

## SUMMIT COUNTRY DAY LIST OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION SPEAKERS 2015-2020

### SOURCES:

**Mrs. Gail Rosero**, *Summit Country Day Upper School*

**Mrs. Rosie Sansalone**, *Summit Country Day Middle School*

**Mrs. Yngrid Alvarez**, *Summit Country Day Middle & Lower School*

**Mrs. Julia Almaguer**, *Summit Country Day Lower School*

### Lower School Speakers:

#### Speakers for Lower School faculty and staff:

- We had **Neil Dignan**, a differently abled artist from Visionaries and Voices, lead us in art on 3 different occasions. <https://visionariesandvoices.com/>
- Last year we had parents **Kate Hartmann** (now on faculty in the Montessori) and **Emily Frye** speak about being LGBTQ parents at Summit.
- **Jheri Neri**, Executive Director of the Greater Cincinnati Native American Coalition. His visit never came to fruition due to the March shutdown, but we had him scheduled to speak about the history of indigenous peoples in Cincinnati, up through the present. <https://gcnativeamericancoalition.com/>

#### Speakers for Lower School students:

**4/8/16**

- **Yngrid Thurston** - faculty presenter to LS about her home country & culture of the Dominican Republic
- **Andre Mellin** (Lenni's father) - parent presenter to LS about his home country & culture in Germany

**2/23/17**

#### **Empathy: The Key to Global Citizenry celebration of Egypt day**

- **Camellia Noor**: overview of Islam
- **Keila Dawson** (former SCD parent): Life as an American in Egypt
- **Karen Dadoub**: Executive Director on the Council on American Islamic Relations gave presentation on presentation on writing in Arabic
- **Lama Khoury** (SCD parent): writing in Arabic (other groups)
- **Freda (Crane) Shamma**: Goha Stories
- **Riyan Shamma**: sword dancing assembly
- **Cincinnati Museum Center**: Excavating Artifacts

**Misc:**

- We ordered food in SEED last year from **Conscious Kitchen** - black owned restaurant with DELICIOUS food, , and
- We ordered food from **Cincinnati COOKS** - offering job training and giving proceeds to the Freestore Foodbank,
- We ordered food from **Venice on Vine** - offering job training to those who might not be hired elsewhere due to former incarceration , etc.

**Middle School Speakers:****List of speakers who have presented to our 5th - 8th graders during our Summit Country Day Middle School Capstone Celebration of Voices since 2015:**

**Werner Coppel** - Holocaust survivor

**Steve Coppel** - son of Holocaust survivor

**Conrad Weiner** - Holocaust survivor

**Eugenie Mukeshimana** - survivor of the genocide in Rwanda

**Rabbi Kenneth Kanter**- *Associate Dean Hebrew Union College*

**Salka Barca**- *Saharawi Human Rights Defender* (refugee from Western Sahara)

**Dr. Humam Akbik**- Syrian Humanitarian Relief

**Dr. Jerry Cline-Bailey**- Xavier University

**Dr. Saeb Khoury** -immigrant from Palestine

**Aisa Softic** - survivor of genocide in Bosnia

**Alex Guibuilt** - refugee from Guatemala

**Rabbi Abie Ingber** - Xavier University

**Theresa Bird** - refugee from Vietnam

**Nicola Pietoso** - immigrant from Italy

**David Singleton** - Civil Rights Attorney

**Mirsada Kadiric** - survivor of genocide in Bosnia

**Yadav Sapkota** - refugee from Bhutan

**Kathy Wade** - jazz singer

**Tyra Patterson** - returning citizen (incarcerated for 20 years for crime she did not commit)

**Desirae Hosely** - poet from WordPlay

**Isaiah Reeves** - playwright and grandson of Freedom Writer

**Christine Wilson** - poet and activist

**Reverend Karen Montagno** - priest at Christ Church Cathedral

**Rick Guidotti**-fashion photographer focusing on the beauty of kids with albinism.

**TAJČI**- a singer/ songwriter and inspirational speaker from Zagreb, Croatia.

**Nikki Grimes**- poet and award-winning author of children and adult books, Nikki Grimes.

**Mr. Steve Free**-Artist who educates children through Appalachian and Native American music.

**Zack Morgan**-children's artist. The nationally sought-after entertainer performs hundreds of concerts each year at auditoriums, festivals, and theatres.

**Dr. Omekongo Dibinga: All Divisions-** Leveraging Diversity: Creating Culturally Competent Work Environments

**Leslie Prosak-Beres** -Associate professor at Xavier and Director of the Multicultural Literature Program) **Alicia Reece:** State Representative (LS)

**Beverly A. Grant:** Vice President & Chief Customer Officer, Procter and Gamble (MS)

**Officer James E. Craig,** Police Chief Cincinnati Police Department (LS)

**Frank X. Walker** writing workshop and assembly (US)

**Darius Weems (virtual)**-who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, travels across the country with eleven friends on a mission to get his wheelchair customized by MTV's "Pimp My Ride".

