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A Note From Stacy:

The 7th grade students are preparing for their 'Constitution Works' project in Humanities. Students are preparing to argue a National Security vs Freedom of the Press case. Some students represent the Newspaper as lawyers, some are Government lawyers and nine are Justices. Students use the Constitution, precedent cases and current events to support their arguments. On March 15th, students will argue their cases in a courtroom in Brooklyn. This project always helps students see the tensions inherent in the Constitution and experience the current relevance of the document.

The 8th grade students have been working on a project in Science where they consider optimal designs for airplanes that lessen environmental impact and take into account weather patterns. They have learned the scientific factors and conditions that account for weather and have studied flight engineering. As part of their study, they have visited the New York City Center for Space Education.

A Note From John:

The 10th, 11th and 12th grade students next week will be seeing a performance of Othello at the Classic Stage Company Theatre on E. 12th street. The students have been reading and studying the classic Shakespearean play with support from visiting artists from the theater. The students are really looking forward to it.

College acceptances keep rolling in with a lot of seniors getting first choice acceptances. Recently students were accepted to Bates College, NYU, U Conn, Skidmore. More announcements on acceptance will be forthcoming. Go Seniors!

***** students have received a green envelope containing school surveys. Please complete online or on the survey provided. *****

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/survey/default.htm>

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Important Dates

3/16 - SLT(5pm) PA(6pm)
3/16 - Jed Applerouth SAT/ACT Talk
4/4 - AUCTION at ZINC BAR
4/11-15 - Parent teacher conferences

[SOF Calendar](#)

News from the PA

Upcoming PA meetings:

Mark your calendars for future PA & SLT meetings:
Apr 5, May 3, June 7

SOF AUCTION

Monday, April 4th 2015, 6-8pm At Zinc

Bar

(82 West 3rd Street)

We will have a silent and live auction at the event.

There will be cocktails and dancing. Plus you can stay for the Jazz show at 9pm.

To buy your tickets please email: sofauction16@gmail.com tickets are on sale now for \$75 a person.

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=249380552>

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP

Get in your auction donations TODAY for our live and online auction party in April! Please contact Jenni Kops at sofauction16@gmail.com to donate or join the Auction Committee.

Annual Fund Drive Continues!

It's not too late to get your donation in for the Annual Fund! THANK YOU to all those who donated from our Phone-A-Thon a few weeks ago. If you haven't received a call yet, expect to hear from someone at SOF in the next couple of weeks. To make your donation online go to the link below or feel free to drop your location off in the SOF office.

You can make your donation by:

1. Mailing in a check made out to "SOF PA Association" to the school.
2. Clicking on the "Donate" banner on the donation page of the Families section on the website or [CLICK HERE NOW](#).

ANY AMOUNT YOU GIVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE! All contributions are tax-deductible. Please let us know if your company makes matching gifts as well.

GRADE NEWS - Class Reports

Parent teacher conferences April 11-15th.

Letter went home in children's backpacks.

You can download form on SOF website:

<https://www.sof.edu/blog/parent-teacher-conference-forms/>

11:35 am dismissal on April 13th for 10 th and 11th grade.

11:35 am dismissal on April 14th for 6-12th grades.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade - Reps Ted Leather, Jenni Kops

Science: Students wrapped up their Heredity Projects in Science class this week where they explained using scientific models how traits are passed down from one generation to the next.

Our new unit will explore processes affecting how populations change over time.

Wishlist: Boxes of Tissues

Hello families. We just wrapped up our study of ratios and proportionality. We capped off our unit off by studying the proportions (or the unrealistic ratios) of Barbie dolls. We're moving on to our algebra unit we call *Expressions and Equations*.

I'm interested in any parent with a programming background to forward me any ideas / resources that I could relate to algebra. Thanks in advance.

Wishlist: Computer/Printer Paper

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7th Grade - Rep Cindy Rodriguez

On Tuesday, March 15, the 7th grade is doing our annual trip to the courthouse in Brooklyn to participate in the Constitution Works program. STUDENTS NEED TO BRING LUNCH! Parents are always invited and encouraged to attend, as it is a very exciting day and do not need to pay. Students are encouraged to dress up. The teachers and students will be traveling via subway to and from the court. Parents are welcome to either come with us on the train or meet us at the court.

