that instills fears in us.

Presenters: **Alexis Nava Teodoro**

Originally from Michoacan, Mexico, Alexis reunited with his mother at the age of 10 and calls Santa Ana his home. Having to be part of an undocumented family and experiencing deportations, he became resilient and decided to organize for immigrant rights. He is a member of the Orange County Dream Team, a spoken word artist, and is also a student at Cal State Long Beach.

## **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**

**9:25 & 10:30**

**Emerald Bay DE**



This interactive workshop will be going over the history of the immigrant youth movement leading up to the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 memo on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The workshop will also cover what Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival is and what it is not, the requirements, and Frequently Asked Questions.

Presenters: **Hairo Cortes- Orange County Dream Team**

Hairo Cortes is an undocumented student attending Orange Coast College. He is also a member of the Orange County Dream Team.

## **Do you Know your Rights?**

**9:25 & 10:30**

**Emerald Bay DE**



Join us, Chris and King, for this kick-butt workshop on knowing your rights! You'll receive a comprehensive overview of laws that effect LGBTQI youth and allies through dialogue and fun group activities. Be introduced to community organizing skills to create an inclusive school community! Come on, join us!

Presenter: **Christopher Covington** is 21 years old and is a Community Organizer with the Long Beach Coalition for Good Jobs and Healthy Community. He combats the growing inequality and poverty in Long Beach. He also sits on Lady Gaga's nationwide Born This Way Foundation Youth Advisory Board.

**King Chan** is a youth mentor with CCEJ and a board member with the Trevor Project.

## **Don't Hate! Educate.**

**9:25 & 10:30**

**Wood Cove AB**



When hate comes to our schools we are all first responders. Learning the basics about hate crime and bias motivated behavior readies us to identify these incidents. This workshop will cover the connections between biases and bullying, please come join us!

Presenters: **Alison Edwards, OC Human Relations**

Alison Edwards has worked with OC Human Relations for 12 years, whose mission is to foster mutual understanding among residents and eliminate prejudice, intolerance and discrimination in order to make Orange County a better place for ALL people to live, work and do business.

## Identity Corners

9:25 & 11:35

Doheny Bay CD



This fun and interactive workshop, led by UCI Peer Facilitators, will get you thinking about your nine identity markers (race, ethnicity, class, gender, ability status, religion, citizenship, age and sexual orientation), how they intersect and how certain identities bring privileges in the United States.

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## In Your Faith!

9:25 & 10:30

Moss Cove B



This fun and interactive workshop enhances Teen Awareness of the importance of interfaith dialogue in encouraging mutual respect and civil behavior, followed by examples of High School-Age programs already functioning.

**Presenters:** Ordained clergy leaders, college instructors' and adults involved in interfaith in Orange County. Rabbi Frank Stern, PhD, DD-President, Orange County Interfaith Network(OCIN) and Instructor, Dept of Religious Studies, Orange Coast College. Dr. Jasjit Singh-Pediatrician of Children's Hospital and Sikh Community Leader. Mr. Mike Penn-President, Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County (IYCOC) and Episcopal Church Leader.

## Islam- Getting to know your Muslim Neighbors 11:35

Moss Cove A



This workshop will give an introduction to Islam as well as cover the pillars of Islam, Muslims in the US, Muslims around the World, and Muslim Holidays.

**Presenter:** **The Islamic Institute of OC- Maria Khani**

Maria Khani is an experienced educator and a public speaker. She serves as Board Member at ACCESS CAL: A Family Resource Center in Anaheim and she is a chaplain with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Maria enjoys talking about Islam with young people.

## Jason's Story:

**A narrative of teen dating violence 9:25, 10:30, 11:35**

Doheny Bay B



Jason's Story is a narrative geared towards high school students about Teen Dating Abuse. During the narrative, the story follows Jason who is a high school star athlete. He is very popular and is very well-known throughout the school. He is in a relationship with a girl named Kelli. On the outside everything seems to be fine, but throughout the narrative we see that there are times in which the relationship is not as great as it seems.

**Presenter:** **Robert Diaz, Human Options Inc**

Robert Diaz is a Community Educator with Human Options Inc. He graduated from UC Irvine with a degree in Criminology, Law and Society. He has worked with at-risk youth in some capacity for over 10 years. Robert spoke to over 19,000 students last year on the topic of Domestic Violence and Teen Dating Abuse.

**Mirror, Mirror (This workshop is for FEMALES ONLY!) 9:25, 10:30 & 11:35**

Doheny Bay A



Not everything we see on T.V. and in magazines is real! This workshop will show you the tricks that the media uses to create and define beauty. You'll learn how to recognize the difference between positive and negative ads and how to become a savvy shopper. Most importantly, you'll also learn ways to get your voice heard in a society that is not always open to what girls have to say.

**Presenters:** **DeAnna Carpenter, Tanya Garcia and Arezoo Shahbazi, Girls Inc. of Orange County**

Girls Incorporated is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. With roots dating to 1864, Girls Inc has provided vital educational programs to millions of American girls, ranging from 4 to 20 years old. Today, innovative programs help girls confront subtle societal messages about their value and potential, and prepare them to lead successful, independent, and fulfilling lives. DeAnna is a teen program facilitator with Girls Inc. of Orange County.

## POC-Drug Abuse Prevention

9:25, 10:30 & 11:35

Emerald Bay C



This workshop provides facts and consequences about prescription and over the counter drug abuse. It also provides preventive strategies youth can perform to reduce drug abuse among peers.

