



26th Annual Students of Color Conference

“This is OUR Time: Truth Redefined!”

Thu-Sat, April 21-23, 2016

Yakima, WA

APPLICATION PACKET

For students attending North Seattle College

Produced by:

Washington State Multicultural Student Services Directors' Council

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North Seattle College, Department of Student Leadership & Multicultural Programs

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ❑ **Application due date: Friday, March 4** in room CC1446 (Student Leadership office)
- ❑ Notification whether you have been accepted to attend: Friday, March 11
- ❑ Conference dates: Thursday, April 21 through Saturday, April 23. *You will need to make arrangements with your instructors to be absent from class April 21 and 22.*
- ❑ **Pre-Conference Orientation: Thursday, April 14**, 1-2:30pm or 3-4:30pm in the Seminar Grove Room HS 1541A (mandatory)
- ❑ Post-Conference Debrief on Thursday, April 28, 1-2:30pm or 3-4:30pm in the Seminar Grove Room HS 1541A **or** online survey (choose one)
- ❑ Questions: Julius.Rodriguez@seattlecolleges.edu or Jeffrey.Vasquez@seattlecolleges.edu



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January 4, 2016

Dear Student,

Student Leadership and Multicultural Programs would like to invite you to attend the **26th Annual Students of Color Conference, "This is OUR Time: Truth Redefined!"** The conference will be held in **Yakima, WA** from Thursday-Saturday **April 21-23, 2016**. This annual conference is organized by the Washington State Multicultural Student Services Directors' Council which is a group of professionals who advocate for diversity, equity and student success for each of our campuses. This year we expect about 700 student participants from colleges throughout the state.

All students who will be enrolled spring quarter are invited to attend. Both students of color and white students come back to campus sharing stories about how meaningful, and in some cases life changing, this conference was for them. White students often describe this as an "eye-opening experience" since at the conference, white students are the minority among hundreds of students of color. By the end of the conference, students leave feeling challenged, yet also committed to working toward creating a more fair, just and equitable society.

The conference begins by exploring identity: What does it mean to be a person of color in a predominately white society? White students learn that they too have a culture and a unique role in working for social justice. The conference will provide rich learning opportunities through workshops, keynote speakers and meeting and talking with people who are both like you and different. Following are quotes from North about the conference:

"The guest speakers were amazing; they awakened my spirit to fight for a better tomorrow"

"I enjoyed meeting new people from different diverse backgrounds"

"The performances at the open mic put a smile into my heart"

"The conference encouraged me to work hard and aim high."

"It made me realize that I can achieve my goals and that there are already individuals like me that have achieved their potential."

"Very fun and educational, the people are just beautiful!"

"It was a mind blowing experience. It really changed my ideas about race and minority issues"

"I thought I knew African American culture but after attending the African American session I came to realize how diverse we are."

"I loved meeting people, the speakers, interacting with all the different people, I hope to go again."

"I have a better understanding of diversity."

"The seminars were very informative - I wish I could have gone to more of them."

All registration costs, hotel, and transportation will be covered by the Department of Student Leadership and Multicultural Programs for those students selected to attend. A copy of your spring quarter class schedule must be submitted with the application, due at the **Student Leadership & Multicultural Programs office (CC1446) by Friday, March 4, 2016.**

Participants are required to attend an Orientation meeting on Thursday, March 17 at 1-2:30pm or 3-4:30pm, in room HS 1541A.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Vasquez, Director, Dept. of Student Leadership & Multicultural Programs
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GENERAL AGENDA (varies by year)
STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFERENCE
April 21-23, 2016
Yakima, Washington

Thursday, April 21

10:30 a.m.	Departure from North Seattle College
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Check-in
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Welcome/Conference Opening/Rhonda Coats Award/Yakima Blessing/Roll Call
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	OPENING KEYNOTE
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Advisor/Chaperone Meeting
	Identity Groups for LGBTQ students
	Identity Groups for Islamic students
	Identity Groups for Students with Disabilities
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Individual School Meetings
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Light Buffet Dinner w/ Entertainment
7:15 – 9:15 p.m.	Concurrent Session 1 – Racial/Ethnic Identity Groups
9:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Open Mic sponsored by Spokane Community College

Friday, April 22

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Full Breakfast/Announcements
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Session 2 – 101 Workshops
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Transition Time
10:45 – 11:45 am	MORNING KEYNOTE
11:45-12:00 pm	Transition time
12:00-1:30 pm	Concurrent Session 3 – Skill Development
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	LUNCH
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Concurrent Session 4 – Social Justice/Social Activism
4:00-4:15 pm	Transition time
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Individual School Meetings
4:45 – 6:30 p.m.	Student Networking
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	EVENING KEYNOTE
8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Film
10:00 – 1:00 a.m.	Social Event

Saturday, April 23

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Full Breakfast/Announcements
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Session 5 – Personal Development
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Student Reflection
11:45 - 12:30 p.m.	Closing activities
4:00pm	Return to North Seattle College (approximate time)

APPLICATION FORM
STUDENTS OF COLOR CONFERENCE
April 21-23, 2016
Yakima, Washington

DEADLINE for SUBMISSION: Friday, March 4, 2016

If you have any questions feel free to ask anyone in the Student Leadership & Multicultural Programs office (CC1446).

