

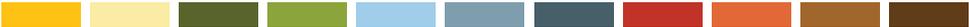


**IYLO**  **2013**

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**Marshall High School | February 21, 2013**

**UNITY**



# Welcome

Welcome to the first annual International Youth Leadership Conference. The goal of this conference is to foster a sense of community among ELL students through the promotion of leadership, self-esteem, college preparedness and cultural awareness.

Four hundred ELL students from across the school district, representing approximately eighty languages, have come together for this unprecedented opportunity to learn and network with fellow students, educators and language minority leaders from the greater metro Portland area. We hope that the cultural richness of this event will generate/renew the energy and commitment of everyone involved to strive for a better future and enhance our educational and leadership potential.

Once again, on behalf of our planning committee welcome to the conference and have a wonderful day.



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**Carole Smith,**  
Superintendent



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vân Truong".

**Vân Truong,**  
Director, English as  
a Second Language  
Department

## Student Rules of Conduct

- All students must be transported to and from the conference on school district transportation. No private cars are allowed. Exceptions will be made for students attending alternative educational programs using public transportation or private cars accompanied by chaperones.
- All students are required to remain on the Marshall campus at all times.
- All students are required to wear their conference name badges at all times.
- No drugs, alcohol or smoking allowed.
- All students must be dressed appropriately: no bandanas, hanging belts, sagging pants allowed.
- All students must adhere to all school district rules and procedures regarding appropriate behavior. Students who fail to adhere to any of these rules will be asked to leave the conference immediately. It will be the responsibility of the school chaperones to notify your school's principal and parents and arrange for removal of the student from the conference.

## Conference Schedule

<b>7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m.</b>	<b>Check-in and Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:30a.m. – 8:40a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Vân Truong, Director, ESL
<b>8:40a.m. – 9:30a.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Francisco Lopez</b> Executive Director, CAUSA <i>Assisted by Jessica Anicua- Apolonio, Benson H.S.</i> <b>Dr. Doris McEwen</b> Deputy Director, Oregon Education Investment Board <i>Assisted by Zarina Davis, Franklin H.S.</i> <b>Lou Radja</b> Founder, Lou Radja Enterprises <i>Assisted by Pina Chipin, Madison H.S.</i>
<b>9:35a.m. – 10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Session I</b>
<b>10:35a.m. – 11:30a.m.</b>	<b>Session II</b>
<b>11:35a.m. – 12:30p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch/Speaker</b> <b>Tamam Waritu,</b> CEO, SeeNuu, <i>Assisted by Sabirin Abdirahman, Benson H.S.</i>
<b>12:35p.m. – 1:30p.m.</b>	<b>Session III</b>
<b>1:35p.m. – 2:20p.m.</b>	<b>Cultural Entertainment</b> <b>Nora Robertson,</b> ESL <b>Abdi Jamac,</b> School-Family Partnerships <i>Assisted by Hong Tran, Madison H.S.</i>
<b>2:20p.m. – 2:30p.m.</b>	<b>Closing Comments</b> Vân Truong, Director, ESL

## Workshops

### 1. VISION INTO ACTION – APPLYING LEADERSHIP STYLES!

The purpose of this workshop is to help individuals understand their own leadership styles and to apply them to careers, education and school work. The workshop will be focused on core leadership skills, leadership definition, leadership styles and best practices of leadership applied in teams. Students will be able to engage in a modified MBTI discussion about leadership styles, discuss their own leadership definitions, share leadership examples and conclude with an action plan that will focus on measurable short term plans to learn more about leadership examples in today's society.

**Presenters: Galina Burley, Manager, Clackamas Co. Health, Housing and Human Services and Renata Rhodes, Child Abuse Investigator**

**Room: B-26**

### 2. AWAKEN THE LEADER IN YOU!

Leadership is action, not position, age, gender, race or social status! All our students possess leadership skills. The objective of "Awaken the Leader in You" is to transition our students into successful leaders capable to discern individual and community needs and take action to meet them. This interactive and empowering youth leadership workshop is specifically designed to help students maximize their own potential as leaders and inspire others to reach theirs.