**David Hennig**-Magician who uses magic, music, puppets, and comedy to teach kids messages on diversity and acceptance.

### **Lower School & Middle School Cultural Activities:**

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee includes representatives in each school who help provide resources and promote events, activities, displays and speakers. Student members of the D&I Team participate in assemblies, and often lead them, to explore topics, interact with each other and provide the groundwork for in-depth discussion in Advisement groups. Assemblies usually culminate in speeches, skits and artwork.

### **Summit Country Day School D&I Activities by Divisions**

(M= Montessori, LS= Lower School, MS= Middle School, US= Upper School)

\*Every year

- **Cultural Celebration of Hair** (M, LS)\*
- **Cultural Celebration of Rhythms: Rap & Hip Hop** (M, LS)
- **Have You filled a Bucket Today?** Presentation (M, LS)
- **God's Dream, activity** (M)
- ***The Rough Face Girls: A Cinderella Story.*** ArtReach Presentation (LS)\*
- **Fun Day Diversity and Inclusion Concert** (LS)\*
  - Zak Morgan concert: *You Can Do It*
  - Magician with a Mission: Don't Laugh At Me
  - Zak Morgan Concert: Summit Character Traits Concert
- Literature Circles, documentary: ***Butterfly Circus*** (MS)
- Literature Circles, short film : ***The Lunch Date*** (MS)
- Literature Circles, documentary: ***Educating Peter*** (MS)
- Literature Circles, poem: ***I Have Dream*** (LS)
- Literature Circles, documentary: ***Darius Goes West*** (MS, US)
- Literature Circles, novel: **Monster**
- The People of Color Conference / Student Diversity Leadership Conference (US)\*
- **People of Color Conference**, assembly (US)\*

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Award** (MS, US)\*
- **Martin Luther King, Jr., assembly** (US)\*
- **Circles of Diversity**, Conference (MS, US)
- **Great Youth Debate** (US)\*
- **Stereotypes in the Media**, assembly (MS)
- **Cincinnati: A City of Immigrants**, play (MS)
- **Martial Arts presentation** (M, LS, MS, US)
- **Black History Lecture Series**, speakers:
  - Alicia Reece: State Representative (LS)
  - Beverly A. Grant: Vice President & Chief Customer Officer, P&G (MS)
  - James E. Craig, Police Chief Cincinnati Police Department (LS)
  - Kathy Wade, singer (M, LS, MS, US)
- **Dr. Prosek Beres**: Global Education Lecture
- **Shantytown: Homeless Awareness Week** (US)
- **Tour of West Chester mosque** (US)
- Weekly meetings (US)\*
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- **St. Rita's School for the Deaf at Unity Day** (US)\*
- **R.A.I.S.E.** conference (US)
- **Frank X. Walker** writing workshop and assembly (US)
- **Multicultural Festival** (M, LS, MS, US)
- **Different Abilities and Sports: Goalball** (MS, LS, M)
- **Summit Diversity Conference** (US)\*
- **Immigration Assemblies** (MS)
- **Assimilation vs. Acculturation Assembly** (MS)

#### Upper School Speakers:

#### DEI Upper School Speakers

The following DEI speakers presented at the Martin Luther King assemblies that are organized by the Upper School DEI Team. Every year I reach out to DEI parents for suggestions regarding speakers, and I have included the parents' names. In addition to the speakers listed below, Mrs. Toble has been working with the division director for the past three years to bring in speakers for Black History Month. I do not have access to that list – Gail Rosero

2019

- **William Gipson**, VP Proctor and Gamble
- **Jena Bradley**, the United Way

Mr. Gipson and Ms. Bradley presented on the theme of “Carrying King’s message forward into college and the corporate world.” Summit parents Mr. Watford and Mrs. Harrel were helpful in connecting us to these speakers.

## **2018**

- **Andrew Maraniss**

Mr Maraniss is the author of *Strong Inside*, a book about the first Black SEC player, Perry Wallace. Summit parent Ms. Warren suggested Mr. Maraniss, whom she met at a Vanderbilt function.

## **2017**

- **Voices of Destiney**, musical group, Proctor and Gamble.
- **Rev. Kevin J Cooper**, pastor, Lee Chapel AME church.

Voices of Destiney and Rev. Cooper presented on the theme of King’s ministry and faith life. Summit parent Mrs. Parker suggested the singing group, and Mrs. Khoury suggested Rev. Cooper.

## **2016**

- Student presenters

## **2015**

- Summit fathers:
  - **Mr. McLean**
  - **Mr. Purdie**
  - **Mr. Laney**

2015 was the start of the Black Lives Matter movement, and as part of the MLK presentation, these fathers took part in a panel discussion about being a Black man in America.

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