Who:

Where:

Sections A/C: Tuesday, March 15th at 10:00AM U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Sections B/D: Tuesday, March 15th at 1:00 PM 271 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York

The 7th grade year end trip will take place at Pocono Valley Resort in Reedersville, PA on June 1. The trip is \$85 per student which pays for the transportation, activities and meals for the day. Students were given a permission slip last week and can turn it in to Rick before May.

Cash or checks (made out to School of the Future) are both good.

-Rick

See below for free SHSAT practice tests through KAPLAN

Check out 7th Grade Resources website.

The site link is below. Feel free to click around and use the site to supplement PupilPath.

There's also a contact page if you have any questions or comments.

<http://sof7thgrade.weebly.com/>

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The 7th Grade Team

8th Grade - Rep Annu Warikoo

The 8th grade students have been working on a project in Science where they consider optimal designs for airplanes that lessen environmental impact and take into account weather patterns. They have learned the scientific factors and conditions that account for weather and have studied flight engineering. As part of their study, they have visited the New York City Center for Space Education.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We invite you to come hear **Jed Applerouth** speak at School of the Future on **Wednesday March 16th at 7pm**. Jed will talk about the current landscape of standardized testing, and the current options for students. He will discuss the new SAT, the differences/benefits of the new SAT and the ACT, other tests and scores that colleges look for, what all the scores mean, and more. He will take questions too.

For more information about Jed, [CLICK HERE](#). This event is free, and we promise you will learn a lot. If you have questions, please contact Sof Parent Association sofparent@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

9th Grade - Rep Anita Leong

From English: Taylor Costas (English Teacher) and Eva Rediker (Learning Specialist)

The ninth grade will be embarking on the study of a whole class novel in a few weeks' time. By reading *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, students will continue to enhance their skills of interpretation and analysis, building a toolkit of reading practices that will serve them throughout the remainder of their high school years. There are a number of ways that you can support your student in this effort, including discussing the text with him or her at home and reading (or rereading) the novel alongside him or her. In the past, we have found that it is helpful for students to have their own copies of the text so that they can annotate the margins. These notes serve not only to enhance understanding in the moment, but also act as a record of their thinking for later projects, such as summative ninth grade essays now and exhibitions later. **If your family is able, please purchase a copy of *Lord of the Flies* (preferred edition pictured below) between now and Friday, March 18 and send it to school with your son or daughter. If you find that you are able to contribute more than one copy so that other students can be ensured their own text to keep, that would also be greatly appreciated.** Golding's novel can be purchased at local bookstores like The Strand and Barnes and Noble, on amazon.com, or on thriftbooks.com, where it is available for less than \$5. We will happily store these for the students with their names on them until the launch of the unit. Thank you parents for your ongoing support!

From Science: Joshua Hurley Bruno (Science Teacher) and Eva Rediker (Learning Specialist)

We are writing to you to inform you about an upcoming change in biology classes and to brief you on the unit that we are planning to delve into.

First and foremost, Mr. Hurley- Bruno will be out from March 1 to March 16 for paternity leave. In lieu of hiring a substitute teacher that the students are unfamiliar with, we decided that it would be best for students to continue with their normal biology classes with a teacher that had background in the material. Eva Rediker, one of the 9 grade Learning Specialists, will be filling in for him. She majored in Biology and Women's Studies in college and taught 8 grade biology prior to coming to SOF. All grading protocols and classroom expectations will remain the same. Her email is attached to the bottom of this sheet if you would like to get in touch with her.

The second item of business regards the content area that she is planning to teach. Over the next three weeks, the students will be synthesizing their understanding of evolution and

genetics with a miniature unit that focuses on reproduction, mating behaviors, and bioethical topics such as reproductive technologies. These lessons serve to create nuanced thinking about reproduction, apply it within the world of biological politics, and have a thorough understanding of how organisms perpetuate their species. This is not a sexual education unit, but rather an investigation into animal and human evolution and behavioral science.

We are sending this home so that parents have a chance to communicate with one of us if they have any concerns or want clarification about the topics or if parents would like to have a chance to speak with their child before the unit.

We will be discussing with students the need for sensitivity and maturity in our classroom. One of the main reasons that we feel incredibly excited for this upcoming unit is because our ninth grade students have demonstrated maturity, poise, and interest in tackling topics that concern the world we live in. If you would like to have a conversation with us about any of the above, feel free to reach out via email.