**Presenter: Lou Radja, Founder, Lou Radja Enterprises**

**Room: B-30**

### 3. KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Immigration issues have been an important, often divisive and polarizing topic, for many years, but now law enforcement, business leaders and the general public are working toward a common sense solution to our broken immigration system,

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Comprehensive Immigration Reform. We invite students, families, business and community leaders to come learn more about what these issues mean not only as legal questions but also as a moral issue. Bringing Oregonians awareness about immigration policies that reflect our nation's values of fairness, justice and equality to all immigrant families.

**Presenter: Jessica Guzman, Legal Program Organizer, CAUSA**

**Room: B-44**

### 4. GOAL ATTAINMENT: STRATEGIES ON SETTING AND REACHING YOUR GOALS

In this highly interactive and informative session, students will be challenged to think about their own future goals and discuss strategies on how to achieve them. The participants will also hear personal testimony from the presenter on attending Harvard and becoming the CEO of a company.

**Presenter: Tamam Waritu, CEO, SeeNuu**

**Room: B-28**

### 5. BREAKING THROUGH, NOT BREAKING DOWN

Often times, we may find ourselves frustrated when what we're saying is not being understood the way we want it to be. This can be especially maddening when we're young and trying to communicate with adults. Our workshop is going to engage you in an activity which will challenge the way you talk with each other and give you some tools to conquer communication with adults. This activity will give you an opportunity to work through a breakdown in communication and bridge the cultural divide that so often leads to breakdowns in communication.

**Presenters: Laura Erceg and Jane Strugatsky, Student Support Specialists, Impact NW**

**Room: B-45**

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### 6. CONTRASTING COMMUNICATION STYLES

This session will focus on various styles of communication and how they impact the way we work with each other. We will discuss how the dominant culture communicates and differences in how language minority communities communicate. This session will also focus on how we can maintain our communication style, while also being effective.

**Presenter: Phu Dao, Social service coordinator, Madison H.S.**

**Room: B-38**

### 7. HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

In this workshop, we will use icebreakers, discussions and games to learn and practice different communication methods we can use with each other. We will also learn about and discuss terms such as community, community organizer, leader, advocacy and organizing. The goal of this workshop is for students to learn the skills, strategies and tactics to become a change agent in the community.

**Presenter: David Kong, School Counselor, Harrison Park K-8**

**Room: B-25**

### 8. THE DANGER OF A SINGLE STORY: THE DANGER OF MAKING ASSUMPTIONS

What happens when you only have one story about a person, a family, or a group of people? This session will look at how having just one story can get in the way of getting to know yourself and others.

**Presenter: Kehaulani Minzghor, Equity Coordinator, PPS**

**Room: Library**

### 9. STUDENT PANEL: I SPEAK

Community building through shared experience: students of a language other than English will share their stories as immigrants as they integrate language, culture and identity into their everyday life and academic student success.

**Presenters: Nghi Le, Leydi Bautis, David Pulido,, Zarina Davis, Sabrina Jeylani, Tima Ali, Yusseff Sheikhnur, Meron Yenagne, Ruth Doti, Alexia Garcia**

**Room: B-24**

### 10. STEPS TO COLLEGE ENROLLMENT - Session A

Do you know the steps it takes to enroll in college? Failing to complete any of the necessary steps can hinder or prevent students from enrolling in college. This session provides students with information about the process of enrolling in college. It will focus on college preparation, ways to pay for college, and the application process.

**Presenter: Robin Beavers, Assistant Director for Diversity Recruitment, Portland State University**

**Room: B-39**

### 11. STEPS TO COLLEGE ENROLLMENT - Session B

Do you know the steps it takes to enroll in college? Failing to complete any of the necessary steps can hinder or prevent students from enrolling in college. This session provides students with information about the process of enrolling in college. It will focus on college preparation, ways to pay for college, and the application process.

