

COMMUNITY CORNER

Workshops promote respect among all cultures

The National Conference for Community and Justice of the Piedmont Triad recently recognized the middle and high schools that participated in Anyday human relations workshops and the 23rd annual Youth Leadership Conference during the 2011-12 school year.

Anydays are one-day human relations workshops designed to guide diverse groups of participants in developing a new awareness of themselves and their role in inter-group relations.

NCCJ served a record number of schools and students through Anydays in 2012. The number of schools grew to 36, a 50 percent increase over the 2010-11 school year. About 1,100 students took part, a 35 percent increase over the previous year.

Participating schools in 2011-12 were: The Academy at Lincoln, The Academy at Smith, Allen Middle, Canterbury School, Dudley High, Eastern Guilford High, Fernsdale Middle, Greensboro College Middle College, Greensboro Day School, Middle and Lower Schools, Guilford Middle, Hairston Middle, High Point Central High, Jackson Middle, Johnson Street Global



About 1,100 students, including these Page High School students, participated in the National Conference for Community and Justice of the Piedmont Triad's Anyday human-relations workshops.

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Studies, Kernodle Middle, Kiser Middle, Mendenhall Middle, The Middle College at GTCC-Greensboro, The Middle College at GTCC-High Point, The Middle College at GTCC-Jamestown, The Middle College at N.C. A&T, Northeast Guilford High, Northeast Guilford Middle School, Northwest Guilford Middle School, Page High, Penn-Griffin High, Penn-Griffin Middle School, Ragsdale High, Smith High, Southeast Guilford High, Southern Guilford High, Southern Guilford High, Southern Guilford Middle School, Southwest

Guilford High, Welborn Middle School and Western Guilford High.

"An activity like Anyday can set the tone for the whole school year," said

Claudia Eldridge, a guidance counselor at Johnson Street Global Studies. "I want this to be part of what we do every year to build a more understanding community."

NCCJ's annual Youth Leadership Conference convenes hundreds of high school students from Guilford County public and private schools for a day and focuses on building relationships as they create a common vision of the power of unity and inclusion.

The 23rd annual conference, held March 7 at N.C. A&T, welcomed 237 youths, counselors and student facilitators from 19 schools. Participating schools were: The Academy at Smith, American Hebrew Academy,

Andrews High, Dudley High, Eastern Guilford High, Greensboro College Middle College, Grimsley High, The Middle College at Bennett, The Middle College at GTCC-Greensboro, The Middle College at N.C. A&T, Northeast Guilford High, Northern Guilford High, Northwest Guilford High, Page High, Southeast Guilford High, Southern Guilford High, Southern Guilford High, Weaver Academy and Western Guilford High.

NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad is a human-relations organization that promotes understanding and respect among all cultures, races and religions through advocacy, education and dialogue.
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