We look forward to continuing the amazing learning adventure with your wonderful young adults!

Educationally,

Eva Rediker - EvaRediker@gmail.com

Joshua Hurley Bruno - JHurley-Bruno@sof.edu

Ms. Rediker's 9th grade math website:
redikersrockingreinforcement.weebly.com

Students interested in STEM opportunities outside the Biology classroom, check out the SOF Science Blog at: <http://sofscience.blogspot.com/>

10th Grade - Rep Anna Hillen

3/7 Major Math project due

3/16 the 10th grade is going to see "Othello". Also that evening at 7pm in the auditorium there will be a talk about the new SAT/ACT.

Teaching supplies needed: Copier paper, bic pens.
please drop off supplies at the office "attn: Ms. Thole"

11th Grade - Rep Susan Light

Class notes distributed directly from class rep.
ACT and SAT Prep is every Saturday from 10am-1pm.

12th Grade - Reps Dorene Smith, Eunhee Chun

Jan 1, 2016: First to day to file the **FAFSA** forms for colleges at www.fafsa.gov. Encouraged to apply as early as you can. Parents can estimate their 2015 income and/or use 2014 income tax returns, 2015 W2 forms for the form. Make sure you check with each individual school to see deadlines and apply for 2016-2017 school year.

Copy of a paper version of the 2015-2016 FAFSA to glance over/practice: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1516/pdf/PdfFafsa15-16.pdf>

Also, for students who are applying to private schools that use the CSS Profile financial aid form - identify deadline forms for those schools. [Apply for College Financial Aid – CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE – The College Board](#)

<http://youcango.collegeboard.org/>

CAREER DAY AT SOF MAY 10TH

School of the Future's annual career day is on Tuesday May 10th. We are seeking guest speakers from a variety of careers. Below are suggestions from students but please join us even if your career is not listed below:

entrepreneur/small business owner
music industry
doctor/Nurse
lawyer
engineer
IT/software
graphic design
Coding
Accounting/business
Photography
Finance/stock market
College professor
Social work
Law enforcement/criminal justice
Entertainment Industry
Journalism

Career Day speakers meet with two groups of students for 1/2 hour each. Speakers usually talk about their career paths and job responsibilities for about 15 minutes and spend the remaining time answering questions from students. Speakers will meet with about 10 students at a time, but numbers vary. Students sign up to see particular speakers, so all the students you will meet are interested in learning about your career.

If you are interested in joining us, the time commitment is from about 9am-10:30am. You will meet with students from 9:15-9:40 and 9:50-10:15. If you plan on attending, please send a brief (1-2 sentence) description of your career that students can read when they sign up to Emily Birden elbirden@gmail.com (teacher and Internship Coordinator at School of the Future)

EA After School

Any questions regarding after school events, email: bgcsof@edalliance.org

Special Events:

Monday, March 7 - Middle School Basketball Awards Presentation: From 5:30 PM-6:30 PM (Cafeteria), there will be a special dinner catered by Dig Inn for middle school basketball families and student athletes. An award presentation will take place honoring the achievements of our boys & girls student athletes. It will be a night where we will also announce our MVPs (Most Valuable Players), who have displayed superb teamwork, leadership and academic excellence.

Tuesday, March 8 - New Middle Schoolers Attend After School for a Day (Interests): If you're a middle school School of the Future parent note: Tuesday we are allowing students (who are not in after school) to try it out for a day. If you're a parent who would like this opportunity, please contact: bgcsof@edalliance.org. Tuesday's clubs are: Glee, Robotics (CLOSED enrollment due to capacity), Drama, and Board Games. From 3:30 PM-4:45 PM it's Power Hour/Homework Help and 4:45 PM-6:00 PM, it's clubs. From 3:10-3:30 PM it is check-in in the cafeteria.

Middle School Tryout Details for Baseball & Softball will be known by email on Tuesday. If

interested in receiving that information, [please inform here](#).

Wednesday, March 9 - Xavier University - Big East Serves: 45 college students will be coming to our School of the Future After School clubhouse to tutor students and talk about their college experience from: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, during Power Hour.

