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WALK IN MY SHOES

23RD ANNUAL 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. 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.

Schedule of Events

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION	Atrium
8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	OPENING CEREMONIES	Pavilion ABC
Emcees:	Jennifer Ledesma , Magnolia High School and Chris Nguyen , La Quinta High School	
Welcomes:	OC Human Relations Dr. Silas H. Abrego , Vice Preident, Student Affairs-CSF Supervisor Bill Campbell , Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors Fauja Singh , Guinness World Records Marathon Runner 100year old Elisa "Mo" Rodriquez -2011 YouthSpeak Speech Contest Winner	
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	Pavilion ABC

Entertainment:
DJ-Kathy Lau

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

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

Unnecessary Act
 What Do You See?
 What Is Modern Slavery?
 Mirror, Mirror on the Wall (for Girls only)
 POC-Drugs Abuse Prevention
 Outside Looking In
 Spoken Words for Change
 Jason's Story
 Don't Hate! Educate
 How to have Kick Ass GSA

LOCATION

Titan Theatre
Alvarado A
Alvarado B
Gabrielino
Hetebrink
Ontiveros A/B
Ontiveros C
Tuffree
Pavilion A
Pavilion C

Session Two: 10:30 - 11:30

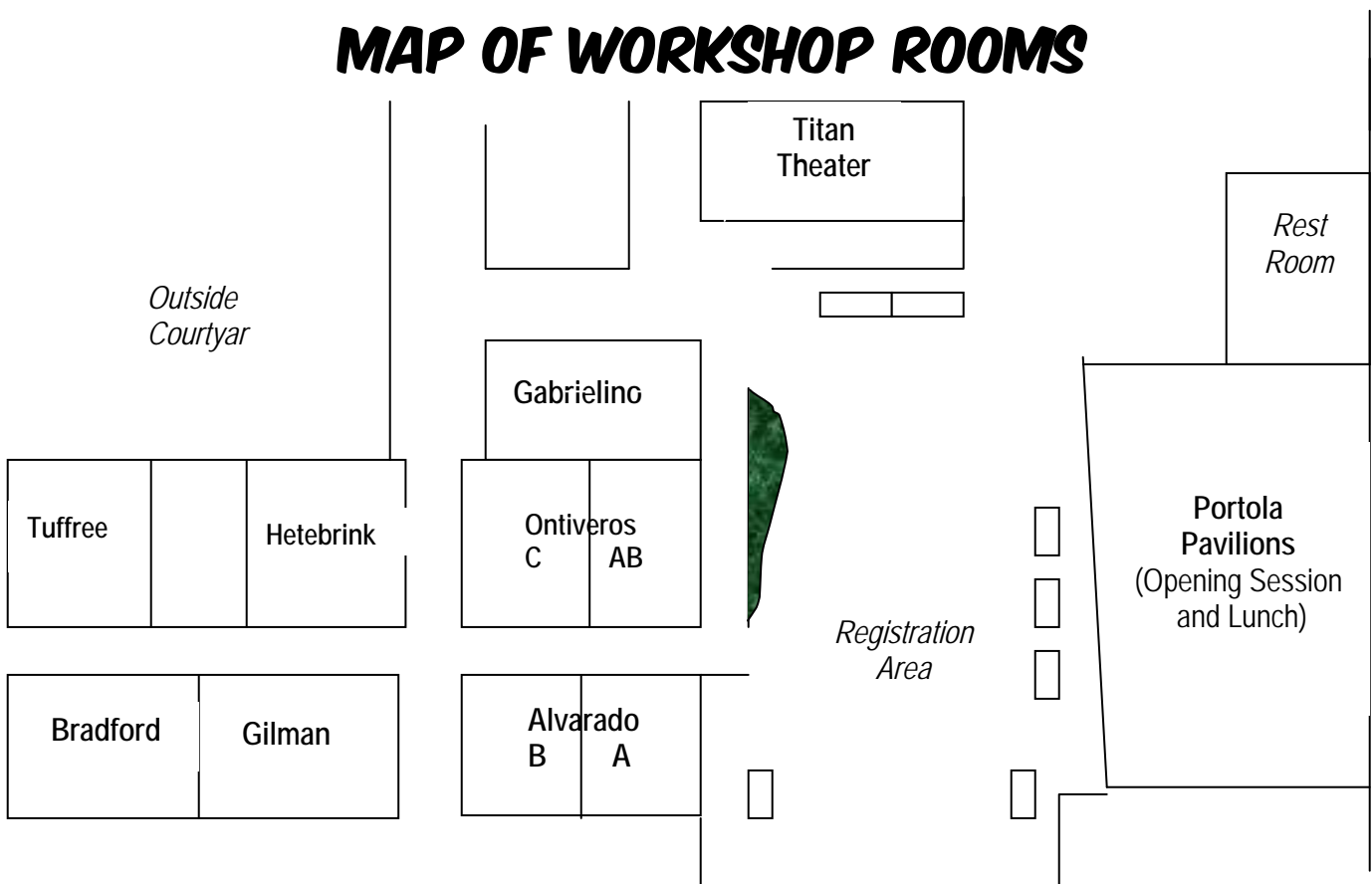
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MAP OF WORKSHOP ROOMS



