### OC Human Relations Presents

# Walk In My Shoes

25th Annual BRIDGES Youth Conference



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## OC HUMAN RELATIONS' Walk in My Shoes BRIDGES Youth Conference

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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. We would like to thank all of our Walk In My Shoes sponsors:

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We also would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of today's presenters. We appreciate the dedication of their time and energy to promote equity, understanding and safety on our school campuses and to motivate students to create positive change.

#### Schedule of Events

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION Atrium

8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. OPENING CEREMONY Pavilions

Emcees: Cindy Sanchez, Savanna High School

Stone Peterson, Servite High School

Welcomes: Alison Edwards, Deputy Director of OC Human Relations

Special Recognition to **Robert Alvarado**, Angels Baseball

Dr. Berenecea J. Eanes, Vice Preident, Student Affairs-CSUF

**Keynote:** Jonah Mowry, 2013 Human Relations' Community Leader Awardee

9:25 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. WORKSHOPS Session 1 Various Sites

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. WORKSHOPS Session 2 Various Sites

11:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. WORKSHOPS Session 3 Various Sites

12:40 p.m. – 1:15p.m. LUNCH Pavilions

**Keynote:** Vanessa Le, 2013 YouthSpeak Speech Contest Winner

Entertainment: Magnolia High School Break Dance Crew

## Workshop Sessions

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

Bang, Bang! You're Dead What is Modern Slavery?

Perspectives on Agency and Education Mirror, Mirror on the Wall (Females only)

In Your Faith

**Drug Abuse Prevention** Love is Not Supposed to Hurt

Student's Rights

Lipstick, Dolls & Feminism The Center of the Universe

Session Three: 11:35 - 12:35 p.m.

Bang, Bang! You're Dead What is Modern Slavery? School-to-Prison Pipeline

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall (Females only)

What Do You See? **Identity Corners** Theatre of Empowerment

Putting the Move in Movement Love is Not Supposed to Hurt The Center of the Universe

LOCATION

**Titan Theatre** Alvarado **Bradford** 

Gabrielino Gilman

Hetebrink Ontiveros A/B

**Titan Theatre** 

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**Tuffree** 

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Session Two: 10:30 - 11:30

Bang, Bang! You're Dead What is Modern Slavery?

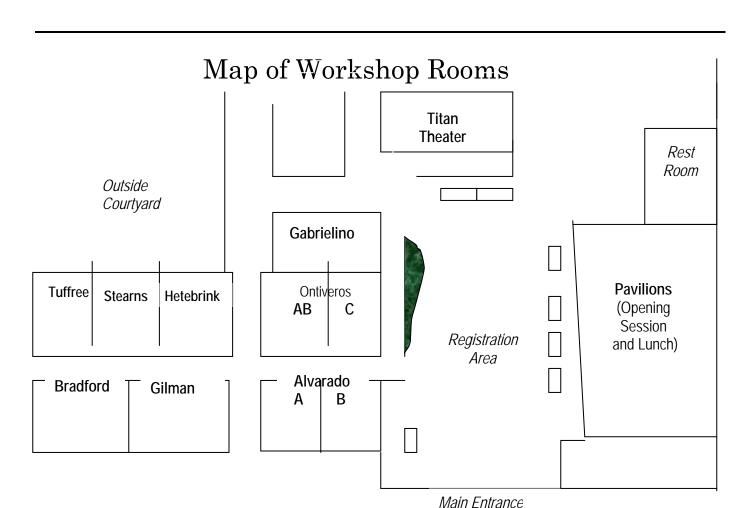
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#### Bang, Bang! You're Dead

9:25, 10:30, 11:35

Titan Theatre

'Bang, Bang! You're Dead' is a play that deals with the issues of gun violence and anger. Playwright William Mastrosimone based his play on an actual incident that, regrettably, has been played and re-played much too often over the past decade. It is the story of a young man pushed to the brink by pressure from peers and parents; unfortunately, his easy access to weapons helps create a nightmare situation.

Presenter: The Trabuco Hills Off The Wall Theater Company

This company of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year drama students has received numerous awards – including from OC Human Relations, the OC Violence Prevention Coalition, CA State Senate, CA State Assembly and U.S. Congress.