**Presenter: Mario Mesquita, Bilingual Admissions Counselor, Portland State University**

**Room: B-40**

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### 12. WORKSHOP TITLE: GEMS

**Presenters:** Nancy and Gil Chapa, Challenge Masters Inc.

**Room:** Gym

We see humans as gems. You, each, have your own value and beauty. You are multifaceted. Each facet of you contributes to who you are. Who you are, all of your facets combined, create your unique radiance.

Today we are going to bring to light; some facets that will help you see your own strengths, brilliance, value and potential. They are: leadership, self-esteem, cultural awareness & college bound  
We hope, before the end of this session, you will recognize and celebrate yourselves and each other. We hope you realize that, by helping one another shine, so will you.

**Three aspects we will spotlight today are: Connections, Leadership, and Character**

#### FIRST – CONNECTIONS

##### *CREATE CONNECTIONS & STAY CONNECTED*

Learn about each other - Learning about others gives reason to connect

**Activity: The Big Question** – Ask “The Big Question.”

Exchange questions and answers. Exchange cards. Talk with as many people as you can. Find Commonalities- Finding commonalities fosters relationships

**Activity: Walk & Talk**

Partners side by side.....3 minute walk...Find out 3 things you have in common with your partner. Groups of 6 – Share with your group what you and your partner have in common.

#### SECOND - BE A LEADER OF YOUR LIFE

##### *RECOGNIZE YOUR POTENTIAL AND STEP UP TO LEAD*

**Activity: Leadership Moves** - Groups of 10

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- Take the lead at a moment’s notice
- May/may not know or like the content
- Step up and go with the flow
- Know it doesn’t take a great dancer to be a great leader but it does take commitment
- Recognizing your leadership qualities and those of others can build confidence

**BE A LEADER AND INCLUDE OTHERS**

**Activity: Over Here!** - Groups of 10

#### THIRD - DEVELOP YOUR CHARACTER

##### *RESPECTING ROOTS, YOUR OWN AND OTHERS WILL GROW YOUR SELF-ESTEEM AND NURTURE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.*

**Activity: The Story of Your Name** – Groups of 6

Share information about your name: Were you named after someone? Does your name have a special meaning? Do you know how you were named? Do you like your name? Do you have a nickname? What name would you like to be addressed by?

**Activity: Character Memory Match + Discussion:**

Your character determines the gem that you are.

Discuss: with your group

1. The difference between manufactured and genuine gems.
2. How does character relate to this?
3. Which trait do you believe is most important to succeed? Why?
4. As a group, can you agree on one, single, most important trait?

#### CLOSURE: BRILLIANCE, ENERGY & CONNECTIONS

## Keynote Speaker



**Francisco López**

Executive Director,  
CAUSA Oregon

Francisco López is a Salvadoran-American that came to the United States in 1985 as a refugee from the war in El Salvador. Francisco is a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in South Salem. Francisco is the Executive Director of CAUSA, Oregon's immigrant Rights Organization. In 2008 he was the Field Director with Voz Hispana Vote Project in Oregon.

**CAUSA** (Oregon's Immigrant Rights Organization), the largest Hispanic civil and human rights and advocacy organization in the Pacific Northwest

Mr. López is a recipient of the 1997 Mexican Government Ohtli Medal; 1998 Hispanic Heritage Award from the Austin Independent School District; Providence Portland Medical Center Mission Leadership Award 2000; and the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers 2006 Citizen of the Year Award and recipient of the 2011 Oregon Immigrant Achievement Award presented by American Immigrant Lawyers Association.

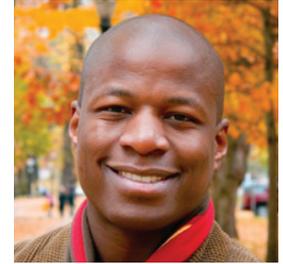
**Keynote topic: Keeping Families Together**

As an International Speaker, Lou Radja's mission is to uplift, educate and inspire his audience to live up to their greatness. Lou has motivated and challenged audiences worldwide to shake off disempowering beliefs and live up to their full human potential. Living by the global metaphor that "life's a gift", Lou's message is built with gratitude as the foundation.