Main Entrance

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY TITLE)

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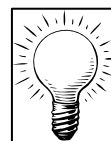
Activism

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



Identity

Hear about the challenges and experiences of others.



Awareness

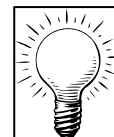
Gain information to help you make informed decisions.

Don't Hate! Educate.

9:25 & 10:30

Pavilion A

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 bias 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.

How to have a KickAss GSA!

9:25, 10:30, 11:35

Pavilion C

Having a hard time running your Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)? Running out of ideas on activities? Then come learn how to make your GSA the best possible club it can be! This workshop will help you run good meetings where things can get done, learn how to plan great events, build leadership in your GSA and learn the pieces that make a Kick Ass GSA!



Presenter: Gay-Straight Alliance Network

Gay-Straight Alliance Network is a youth leadership organization that connects school-based Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) to each other and community resources through peer support, leadership development, and training. We support young people in starting, strengthening, and sustaining GSAs and builds the capacity of GSAs to create safe environments in schools.

Jason's Story:

A narrative of teen dating violence

9:25, 10:30, 11:35

Tuffree

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

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 not always open to what girls have to say.



Presenters: Jessica Corl and Jennifer Draney, 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. Jessica and Jennifer are teen program facilitators with Girls Inc. of Orange County.

Outside Looking In

9:25 session only

Ontiveros A/B

In all social situations there are rules that keep some people always on the outside. This workshop gives participants an experience of what it is like to be an outsider. It also gives participants tools to understand and create an inclusive environment.

Presenters: **Seema Bhakta** and the **OCYO!**

Seema Bhakta is a Human Relations Specialist with the OC Human Relations' BRIDGES program, a multi-year program with the mission of improving inter-group relations by partnering with schools and communities to create, advocate and sustain a safe, inclusive climate that respects society's diversity. OCYO is a yearlong 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.



POC-Drug Abuse Prevention

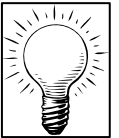
9:25, 10:30 & 11:35

Hetebrink

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.



RESPECT! Stop the Bullying

10:30 & 11:35

Ontiveros A/B

This workshop provides information and anti-bullying message. Although it is not a prerequisite, attendance at Unnecessary Act presentation is helpful prior attending this workshop.

Presenters: **Trabuco Hills High School PAL Students-Saddleback Valley Unified School District**

THHS PAL students are: Kendall Lee, Veronica Hejny, Tiffany Ramirez, Stephanie Riddle, Rocchina Safford, Erika Sanchez



Spoken Words for Change!

9:25, 10:30

Ontiveros C

Art has always been a main component of social movements. This workshop will introduce you to the way poetry has been used as a form of social justice to make positive change. Everyone will get to write their personal written art piece for change!!!

Presenters: **Alexis Nava Teodoro**, OC Dream Team

Alexis Nava Teodoro is an immigrant student at Cal. State Long Beach. He is also a member of Orange County Dream Team, an immigrant student led collective that fights for the rights of undocumented students of all nationalities.