Wednesday, March 9 - Art Show @ Manny Cantor Center: School of the Future after school artwork will be on display at an art exhibit and special opening with Ralph Lauren's Creative Director at 197 East Broadway New York, NY 10002, 6:30 PM -8:30 PM. The theme of the art work is "Social Justice." School of the Future Boys & Girls Club will join 8 other clubhouses on this occasion. It is free and open to the public to attend. It will showcase the work of our students in Visual Arts club.

Early Dismissals @ 5:30 PM: 3/9/16 (Wednesday)

This Wednesday, March 9th there will be an early dismissal due to the Art Show presentation at Manny Cantor Center for: 5:30 PM.

No After School on: Thursday, 3/17/16.

REMINDER: NO Middle School After School, Thursday, March 17, 2016
Due to agency conference

Special News:

Middle School Robotics Team Wins Big, Headed to Championships!

We're proud to share that our youth came in first place in a Robotics Competition at The Dalton School in Manhattan, where they competed in one of the most prestigious categories, Most Innovative Solution. Now, they'll go on to compete in the championships at the Jacob Javits Center on March 12th against over 80 middle schools throughout New York City. This year's theme is Trash Trek, where teams will be tasked with developing a solution for an environmental problem.

Our kids designed an app and spectrometer, while effectively executing missions with the robots they built. Over 200,000 young people compete globally in robotics competitions, which provide the opportunity to develop and design robots to use in completing missions.

Students are judged on robot design, research, and solutions to the year's topic, as well as the core values they learn through their experience. Our kids took on the challenge of presenting their solutions to judges as a team and performed 3 rounds of missions with their robots. They executed their missions in The Dalton School's auditorium, where their families, guests and fellow competitors looked on.

Through the leadership and support of our Robotics Coach and Teaching Artist Lisa Gaye Sechy along with group leader Ralphie Perez, our kids surpassed their goal of competing in this year's qualifier and are now racing toward the championships! The Championships take place on March 12th, 2016 at the Jacob Javits Center and are free and open to the public from 9am-5pm.

Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Playoffs!

Our middle school boys and girls basketball teams made it through the 2nd round of players, ending a great season. Cheers! They'll be participating in an awards ceremony Monday,

March 7 at 5:30 PM at School of the Future.

-Amanda

Science and STEM Enrichment Programs

April 25 - April 29 (Spring Break)

Application Deadline: March 11, 2016

Students in grades K-12 can meet and work with field experts in programs that feature real life, hands-on learning experiences. Students can apply now to attend exciting science and STEM enrichment programs being offered during spring break at:

NYC Department of Education Environmental Study Center

NYC Center for Space Science Education

Bronx Zoo

Central Park Zoo

Harlem DNA Lab

Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum

Museum of the City of New York

New York Aquarium

Prospect Park Zoo

Queens Zoo

APPLY BY MARCH 11, 2016

Space is limited and acceptance is based on a lottery.

Please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/Students> for more information and to apply and click [here](#) for a flyer.

Sincerely,

The Division of Family and Community Engagement

Sista-2-Sista Youth Summit

YOUTH SUMMIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS. SEE BELOW:

Sista-2-Sista Youth Summit (S2S) is two-day empowerment summit connecting high school girls of Pan-African descent from underserved areas across NYC and the tri-state area with women making a difference in the areas of media, health and wellness, entertainment, education, and personal growth. It's our time to gather our girls and whisper and yell from the mountaintops about how much we love them, want them to

succeed, and want hear their needs and grievances. This year's summit will be on **March 18th-19th at St. Francis College in Downtown Brooklyn.**

Please find the flyer and media release form attached.

You can visit the website [here](#).
High School girls can register for free [here](#).
Videos from past years can be viewed [here](#).

I would love it if you can share with the high school girls and families that you serve. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to connecting.

All my best,

Hannah
Outreach and Participation Chair

FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 EDUCATION SOFTWARE

Dear New Yorker,
What an exciting moment!

Today, Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña and I announced an innovative collaboration with Microsoft Corp. to provide New York City students and families with **FREE** access to Microsoft software. Starting today, students and their families can download Microsoft's Office 365 Education software **AT ABSOLUTEY NO COST** by visiting <https://studentoffice.net>. (For details on the exact number of downloads and devices that this offer is good for, click [here](#).)