Director: Paul Beidler

Company Members: Jackie Cronkrite, Tyler Carlson, Kevin DeLaTorre, Rachel Gillette, Kyra Goff, Aaron Griffin, Peter Hanson, Mikaela Hatch, Janessa Hernandez, Marisa Hernandez, Tiffany Huckabone, Ashley King, Jake Lindsey, Kayla Marchetta, Rachel McNichol, Corey Pham, Jimena Ramirez, Heather Rivera, Rylee Roberts, Madison Sale, Sara Teeter, Alyssa Terzic, Siena Thompson, Ethan Ulrich, Jacob Wayne, Alayna Zuckerman

#### **Drug Abuse Prevention**

9:25, 10:30

Hetebrink

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

<u>Presenters</u>: Ronnie Reeves, Janette Hernandez and Jordan Hua - CSP-Project PATH Ronnie Reeves is a Health Educator at Community Service Programs (CSP) Project PATH. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Humanities and Social Science, with emphasis in Criminal Justice from CSUF and an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from Fullerton College. Janette Hernandez is a Health Educator at CSP – Project Positive Action Toward Health (PATH). Janette graduated from CSUF with a Masters of Public Health and an emphasis in health promotion and disease prevention. Jordan Hua graduated from CSUF and is a Health Educator for CSP.

#### **Identity Corners**

#### 11:35 session only

Hetebrink

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.

Presenters: OC Youth Organizers

OCYO is a year-long internship program of OC Human Relations BRIDGES program that develops youth leaders and provides them with meaningful involvement in human relations in their schools and communities.

In Your Faith! 9:25, 10:30 Gilman

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.

<u>Presenters</u>: Ordained clergy leaders, college instructors and adults involved in interfaith in Orange County. Rabbi Frank Stern, Ph.D, Orange County Interfaith Network(OCIN) and Instructor, Dept of Religious Studies, Orange Coast College. Nadia Hassan- Orange County Interfaith Network(OCIN) and Cecilia Hurtado-Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County (IYCOC). Mr. Mike Penn-President, Interfaith Youth Council of Orange County (IYCOC) and Episcopal Church Leader.

#### Lipstick, Dolls & Feminism

9:25, 10:30

**Tuffree** 

This workshop will reveal the ways women are portrayed as objects in everyday TV shows, and advertisements, as well as breaking down stereotypes about what a feminist looks like. Additionally, you'll learn about 1st Wave (women's right to vote), 2nd Wave (uniting women from all walks of life), and 3rd Wave (modern day feminism). You'll leave knowing what feminism is and with a better sense of yourself.

Presenters: Maria Cortez and Madeline Gonzalez-Stoermer

Maria received her B.A. in American Studies and her M.A. in American Studies from California State University, Fullerton. Madeline received her B.A. in Psychology from California Polytechnic University, Pomona and her M.S.W. from University of Southern California.

#### Love is Not Supposed to Hurt 9:25 in Ontiveros AB 11:35 in Tuffree

This narrative workshop is geared toward teens and young adults about healthy and unhealthy relationships, as well as dating violence. During the narrative, the story follows the relationship of a young couple, Jake and Jenna. On the outside everything seems to be fine, but throughout the narrative we see that the relationship is not always as great as it seems.

#### <u>Presenter:</u> Jillian Cole - Human Options

Jillian Cole is a Community Educator with Human Options. She has been working there since February 2013 presenting to high schools, colleges, and community groups to share her story and educate students on dating violence and domestic abuse.

#### Mirror, Mirror (for FEMALES ONLY!) 9:25, 10:30, 11:35

Gabrielino

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: 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 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. Tanya is a teen program facilitator with Girls, Inc. of Orange County.

#### OC's School-to-Prison Pipeline 11:35 session only Bradford

"School-to-Prison pipeline" policies and practices push our students, especially our most at-risk youth, out of our classrooms and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems, and for some youth, into the hands of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) for detention for deportation. Participants will learn the deeper impacts of "Zero-tolerance" policies to our communities and learn about the growing shift of how we think about school discipline and justice, to one that is reparative, inclusive and balanced -Restorative Justice.

Presenters: The Santa Ana Boys and Men of Color Working Group

The Boys and Men of Color Initiative began as a result of overwhelming challenges facing young men of color in the prison system, education, gangs, violence and masculinity. We want to understand and improve these issues in our communities.

#### Perspectives on Agency and Education (for EDUCATORS ONLY!) 9:25 & 10:30 Bradford

This workshop explores what it means to be an agent of change as an educator. Through dialogue, participants will explore how educators may enact agency in ways that may lead to equity and social justice for their students.

