



*“Trailblazing the Path for a Stronger Tomorrow”*

DAIS 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014: 11am to 11pm

The Fieldston School  
3901 Fieldston Road  
Bronx, NY 10471

for students in grades 8 to 12 only!

**Visit Online:**

DAIS Facebook page

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Facebook Event

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Dear School Administrator:

The Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students, DAIS, is a nonprofit student led organization dedicated to strengthening our schools through increased knowledge, awareness and respect for differences among us. DAIS provides a forum for accomplishing this through meaningful, challenging and productive dialogue. DAIS was established in 1999 by and for students in grades 8 through 12. This year marks our fourteenth anniversary!

DAIS has grown substantially since its creation 15 years ago. Attendance at our monthly meetings this year continues to flourish. As interest blossoms around the topics of discussion, it is evident that further expansion of student participation is eminent. This excitement also centers around the planning of the **15th Annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference**, which is being held at the **Fieldston School** on **Saturday, May 17, 2014**. The theme this year is **"Trailblazing the Path for a Stronger Tomorrow"**. The student members of the Executive Committee as well as various individuals involved in the planning of the conference are anticipating a large turnout, based on the results from conferences over the past few of years. Last year's conference registered over 450 participants!

We come to you with a request for help in achieving further success for this year's conference. We believe that a combined effort from the students, parents, schools, and faculty will accomplish this. In order to encourage student participation, we need your help in informing all students in grades 8 through 12 about the May 17<sup>th</sup> conference. A brochure, registration forms and other information are attached.

Financial support of your students is needed as well. We encourage all schools to participate and support student registration fees of \$65 per student for early registration. *Early registration is only available to schools and individuals who pre-register and pay in full by Wednesday, April 16, 2014.* Send your check, made payable to **Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students**, along with the registration forms, postmarked no later than April 16, 2014 to Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students at 840 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, New York, 11216. Registration after April 16<sup>th</sup>, through the day of the conference will increase to \$70 per student.

Over the years, this conference has been beneficial not only to the student participants but to their schools as well. The knowledge and experience gained at this DAIS event allows students to return to their schools more confident in themselves and prepared to take the initiative to educate others about diversity.

Thank you for your generous support of your students and this valuable event.

Sincerely,

Joan Marable  
Executive Director

## CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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Each student will be enrolled in two conference workshops.

**\*BYOB: Bring Your Own Beliefs\*** Religion's affect your family dynamics. Are your beliefs chosen or dictated?

**\*Diva: (n) - The female version of a hustler\*** Who is a modern feminist? Who/what sets the standard?

**\*Does it take a village to raise a child?\*** Who really controls a child's growth and development?

**\*"I am not exotic, I am exhausted!"\*** When does sexual preference become a fetish?

**\*Is Bigger Really Better?\*** Objectification- is it gender exclusive? Are men just as affected as women?

**\*It's 2014 – Do you know where your culture is?\*** When a 'culture' becomes a trend, where do we draw the line?

**\*Keep It Under Wraps\*** Freedom of religious and cultural expression- is it possible?

**\*Made In America\*** Who is American? At what point do you start 'being' American?

**\*Masquerade\*** Do you feel comfortable expressing your sexual orientation?

**\*Mirror, Mirror, On the Wall (Pretty Hurts)!\*** The world's command over our bodies and our appearance.

**\*New York's Finest\*** Police/civilian relations; enforced laws, preserved peace, reduced fear, safe environment for all?

**\*Silence is Golden. Duct Tape is Silver\*** Do we live in a rape culture? Is it 'just having fun'? Who are the real victims?

**\*Snap, Crackle, Pop (Music)! \*** Pop culture's influence on society and music, or is it the other way around?

**\*The "Best" of Both Worlds\*** The pros and cons of being a person of color in independent schools

**\*What do your parents do?\*** How comfortable are you talking about socio-economic class in school?

**\*What We Don't Know Still Hurts Us\*** Is there enough awareness and attention given to emotional disability and youth?