Please write clearly. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be processed. Selection will be based on the thoroughness and quality of your answers.

Name: _____ GPA: _____

Address: _____

Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

Email Address: _____ SID#: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please type your response to the following questions:

- 1. Why are you interested in attending the Students of Color Conference?**
 - 2. How do you see the Students of Color Conference benefiting you academically, personally, and professionally?**
 - 3. Please share a personal experience around a multicultural issue that impacted you.**
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How many quarters have you attended North Seattle College? _____ Will you return Fall 2016? _____

Dietary needs, check only if applicable: Vegetarian _____

If applicable, please list any accommodations needed _____

Tee shirt size: Small__ Medium__ Large__ XL__ 2XL__ 3XL__ 4XL__ 5XL__

In order to plan well, and thus make the conference experience relevant to the diverse individuals attending, we ask you to answer the following questions:

Age_____ What is your gender identity: _____

How do you ethnically/racially identify: _____

To complete your application please attach the following:

- This Application Form and the answers to the questions listed above
- NSC Student Event Participation Contract
- Emergency Contact Information
- Participation Commitment Letter
- A copy of your spring quarter class schedule (as proof of enrollment)

Submit your completed application the Office of Student Leadership and Multicultural Programs (room CC1446) by Friday, March 4. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by Friday, March 11. If you have not received notice by then, contact us immediately to confirm that your application was received.



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Student Event Participation Contract

Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I, the undersigned, am aware of and assume responsibility for my actions in participating in the following activity:

Students of Color Conference

Departing: 4/21/16 at approximately 10:30 am Returning: 4/23/16 at approximately 4:00 pm

TRAVEL RULES – ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Students traveling as part of a North Seattle College activity are seen as representatives of the college and their conduct during the course of travel is of utmost importance. The student therefore agrees to conform to the North Seattle College Code of Student Conduct and to all applicable rules, regulations and policies of North Seattle College and the State of Washington. The student further agrees to regular attendance at all scheduled events for which the travel/conference/event entails and to the following terms:

1. No alcohol or drugs allowed per Code of Student Conduct. Violators may be sent home immediately, at their own expense.
2. Students should always travel with another student during free time. Students are not allowed to go on any excursions alone.
3. Any damage done to hotel rooms or other property shall be paid for by the responsible students.
4. Attendance at all planned group activities and events associated with this travel activity is required.
5. Travel to and from the conference/event/activity with the College travel group may be required. Students are not allowed to extend their stay and/or travel separately from the group, unless prior permission has been granted.

I understand that this activity is voluntary and that I have chosen to participate of my own free will. I have been given and have read the Student Code of Conduct and Misconduct Policies. I accept all responsibilities and understand that behavior inconsistent with this agreement will result in disciplinary action to include reimbursement to North Seattle College for all fees and associated travel, lodging and meal costs (this includes the cost(s) for any arrangements made by the College which the College is unable to recover the cost of as a result of your cancellation).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Program Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(Required if student is under 18)



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Emergency Contact Information

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Name of Student	
Name of Emergency Contact	
Relation of Emergency Contact to Student	
Cell #	
Home #	
Address	
Email	
Anything else we should know (medical condition, food allergies, etc.)	

Students of Color Conference 2016

Commitment Letter

- ❑ I am enrolled for at least 5 credits at North Seattle College, and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- ❑ I will attend all required conference activities and events. I am willing and will follow the rules and regulations of the conference or meeting that I am attending.
- ❑ If for some unavoidable reason, my plans change and I find it is impossible for me to attend; I will inform Student Leadership & Multicultural Programs Office no later than 48 hours in advance.
- ❑ If I cannot attend and do not inform the Student Leadership & Multicultural Programs within 48 hours' notice, I understand that I am responsible for any costs (~ \$350 per student).
- ❑ If I am staying in a room paid by North Seattle College, I will not charge anything to it. If charges are accidentally made, I am liable for all additional charges such as food, movies, phone use, etc.
- ❑ I understand that I am representing North Seattle College and will conduct myself in a responsible manner.
- ❑ I will attend the pre-conference Orientation on **Thursday, March 17 at 1-2:30pm or 3-4:30pm in room HS 1541A. CIRCLE THE TIME YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**
- ❑ I will either complete the feedback **survey online** or attend the post-conference meeting to share my feedback on **Thursday, April 28 at 1-2:30pm or 3-4:30 in room HS 1541A. CIRCLE THE TIME YOU WILL BE ATTENDING OR THE SURVEY OPTION.**

By signing this letter I am committing to the above statements.

Name: _____ Date: _____

All students attending this conference must read and sign this letter.