<u>Presenters</u>: Professors of Chapman University College of Educational Studies: Dr. Quaylan Allen-Ph.D., Dr. Jim Brown-Ph.D., Dr. Peter McLaren-Ph.D., Dr. Anaida Colon-Muniz-Ed.D., and Holocaust Survivor Mr. Jack Pariser.-

#### Put the Move in Movement 11:35 session only Ontiveros C

Join us as we "Put the Move in Movement." Over 48.9 million people in the U.S. have 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

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 currently serving as a youth member of OC Human Relations Board of Directors.

#### Student's Rights: Creating Safe Spaces in OC 9:25, 10:30 Ontiveros C

In this workshop youth will get a chance to learn their rights in an array of areas especially as they affect LGBTQIA youth. Youth Empowered to Act (YETA), a LGBTQIA youth advocacy group from the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County (The Center OC), will educate students on their right to freedom of speech, expression and much more. If you are seeking more resources and knowledge to help you empower your GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), this workshop is for you!

#### Presenters: The Center OC - YETA

The presenters are representing Youth Empowered to Act from the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County (The Center OC). We invite Orange County LGBTQIA and allied youth ages 14-23 to join us as we build a powerful Queer youth movement in Orange County.

#### The Center of the Universe

9:25, 10:30, 11:35

**Pavilions** 

Experience this compelling drama centered around two high school sweethearts torn apart by a senseless act of violence. Journey into the past and gain new perspective on the present as stories from slavery and the Holocaust are woven with events inspired by today's headlines. *The Center of the Universe* will leave you motivated with an unforgettable message about the value of human life.

#### Presenters: Phantom Projects Theatre Group

Founded in 1997, *Phantom Projects* boasts a young touring troupe, comprised of actors ranging in ages from 13-22, who travel to schools and youth groups, throughout California. All of *Phantom Projects*' plays were written by teacher, Bruce Gevirtzman, and feature young actors who volunteer three months of their time to each project. A former student, Steve Cisneros, founded the troupe at the age of just 17. Having performed for well over 200,000 teens, Phantom Projects Theatre Group has been featured by media all over the world. www.PhantomProjects.com

#### Theatre of Empowerment: Liberation Not Deportation 10:30, 11:35

Ontiveros AB

Using the techniques from Theatre of the Oppressed, you will learn how to analyze oppression through the issue of incarceration and deportations within the immigrant community in the United States. You, along with other students, will develop short (fun) plays that will re-create the oppression our community experiences and come up with solutions that will end the oppression that instills fears in us.

#### Presenters: Alexis Nava Teodoro

As a child Alexis was self-deported with his siblings back to Mexico escaping the anti-immigrant racist sentiment in California. At the age of 11, Alexis reunited with his mother in Santa Ana. He organizes for the protection of his family and his immigrant community. He is part of an immigrant-youth group in Santa Ana, that is currently doing a campaign called "Keeping Our Families Together" (KOFT) to end the collaboration the Santa Ana City and its Police Department has with Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE).

#### What Do You See?

#### 11:35 session only

Gilman

We all see hundreds of people each day, in the school halls and in our neighborhoods. But who are these people we pass by everyday? How do they impact our lives and how do we change theirs? Take an interactive trip through your community and learn the first steps for making a difference!

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#### What Is Modern Day Slavery?

9:25, 10:30, 11:35

Alvarado

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.

<u>Presenters</u>: Sandra Morgan & Live2Free's students: Tina Kroona, Kathryn Kuly and Christy Hatrick. Sandra is the director of the Global Center for Women & Justice at Vanguard University. 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**

#### Magnolia High School Break Dance Crew

Featuring Dancers from: The Organization & Team Millennia Juniors

#### Acknowledgements

Many individuals and organizations have contributed their time, effort and resources to make the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk in My Shoes Youth Symposium possible. We'd like to thank:

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#### Thank You All!

Don Han, Event Coordinator



The BRIDGES School Inter-Group Relations and Violence Prevention 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.

For more information, contact Alison Edwards @ (714) 567-7566 or <u>alison@ochumanrelations.org</u> and check out our website <u>www.ochumanrelations.org</u>



At OC Human Relations we believe that equality matters and that ALL people have the right to live free from discrimination, harassment and violence.

We practice those beliefs in our work and the relationships we build. When we bring diverse groups together in schools, communities or courts we see barriers come down, assumptions laid to rest and conflicts resolved. The power of connection is the foundation of the positive and proactive programs that OC Human Relations has been delivering in Orange County for over four decades.

We commit ourselves to these ideas every day by training youth, teachers and parents how to improve their schools, by working with local law enforcement to emphasize community policing, and by working to prevent hate crimes and responding to conflicts, big or small.

Please join us by making a donation or connecting with us online today! Thank you!

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Thank you!

