



Experience Counts

Michigan's longest-running conference to unite teens from different backgrounds was founded in 1983 by the legendary Detroit social worker Mary Agnes Miller Davis and the Co-Ette Club of Detroit. Mrs. Davis realized area high school teens had few opportunities to interact with peers from different social, ethnic, geographic and cultural groups. She and the Co-Ettes created Giant Step to connect students from across Detroit, improve their attitudes toward each other, and build friendships to combat discrimination, bullying and violence.

Today their legacy survives and thrives. Giant Step remains free to all students and attracts about 300 students each year from public, parochial, private, charter and home schools throughout southeast Michigan.

Giant Step Research Shows

95% of students at the 2016 conference said "talking to teens from different backgrounds was interesting and educational." 92% said that during Giant Step, "I was able to talk about issues that are important to me." 80% said they would stay in touch with the "new friends" they met at the conference. 84% said Giant Step improved their confidence.



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Harmony
Acceptance*

Now More Than Ever!



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Giant Step Teen Conference

October 24, 2017

Tuesday, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

ATTENDANCE IS FREE

Lunch Included!

Be part of the magic as teens from different backgrounds share, talk, laugh and become friends.



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Kick-off your 2017 school year with Giant Step

What is Giant Step? This free conference for 9th and 10th graders promotes social harmony and inclusion through shared issues and experiences. Giant Step teens come from diverse backgrounds to share, learn and eventually uncover what they have in common. Decades of research show that Giant Step's intensive discussions improve attitudes and motivate teens to expand their social circle, engage in their community and be more accepting of others.

Sample Discussion Prompts

Tell us about your neighborhood.

Do you feel like you fit in?

What's your greatest accomplishment?

What does it mean to be a friend?

If you could change anything, what would it be?



How do you handle conflict?

Have you ever felt bullied?

What did you do? What did your friends do?



Register at: www.mpsi.wayne.edu/outreach/teen-conference.php

OCTOBER 24, 2017

AGENDA

8:30 am

Student Registration

9:00 am

"What Giant Step Meant to Me"

9:15 am

Adults exit to
Human Trafficking Workshop

Students begin

"Can You Survive?" game

9:45 am

Survival game finishes,
Discussions begin

11:45 am

7th Inning Stretch
Tables called for lunch
Students work on 30-second
"What We Learned" report

12:25 pm

Adults re-join & reports begin

1:00 pm

Conference Ends

Register by October 13

Students must be registered by their teacher, counselor, principal, church or youth organization. Only 9th and 10th grade students may attend. Conference is FREE but limited to first 300 students.

Location:

Wayne State University
Student Center Building, Ballroom (2nd Floor)
5221 Gullen Mall, Detroit, MI 48202

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Education Workshop

*"Human Trafficking:
A Michigan Epidemic"*

Counselors, social workers and educators
can earn **2.5 CEs or SCECHs** while
their students attend the conference.

Cost is only \$10 (lunch included).

