



2017 ACT NOW! “The Power of NOW: Turning Challenges into Opportunities

The 16th Annual Character Education Youth Leadership Summit
Friday, December 1st 2017 8:30AM-2:30PM (lunch provided)

The Sage Colleges **Albany Campus**, Sage Armory 130 New Scotland Ave Albany N.Y.

Dear fellow youth advocate, our prior communications regarding our exciting 2017 16th Annual Youth Leadership Summit may have not reached you and your colleagues.

On Friday, December 1st 2017 the Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges Albany campus presents the Annual Youth Leadership Summit, “The Power of NOW: Turning Challenges into Opportunities.” Please find the attached program schedule

Teams of middle and high school students, teachers, and parents will participate in an interactive oriented program designed by student and teacher teams. Each team works to develop an action plan, to be implemented in their school. This year’s summit led by the student leadership team from Voorheesville aims to maximize student potential to commit to make a difference NOW.

The Summit will start with an interactive activity highlighting the Summit theme to “Make a Difference Now.” Next come Eight workshop sessions to be followed by several engaging discussion and planning seminars.

If you and your kids are interested in attending please call to reserve a space so we can plan accordingly. Last year we were able to accommodate 20 teams. We get many repeat teams but first timers are welcomed. The ideal team consists of a group of 10 including students from high school and middle school and an adult educator(s) and parent(s). A team of ten has a registration fee of \$375. While space permits we will accept additional students and adults for \$39 per delegate or \$375 for an additional team of up to ten. Already several schools have signed up for a team from the high school and a team from the middle school. Please contact us quickly if you would like to reserve a spot.

More detailed information will be coming after you reserve. For more information, contact us by phone [518-466 1030](tel:518-466-1030) or [518 244 2336](tel:518-244-2336) email at charactered@sage.edu .Our web is www.sage.edu/charactered

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Schedule: 8:30 am-2:30 pm, Friday, December 1st, 2017
Academy for Character Education At The Esteves School of Education
16th Annual Youth Leadership Summit

“The Power of Now: Changing challenges to opportunities”

Greetings: Randy Hall, Community Advisory Board Chair

8:30 Ice Breaker: thinking about time management

Opening 8:40 “The Power of Now: Changing Challenges to Opportunities”

Welcome Cassidy Danz – Voorheesville Student Leader

8:45 Introduction: “The Power of Now:

Dr. John Walko – Academy for Character Education

Joan Monk, Youth Advocate, introduces brief film “30,000 Days”

9:00 “Tell me, what do you plan to do with your one wonderful and precious life?”

(Mary Oliver)

Tim Kelley, School Counselor, Voorheesville High School

Workshop Session One 9:10 – 9:55 Eight different Sessions (see list below) (Session attendance coordinated by team advisor)

Workshop Session Two: 10:05– 10:50 repeat eight different sessions

(NB Special team Advisor Session: 10:10 – 10:45 Advisor gathering
and complimentary book distribution)

Lunch 11:00 – 11:25

Commentary: Sage Colleges

Admission Program

11:25–11:55 Community & Civic Responsibility: The Power of Now - How Can I Make A Difference, Panel,

John McDonald III, New York State Assemblyman interacts with student Panel with Dr. Walko Moderating

Workshop Session Three 12:00-12:45 repeat eight different sessions

12:45 afternoon Program

12:45–1:45 School Team Meetings: How will we make a difference in our school?

1:45–2:20 Each School Team Posts and Shares First Draft of Their School’s Action Plan /Theme

2:20 Closing, Special Prize Drawings (for schools present at closing)

Summing Up Dr. John Walko – Academy for Character Education

The Eight Interactive Workshops to choose from during the Three Sessions (Subject to change)

- Interactive sessions for workshops 1, 2, and 3 include:
- The Drug Epidemic: Where do I Fit? **Jen Vitkas, Nicole Charbonneau, Roland Riggins**, Albany Addiction Care Center
- Change Your Story, Change Your Reality **Ralph Singh**, Wisdom Thinkers Network
- Discover Your Inner Superhero, **Joan Monk** Character Day Organizer and Fairy Tale Consultant , Ph D in Peter Pan
- The Spirt of Entrepreneurism, **Scott Crowder**, CEO Educational Vistas, Inc.
- Social Media and Bullying: How Do I Cope? **Heather Guarini** , Bullying Prevention Education Program
- Planning Your Future: The Six Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make, **Theresa D'Arcangelis** Student Assistance Counselor Lansingburgh Schools
- How Tolerant are You? **Youth Power New York**
- Bullying: How Can You Provide Leadership to Stop Bullying in its Tracks, **Tatiana Gjergii** , Bullying Prevention Education Program