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RE: Diversity Focus Hosts the Fifth Annual Student Diversity Leadership Conference

Registration is open to all juniors and seniors for the fifth annual Student Diversity Leadership Conference, October 14, 2010, at Mt. Mercy University in Cedar Rapids.

This daylong conference focuses on helping students develop cultural competency. This core skill development will become a more important part of everyone's lives as demographics and economies shift. The Student Diversity Leadership Conference works to show students how to not only overcome differences, but embrace them for personal and professional success.

The keynote speaker is Bryant K. Smith, author of "Five: A Story of Human Potential" – a renowned speaker and consultant in the area of diversity and inclusion. Additional workshops for both students and teachers will be presented by LaSheila Yates: presenting an educator workshop on "Diversity Education for Educators" and Akwi Nji-Dawson, leading a student workshop entitled: Take a Stand."

The Student Diversity Leadership Conference is free to attend to all juniors and seniors and educators and includes a t-shirt. Students interested in attending should direct questions to the facilitator or guidance counselors at their school.

Registration, which is required, may be made online at www.diversityfocus.org/student

Diversity Focus was established in 2005 as a nonprofit organization devoted to enhancing the diversity of the Cedar Rapids - Iowa City Corridor. For more information about Diversity Focus please visit www.diversityfocus.org or call 319.363.3707.