Learning doesn't stop at the end of the school day. Supplying children with this indispensable tool will help ensure the success of all our students as they prepare for college and the workforce. My thanks to Microsoft and the NYC Department of Education for partnering with the New York City Council to help make this exciting initiative a reality.

Sincerely,

Melissa Mark-Viverito

Speaker
NYC Council

PARENTS 4 PARENTS - Ladders for Leaders 2016

We are happy to inform you that NYC Ladders for Leaders is accepting applications for the summer of 2016. If you are a student who is looking for valuable work

experience and the opportunity to explore career options, please apply to Ladders for Leaders and take the first step to landing your dream internship.

Note: LADDERS FOR LEADERS PROGRAM IS NOT SYEP! You have to apply **separately** for SYEP when the application becomes available in March.

What the Program Offers?

Ladders for Leaders gives students a unique opportunity to explore their interests and discover new ones through:

Pre-employment Training: Receive help with résumé and cover letter writing, and interviewing skills. Learn essential workplace readiness skills and business etiquette.

Paid Summer Internships: Paid internship opportunities available in a variety of industries to accommodate student interests. Gain experience with well-known companies such as Boston Consulting Group, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, AOL, Medidata Pandora, and Tishman Speyer.

Opportunity to join our growing Alumni Network: Broad network of alumni, post-internship opportunities and networking events open only to past participants of the program.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for Ladders, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school or college student between the ages of 16-22
- Have a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00
- Be a permanent resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City
- Must have prior work experience, either paid or volunteer
- Be legally allowed to work in New York City

How to Apply?

Please visit <https://application.nycsyep.com> or call [1.800.246.4646](tel:1.800.246.4646) to apply to NYC Ladders for Leaders.

Please keep in mind that any NYC Ladders for Leaders applicant who is also **interested in the** Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) will need to apply for SYEP separately when the application becomes available in March.

Read what some of our participants from last year have to say:

“At the young age of 16, I have worked on Wall Street, met amazing, generous people and realized what I want to do as a career. I have networked with many

people who I know I can turn to for support and advice as I advance towards my aspirations as the founder of my own cosmetics company.”

Aniyah, 2015 Ladders for Leaders intern

"Through Ladders for Leaders internship, I've truly become well-rounded as a member of society and have significantly expanded my capabilities as an aspiring software developer."

Edward, 2015 Ladders for Leaders Intern

Thank you,

The NYC Ladders for Leaders Team

KAPLAN SHSAT PRACTICE TESTS

Kaplan has several free SHSAT practice test options coming up through out NYC. Students and parents received a free comprehensive score report along with a score consultation. Our SHSAT prep options to help your student ace the test. Kaplan's programs include proven score-raising strategies, realistic practice, and personalized feedback.

Practice Test Options

03/13/2016

Sun

9 AM

Queens College - Student Union

HKKM160009

03/19/2016

Sat

9:45 AM

Kaplan Medical MidtownManhattan

HKKM160018

03/19/2016

Sat

10 AM

Downtown Brooklyn - LIU Brooklyn Campus

HKKM160014

To register for any of these practice tests, classes or to find out more information about our classroom or tutoring programs, please go to www.kaptest.com/shsat. If you prefer, please call our 800 number - [800-527-8378](tel:800-527-8378).

For more information about our SSAT, ISEE and TACHS tutoring options please contact us at [800-527-8378](tel:800-527-8378).

UFT UPDATE & UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear parents, grandparents and education activists,

We had wonderful parent workshops at UFT headquarters this past January. For those of you who joined us for the Positive Learning Collaborative workshop and asked for a copy of the presentation,

feel free to [download the Positive Learning Collaborative presentation slides »](#)

Do you know a high school senior planning to go to college in the fall? The UFT gives \$5,000 college scholarships to students from low-income families graduating from New York City public schools. The UFT Albert Shanker Scholarship Fund application deadline has been extended to **Friday, Feb. 19**. For more information and to apply, [visit the UFT website »](#)

The UFT has launched a text messaging system to deliver important information quickly. Please **sign up for UFT text messaging** by texting "parent" to 30644 and answering the questions that follow.

We'll alert you about school cancellations due to weather, political campaigns, breaking news and, when enough Manhattan parents have signed up, we'll send you a text message that links to a copy of your newsletter you can easily read on your mobile phone.