A Servant Leader, Lou Radja continues to work tirelessly to improve the lives of many across the globe. A recognized Motivational Speaker and founder of Lou Radja Enterprises, Mr. Radja has addressed and engaged global citizens all over the world on Leadership, Diversity, Service and Personal Development. As Executive Director of EduCongo, a U.S. based nonprofit organization; Lou's energy is devoted to generating awareness and support to provide quality education for over 2,000 underprivileged children in the Congo.

**Keynote topic: Helping You Live Your Best Life!**

## Keynote Speaker



**Lou Radja**

Lou Radja Enterprises

## Keynote Speaker



**Dr. Doris McEwan**

Deputy Director,  
Curriculum and  
Instruction at Oregon  
Education Investment  
Board

Dr. McEwen joined OEIB in September 2012, having previously been Vice President/General Manager for the Central Region for Pearson/America's Choice and University of Washington's College of Education.

Dr. McEwen has spent more than 40 years as an educator, including a successful seven-year tenure as superintendent of Clover Park School District (Lakewood, WA) where student achievement dramatically increased during her tenure. She was the first African American female superintendent in Washington State, and for many years the only African American superintendent.

Through her tenure as an educator, Dr. McEwen has had a commitment to children and a passion for working with staff and the community to increase academic achievement and to ensure that students in her charge are competitive with their peers. Under her leadership the district culture changed to one to advocate and support the learning of every child and as a result, test scores significantly improved.

Dr. McEwen holds a doctorate of philosophy and a master's degree in educational administration from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

## Luncheon Speaker



**Tamam Waritu**

Chief Executive Officer,  
(CEO) at SeeNuu

Born in a tiny village in East Africa, Ethiopia, in the region of Oromia, Tamam grew up as a typical poor African child. His father left the country when he was only twelve. He dropped out of fifth grade upon his father's departure and spent nearly four years without attending school. At the age of 16, he arrived in the United States with his entire family.

Here in America, he and his eleven siblings lived in a two-bedroom, one-bathroom low-income government apartment with food stamps as a main source of income. His father worked on the night shift as a dishwasher for minimum wage to support himself and the rest of the family.

After arriving in America, Tamam faced the biggest challenge of his life. Despite dropping out of fifth grade back home, not having been in a school environment for nearly four years and not knowing a word of the English language, he was placed in 9th grade simply because he was 16 years old. At such an age, he was told that high school was the only appropriate place for him. It was the tallest mountain he had to climb and he almost dropped out again.

But he overcame the barriers through hard work and persistence and went on to receive a graduate degree from Harvard University and became CEO of a startup company--SeeNuu.

As a motivational speaker, Tamam inspires and motivates young people to beat the odds and become successful in life. His message is simple: *Don't let where you come from or the circumstances you are in define who and what you become in life.*

**Keynote topic: Beating The Odds**





## Resources

### **African Womens' Coalition** (503) 972-4930

1125 SE Madison Suite 210, Portland, OR 97214

Oluyinka Akinjiola, AWC Coordinator [oakinjiola@awcportland.org](mailto:oakinjiola@awcportland.org)

**Programs:** African community support activities

### **Baltazar Ortiz Center** (503) 988-4780

6736 NE Killingsworth, Portland, OR 97218

**Programs:** Bienestar de la Familia, Puentes (adults) free & A & D, Esperanza Juvenile, MIOS (mental health, wait list, limited), Community Center (El Centro)

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest**

Cascadia Behavioral Health Central Intake, (503) 674-7777

Bryan Ortega Bilingual Match Support (503) 943-5775

### **Catholic Charities** (503) 231-4866

2740 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

**Programs:** El Programa Hispano-academic case management, not mental health, Conexiones, Refugee Resettlement-immigration Services- serves Iraqi, Somali, Burmese, Butanese- helps with school transition Crime Victims Program (partnership w DHS- groups, teens adults) Latino Network- private non-profit