**Presenters:** **Rebecca Ruiz and Ronnie Reeves, CSP-Project PATH**

Rebecca Ruiz graduated from San Diego State University in Health Science-Public Health. She has been working for CSP Inc. for two years as a Health Educator. Ronnie Reeves graduated from Cal. State Fullerton in Criminal Justice, she has worked for Department of Education and now working as Health Educator with CSP.

## Put the Move in Movement

11:35

Moss Cove B



Join us as we “Put the Move in Movement.” Over 48.9 million people in the U.S. have a disability and 1 in 5 people in the U.S. has a disability. We will be exploring the many ways in which we navigate the ins and outs of our everyday lives and how we move towards a society that is accessible/equal for all.

**Presenters:** **Christian Lopez and Maricela Jauregui**

**Christian Lopez**, writes about how having muscular dystrophy does not define who he is but rather someone who is determined to continue to break social norms. He may do things differently, but that's who he is, different. He has been a part of the Bridges Program for four years and a recent graduate from Garden Grove High School. He is also part of the youth internship program Orange County Youth Organizers (OCYO).

**Maricela Jauregui**, Former *Senior Human Relations Specialist* has been a member of the BRIDGES team since joining OC Human Relations in 2004. She also works with the students to develop and present school-wide projects on various topics such as bullying, tolerance, identity awareness and social justice issues.

## SOS- Signs of Suicide

9:25, 10:30 & 11:35

Moss Cove A



You will have the opportunity to hear true stories of young people feeling depressed and considering or attempting suicide. Vignettes depicting real-life situations (e.g. doing poorly on the SAT, the breakup of with a girlfriend/boyfriend) will be shown to audience members. Student leaders will guide you through the various ways to respond and help a friend (or yourself) that is experiencing or expressing signs of suicide. In addition, myths and facts about suicide will be discussed. A question and answer sessions will end the workshop.

**Presenter:** **FVHS' Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) members.**

The Gay-Straight Alliance at Fountain Valley High School is experiencing a resurgence of activity with support from OC Human Relations. Allison Barrios is a Senior, Alyx Merickel is a Junior and Kenneth Barrios is a Sophomore. Ms. Olaya is a School Psychologist now in her ninth year of practice.

## Unnecessary Act

9:25, 10:30 & 11:35

Crystal Cove Auditorium



An Unnecessary Act was written by High School students of Trabuco's Off The Wall Company as their response to the problem of bullying in the culture of intermediate and high schools today. The play revolves around a main character, Alyssa, who has been a victim of bullying since her 7th grade year. Various aspects of bullying are covered which include; taunting, physical abuse and cyber bullying as well as the responses of law enforcement, school administration and parents. The language of bullying is harsh and so some harsh terms are used but have been found acceptable with our audiences thus far. The unfortunate actuality, as our audience members have told us, is that the real language of bullying is far harsher but would be inappropriate for a performance such as ours.

**Presenter:** **The Trabuco Hills-Off The Wall Theater Company**

*Off The Wall Theater Company* is the advanced stage production company at Trabuco Hills. They do 5 main stage shows a year as well as touring both Unnecessary Act and Bang, Bang, You're Dead. This year's Production Assistants are: Maggie Williams and Danielle Draper. Company members are: Kimmi Culverhouse-Steadman, Rachael Gafner, Ellie Carrillo, Jack Sinnott, David Reed, Kyle, Sarah Bacopulos, Trenten Brown, Kathia Garcia, Marie Lucero, Erick De La Torre, Mandy Gitzinger, Kayla Lokhorst, Alberto Zacarias, Jessica Cowles, Wesley Morgan, Stacey Morales, Sabrina Orro.

The company is directed by **Mr. Paul Beidler**.

## What Is Modern Day Slavery?

### What Can I Do About It?

9:25, 10:30 & 11:35

Emerald Bay B



This workshop will provide an age appropriate overview of human trafficking globally and in our own neighborhoods. University students will provide a youth perspective and offer suggestions for students to be part of making a difference and developing strategies to end modern day slavery.

**Presenters:** **Sandra Morgan & Live2Free's students: Christy Hatrick and Kathryn Kuly**

**Sandra** is the director of the Global Center for Women & Justice at Vanguard University and previously served as the OC Human Trafficking Task Force Administrator working with Law Enforcement and community groups to battle human trafficking in S. California. The students represent Vanguard University's Live2Free Club. Live2Free exists to challenge a generation to make personal choices that recognize the dignity of the individual and the responsibility of consumers to slow the demand that drives modern day slavery; and to network with others to rescue, rebuild and restore broken lives of victims worldwide.

## **Today's Entertainment**

### **Rangla Punjab**

Rangla Punjab, UC Irvine's Bhangra Team, has been a well-established group on campus for the past 14 years. This is a group composed of 10 female dancers committed to the art of Bhangra and spreading awareness of Punjabi culture across campus and beyond. After competing for over a decade, this team has participated in many performances across the nation and plans to continue to perfect their skills for competitions in the future.

### **Acknowledgements**

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- ◆ Christian Lopez for inspiring us.
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### **Thank You All!**

Don Han, Event Coordinator



The BRIDGES School Inter-Group Relations Program has been partnering with schools in Orange County since 1988 to create safe and inclusive campuses that are respectful of all people. The BRIDGES program is unique in its design because the staff creates and employs community-building strategies conducive to each school site it partners with. The BRIDGES Program prides itself on the leadership development of young people as social change agents and works in concert with parents, teachers, administrators and the local community to create a positive human relations environment on every school campus.

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- Low cost and free mediation services
- Mediation training and certification
- Police-Community Reconciliation Services
- Community Building Programs and Dialogues
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