Unnecessary Act

9:25, 10:30 & 11:35

Titan Theatre

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 centers around a main character, Alyssa, who has been a victim of bullying since her 7th grade year. Various aspects of bullying are covered, 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 these have been found acceptable with our audiences so far. In fact, unfortunately, our audiences say the real language of bullying is far harsher but of course 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: Sarah Bacapolus, Trenten Brown, Danielle Carrillo, Jessica Cowles, Kimmi Culverhouse- Steadman, Kyle Dayrit, Erick DeLaTorre, Paolo Del Carmen, Rachael Gafner, Kathia Garcia, Amanda Gitzinger, Kayla Lokhorst, Marie Lucero, Stacey Morales, Wesley Morgan, Sabrina Orro, David Reed, Jack Sinnott. The company is directed by Mr. Paul Beidler.



What Do You See?

9:25 session only

Alvarado A

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!

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.



What Is Modern Day Slavery?

What Can I Do About It?

9:25, 10:30 & 11:35

Alvarado 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: Tina Kroona, Kathryn Kuly and Christy Hatrick.

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.

Who Am I?

10:30 & 11:35

Alvarado A

This exercise provides students with an opportunity to interact and learn about each other's perspectives, which may or may not be widely held or understood. Students will be challenged to explore ideas about culture and identity, to see "diversity" from broader angles, to rethink their own assumptions, and to test their own hypotheses against those of people with differing views. This activity can also help students begin to know one another as more than passing acquaintances and to develop some understanding and respect for differences.



Presenters: **Tara Rowledge, Cal State Fullerton-E.M.B.R.A.C.E**

Tara Rowledge is a fifth-year Human Services major at Cal State Fullerton. She is a facilitator for the Educating Myself for Better Racial Awareness and Cultural Enrichment (E.M.B.R.A.C.E.) track for the Student Leadership Institute. She will graduate in May, 2012 and strives to get her master's degree in Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). After receiving her degree she hopes to teach English abroad in South Korea.

You SEA me??? SouthEast Asians in the OC

11:35

Ontiveros C

Do you like Orange Chicken? Do you like chow mein? Well, that's nice. We do too. Come learn about South East Asians(SEA) in the OC. Food not included.

Presenters: **Eric Lam, OC Human Relations**

Eric Lam is a Vietnamese American from a refugee family. He currently works with Orange County Human Relations on the Bridges School Team. He loves Phở, music, and his wife.



Youth Activism

11:35

Pavilion A

Students ACT will present this workshop on how to become an activist, why it is important to become an activist, and what future there is in activism.

Presenters: **Jocelyn Almeida, Zeena Aljawad, Karley White, & Nicholas Barrington, Student ACT**

Students ACT is a student group at Cal State Fullerton's Volunteer & Service Center which brings together advocates for issues of social justice in our community and around the globe. Our goal is to empower people to learn about important causes, eliminate apathy from our community, and work together to find solutions to problems of social justice.



Today's Entertainment

DJ Kathy Lau- Kathy Lau also known as *DJ Heartless* grew up in Westminster, California. She has been involved with music since she was 8 years old; playing the violin for 9 years and the viola for 5 years. Kathy grew an interest in DJ at age fourteen. Now, at eighteen, it has become a passion and a commitment for her. The reason behind the name, DJ Heartless: Her heart is not in the body because she puts it in the music."

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- ◆ Our wonderful emcees Jennifer Ledesma and Chris Nguyen.
- ◆ Mr. Fauja Singh and Dr. Gurpreet Singh Ahuja for inspiring us.
- ◆ Elisa "Mo" Rodriguez also for inspiring us.
- ◆ DJ-Heartless and OCYO for entertaining us.
- ◆ The Orange County Youth Organizers-(OCYO) for volunteering as workshop presenters and hosts.
- ◆ All the interns and volunteers who helped with the event.
- ◆ And, special thanks to all the OC Human Relations staff, for their creative input, administrative assistance and steadfast support.

Thank You All!

Don Han, OC Human Relations Events 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.

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



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We offer programs and projects for ALL Orange County residents, including:

- Hate Crime Reporting and Victims Assistance
- Low cost and free mediation services
- Mediation training and certification
- Police-Community Reconciliation Services
- Community Building Programs and Dialogues
- Parent Leadership Training

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