### **Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO)** (503) 287-4117

700 N. Killingsworth, Portland, OR 97217

Kayse Jama, Executive Director

**Programs:** Community, regional advocacy activities

### **Intercultural Psychiatric Program**

3633 SE 35th Place, Portland, OR 97202

Behjat Sedighi (503) 494-4222

**Programs:** Kurdish and Farsi speaking Mental Health Counselor. No private insurance. Serve Somali, Bosnian, Vietnamese, Afghani, Iraqi, Ethiopian (NO Latino, Russian Refugees)

### **Morrison Child and Family Services** (503) 258-4381

**Programs:** mental health Central Intake:

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### **IRCO Programs Asian Family Center** (503) 234-9396

8040 NE Sandy, Portland, OR

Lyn Tan, Ellen Parker Program Coordinators

**Programs:** youth programs PPS 4-8 gr youth parent engagement, bilingual tutoring K-8 no high school, case management, academic, social services: Vietnamese, Islam, Tonga, Micronesia, Asia-Pacific Islander, African

### **Africa House**

631 NE 102nd Ave., Portland, OR 97220

Abdiasis Mohamed (503) 802-0082

**Programs:** Focus on acculturation-refugee settlement

### **Lifeworks Northwest** (503) 645-9010

**Programs:** Mental health-Central Intake for appointments

### **Lutheran Community Services Northwest** (503) 231-7480

605 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd, Portland, OR 97214

**Programs:** Mental health services with specialty in multicultural perspective, skills.

### **Multnomah County Library**, various branches

Gregory Heights Library. LIBROS program Bilingual Librarian (503) 988-5396

### **NAYA Native American Youth and Family Center** (503) 288-8177

5135 NE Columbia, Portland, OR 97218

**Programs:** Range of programs and services for youth and families

### **Student Alliance Project** (503) 820-9336

1631 NE Broadway, Portland, OR

Rebecca Shine, Director

**Programs:** Advocacy training, activities for youth for immigration rights

## Planning Committee

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**Español (503) 916-3582** ¿Necesita usted asistencia para enviar un mensaje a la escuela de su hijo/a, o necesita alguna información relacionada con la escuela? Una persona bilingüe de nuestra Línea de Lenguajes estará disponible para ayudar durante los días de clases entre 8:00 a.m. y 4:30 p.m.

**Tiếng Việt (503) 916-3584** Nếu quý vị cần liên lạc với nhà trường hoặc cần biết thêm thông tin liên quan đến trường học của con quý vị. Xin vui lòng liên lạc với chúng tôi ở đường dây điện thoại ngôn ngữ "Language Line" vào những ngày học của con em quý vị từ lúc 8 giờ sáng tới 4:30 chiều.

**Русский (503) 916-3583** Вам нужна помощь, чтобы передать сообщение в школу вашего ребенка? Вам нужна какая-либо информация о школе? Сотрудник русской линии, говорящий на двух языках, может помочь вам в течение рабочего дня с 8:00 утра до 4:30 дня.

**中文 (503) 916-3585** 若您需要幫助有關貴子弟/女的學校信息或您需要知有關學校資訊? 雙語言熱線電話人員將為您在校期間解答問題. 時間由上午8:00正至下午4:30分.

**Soomaaliga (503) 916-3586** Miyaad u baahan tahay gargaar in aad fariimaha dugsiga ilmahaaga heshid ama miyaad u baahan tahay macluumaad la xidhiidha dugsiga? Waxaa khadka luqada kuugu diyaar ah qof shaqaale laba-luqadood ku hadla oo kaa caawinaya maalmaha dugsiggu furan yahay saacadaha 8:00 subaxnimo ilaa 4:30 galabnimo.

**Other Languages (503) 916-3589** Do you need assistance getting a message to your child's school or do you need school-related information? A bilingual Language Line staff person is available to help during school days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