Enjoy more events, resources and news below.

Sincerely,

Francine Streich

UFT Parent-Community Liaison

Upcoming events

- **Thursday, March 10:** United Cerebral Palsy of New York City will hold its annual **summit for people with disabilities and their families** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 5th Ave. at 103rd St. Lunch and MetroCards will be provided, but child care will not be available. There will be workshops about assistive technology, financial planning and more. For more information and to register, [see the brochure in English and Spanish »](#)
- **Tuesday, March 15:** The UFT will host our annual **Season for Nonviolence event**, featuring this year an address from civil rights icon Minnijean Brown-Trickey of the historic Little Rock Nine, who integrated Little Rock High School. There will also be presentations from New York City public school students, an interactive United Nations flag ceremony and more. This event will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at UFT headquarters, 52 Broadway. To register, [visit the UFT website »](#)

Parenting news and resources

- **Pre-K applications are open:** The first round of applications for 2016-17 pre-K programs is open until March 4. If your child was born in 2012, you are eligible to apply online, in person at a Family Welcome Center or over the phone. For more information, [see the Department of Education website »](#)
- **Free parenting classes in English and Spanish:** The Open Door program at the Association to Benefit Children offers free parenting classes in English and Spanish at 1841 Park Ave. For more details, [see the flier in English and Spanish »](#) or [register for a class online »](#)
- **Socially well-connected children can change school culture for the better:** New research suggests that to fight bullying and cultural conflict in schools, it pays off to empower socially connected students. [Learn more »](#)
- **Tips for managing test anxiety:** The NYC Department of Health published some handy [tips about helping children overcome test anxiety »](#)
- **Apply online for free school meals:** It's simple and easy to apply for free school meals online. Just gather the names and incomes of every member of your household and the last four digits of your Social Security number and then [fill out the online application »](#)

Internships, jobs and opportunities

- **Manhattan Youth Leadership Council:** Gail A. Brewer, the Manhattan borough president, is starting a youth leadership council for Manhattan teens who want to advise their borough president and help inform city policy on school discipline, LGBTQ issues, expanding in-school opportunity, police-minority youth relations, civic engagement and more. To ask questions or get an application, email andrewlombardi@manhattanbp.nyc.gov.
- **Summer internships at the NYC Department of Design and Construction:** High school students over the age of 16 are invited to apply for paid, full-time summer internships at the Department of Design and

Construction. For more information, [see the flier »](#)

- **Free STEM camp for middle school girls at the Intrepid Museum:** The Intrepid Museum invites middle school girls to apply for its free academic science program this summer with workshops in science, technology, engineering and math. For more information, [see the website »](#)
- **Community Food Advocates seeks a part-time youth organizer:** Community Food Advocates is hiring a youth organizer to develop young people's leadership skills while working to bring free lunch to all New York City public school students. Candidates should be recent high school or college graduates, or current college students, with two years of experience in youth leadership and organizing. [See the job posting »](#)

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

"Diverse Minds" Scholarship Opportunity for High School

B'nai B'rith International is pleased to announce a call for submissions for our scholarship contest, the [Diverse Minds Writing Challenge](#). This innovative competition, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, asks high school students in your community to write and illustrate a children's book that tells a story of tolerance, diversity or inclusion.

Students currently enrolled in the 9th – 12th grades residing in one of the five New York City boroughs (Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens) are eligible to participate. The first place-winning individual or team will receive a college scholarship of \$5,000, and B'nai B'rith will professionally publish the winning submission – making the student a published author! Submissions placing second and third will also receive scholarships. In addition, the teacher of the student(s) who place first will receive a \$1,000 stipend and the school will receive a \$500 grant. [The submission deadline is March 25, 2016.](#)

For more information and details please click here for a [downloadable flyer](#) and visit our website at www.bnaibrith.org/diverseminds. If you have any questions I can be reached at [323/308.0195](tel:3233080195) or diverseminds@bnaibrith.org. We are excited to continue bringing the *Challenge* to your area and look forward to a positive response from your community.

Thank you for your assistance in helping get the information out to your staff and students!

Sincerely,

Laura Jeser

Program Manager

[323/308.0195](tel:3233080195)

diverseminds@bnaibrith.org

<http://www.bnaibrith.org/diverse-minds.html>



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