**\*Who's it gonna be?\*** Race, sex, age, etc.; what matters most when you think about dating?

**\*"You can't sit with us!"\*** Where do you think you fit in? Where do you want to fit?



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**Registration Form: For Grades 8 through 12**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (name/phone) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the top 4 sessions you would like to attend:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

We will try to accommodate your first choices

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**\$70.00 after April 16, 2014**

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**(Please write DAIS Student Diversity Conference in the memo section)**

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**Registration Total Sheet: (Please attach individual registration forms.)**

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1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name \_\_\_\_\_

4) Name \_\_\_\_\_

5) Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE- SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014**

**11:00am-12:15pm: Registration**

**12:15-1:00pm: Opening Ceremony**

**1:00-2:15pm: Workshop I**

**2:15-2:30pm: Snack Break**

**2:30-3:45pm: Workshop II**

**3:45-5:00pm: Group Activity**

**5:00-6:00pm: Talent Show/Open Mic & Closing**

**6:00-7:30pm: Dinner**

**7:30-11:00pm: Dance/Game Room**

***\*\*Please note\*\* The use of alcohol and drugs is strictly prohibited by DAIS, the host school and most importantly, the law. Any student caught with possession of or using such substances will be asked to leave the conference, accompanied by a parent or guardian.***

***\*No students will be admitted to the conference after 2 PM.***

***\*School/picture ID's are required.\****

## DIRECTIONS TO FIELDSTON MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL

3901 Fieldston Road, Bronx, NY 10471

### BY CAR

#### From Points North

Go south on the Saw Mill River Parkway, which becomes the Henry Hudson Parkway, and exit at 246<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue south on the service road to traffic light (246<sup>th</sup> Street). Make a left turn, cross over parkway, and continue to second stop sign (Fieldston Road). Make a right turn onto Fieldston Road and proceed straight ahead to the campus. The driveway for Fieldston (administration building) is to your right.

#### From Points South

Travel north on the West Side Highway, which becomes the Henry Hudson Parkway, and take the exit (exit 21) at 246<sup>th</sup> Street. At the first traffic light (W.246<sup>th</sup> Street) turn right- proceed 2 stop signs to Fieldston Road. Make a right turn onto Fieldston Road and proceed straight ahead to the campus. The driveway for Fieldston (administration building) is to your right

#### From East Side Manhattan

Travel north on the Major Deegan Expressway (Route 87), take exit 11 at Van Cortlandt Park South, bear right and cross over expressway. Go west to Broadway, turn right, continue to second traffic light (242<sup>nd</sup> Street) and turn left. Bear left onto Manhattan College Parkway and go up the hill past Manhattan College to the Fieldston campus. The second driveway is for Fieldston.

#### **Private Car Services** (prices vary, call for quotations)

Target (718) 796 6900

Kingsdale (718) 796 2222

Miles (718) 884 8888

### BY SUBWAY

Van Cortlandt Park train #1 local (do not take express train) to 231<sup>st</sup> Street, and then either the #1, #7, or #10 bus to 239<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk north around curve on Manhattan College Parkway to Fieldston on the right. The entrance to the quad is at the top of the first driveway. Or, take a taxi from the subway station (about \$4).

Or, you may also take the same train to 242<sup>nd</sup> Street, exiting by the stairway leading south, go west on 242<sup>nd</sup> Street and then walk up the hill on Manhattan College Parkway to Fieldston.

### BY BUS

#### **From Manhattan**

BxM1 and BxM2 express buses run by the city between Riverdale, Bronx and East & West Midtown, Manhattan travel via East Side and West Side routes. For information on schedules and stops, call (718) 334-3100 or go to [www.mta.info/busco/schedules](http://www.mta.info/busco/schedules). Disembark at 239<sup>th</sup> Street, walk around curve on Manhattan College Parkway to the Fieldston Campus.