



High School Students Become Champions of Social Change

BLOOMFIELD, NJ - In a country yearning for social awareness and justice, an energetic cast of leaders are giving some Jersey students the tools to make a positive impact in their communities.

The weekend of August 7th kicks off the four day Martin Luther King Youth Empowerment Conference at Linwood McDonald Conference Center where a dynamic group of forty-five garden state students will commit themselves to becoming champions for social change in a yearlong ambassador program sponsored by the Ceceilyn Miller Institute for Leadership and Diversity in America (CMI).

The MLK Conference has three goals for its ambassadors - to become leaders, advocates and allies for social justice. Comprised of a devoted twenty person staff, the conference leaders plan to accomplish these goals by raising the ambassadors' awareness, helping them to learn, giving them vital tools needed to make social change happen and empowering them to take social action through engaging interactive activities that are thought provoking and inspiring. The benchmark of the MLK Conference is its fall and spring component where the ambassadors will go through conflict resolution training and a closure ceremony to share their successes within the year through CMI's guidance and discuss how they can continue their work as champions of social activism.

CMI is one of America's most innovative leadership and diversity training non-profit organizations. Dedicated to the cause of social justice and leadership development, CMI programs empower participants to function more effectively as people and communities. CMI works with primary, secondary, and higher education institutions, as well as public and private community-based organizations, and in the workplace. The CMI team collaboratively identifies the needs and goals of our clients. Based on this information we develop comprehensive, customized programs that help effect long lasting change within our clients' organizations. With an established track record of success, CMI leadership and diversity training programs inspire, engage, and educate participants of diverse ages and backgrounds.

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