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# SNLP NEWS & UPDATES

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## LEADERSHIP MOMENTS

### **SNLP Celebrates 5 Years**

Our Fifth Anniversary Event **Rise (Up!) and Shine** will feature 5 incredible women leaders on 5 evenings in 5 amazing women's homes during April and May. Leaders will include Alice Walker, Cecile Richards, Vanita Gupta and more. Look for your invitation to this incredible event.

### **Moving On Up:**

Congratulations to Nyoka Acevedo and Aisha Domingue – who were promoted to Co-Directors of Program and welcome to our new staff member LeeAnn Fletcher who has joined us as the new full-time Program Associate. LeeAnn was a Dean during the 2004 Summer Institute and has also taught several Nash U. classes including the current Theatre Lab. Welcome LeeAnn!

### **Youth Advisory Council**

Young women at SNLP have created a leadership council to help guide programmatic and organizational decision-making. This group ensures that SNLP is not only youth focused but youth led.

### **Health and Safety Roundtable**

This upcoming event will feature conversations with experts from various organizations and will serve as a way to gather "Best Practices" about health and safety for young women and help us do it better.

### **Union Square Award**

In a December ceremony, SNLP was delighted to be added to the impressive list of organizations that were awarded a \$50,000 grant and honored as a Union Square Awardee.

## **CAP (Community Action Placement)**

*The CAP program is funded by Independence Community Foundation! Thank you!*

### **SNLP launches CAP Blog**

This online forum (<http://sadienashcap.blogspot.com/>) provides Nashers a space to discuss their CAP placements and topics they encounter during this project.

### **CAP Newsletter turns experience into expertise**

In March Nashers plan to distribute a Newsletter which they created using their own experiences, art and interviews. They've used time at the end of monthly CAP meetings to assemble this project.

### **CAP internships at over 15 sites!**

CAP sites for this year include Hope Veterinary Services, Casa Atabex Ache, Latin American Integration Center, Girls for Gender Equity, International Rescue Committee, CHAMP, Day One, YWCA of New York--Girls GIVE BACK, FIERCE, and the Global Action Project.

## **LAP (Leadership Action Project)**

### **Poetry LAP**

In January *Kyla Lino* launched her Poetry LAP providing young women an outlet for their feelings, opinions, and art. Kyla's group is planning to present their work at the March Showcase.

### **Getting your Learners Permit**

Luisa Batiz will lead a LAP on how to successfully pass the Learner's Permit driving exam starting in March.

### **Stop 2 ½**

Fantasia "Tay" Hamilton launched her LAP project Stop 2 ½ at her university. Stop 2 ½ is dedicated to educating the community on issues of sexual assault. Please check out her blog at: <http://stop2nahalf.blogspot.com>. Tay attends SUNY Oswego in upstate New York.

### **Women's Club**

Virginia Thomas will be launching a Women's Club in Midwood High School to provide a space for young women to share and develop their leadership skills with each other. Virginia plans to invite organizations like Day One and SNLP to facilitate workshops for the Women's Club.

## **Nash University**

### **My Body the Battleground**

The Nash U dance class presented an amazing dance performance at the Winter Celebration entitled "My Body the Battleground." 13 Nashers participated in this 10 week course.

### **Hear us Roar: Theatre Lab for Women**

On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Theatre Lab class will perform selections from Ntozake Shange's "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf." This performance will be featured at the Spring Showcase together with LAP presentations.

### **SAT Prep**

25 young women from all across New York City are involved in the 6 week SAT Prep course.

### **\*Women's Health Workshops**

These confidential, peer-led workshops have covered Minor's Rights, STDs and Sexual Health while addressing how they can affect the mental, physical and emotional health of young women.

### **\*Yoga**

Young women in this course are learning various yoga techniques and poses as a means of reducing stress and maintaining health.

### **\*College Prep Workshops**

SNLP will provide monthly college awareness workshops for Nashers beginning in February. All Nashers of all ages are welcome!

### **\*Rap Group (look for a new name TBD by participants soon)**

The newly launched rap group started up again on February 21<sup>st</sup>. This group is a safe space where young women can gather each week and talk about issues that affect them such as sexual education, family, school, stress and much more!

### **East Harlem Tutorial Program Leadership Training Class**

SNLP will be providing leadership development training for young women at EHTP ages 16 – 21 who serve on the EHTP staff as Youth Specialists. The training will explore issues of identity, community and action as they relate to young women's leadership.

### **\*Nash University *SPRING BREAK*:**

This week will be filled with different events such as trips, workshops, leadership seminar and much more! Be on the look out for mail from us detailing these fun activities.

*\*These Nash U classes still open to any young women (14 -21) who are interested.*

*For more information please contact Nyoka at [nyoka@sadienash.org](mailto:nyoka@sadienash.org)*

## **Other News**

### **Leadership Class at Rosewood High School at Rikers Island Correctional Facility**

SNLP provides weekly leadership workshops for the young women at Rosewood High School. SNLP works with young women ages 16 – 18 to explore the practical aspects of leadership such as conflict resolution, healthy relationships, literacy and much more.

### **Summer Institute**

Almost 125 college women from around the country applying for just 6 summer Dean positions. This includes several SNLP alumnae applying for the first time! Please note, we are still accepting applications for Summer Institute Faculty.

### **"Blueprint for Gender Equity" Conference**

The Long Island Fund for Women and Girls and Stony Brook University have invited our young women from SNLP to run workshops for 150 students entitled "What Does Leadership Look Like?"

### **Free Minds, Free People Conference**

In late June young women from SNLP will be participating in a conference in Chicago focusing on linking education to social justice and activism.

### **Reproductive Rights Conference**

On March 30th-April 1st, 2007 10 Nashers will gather with hundreds of people from the U.S. and abroad at Hampshire College for the 21st Annual Reproductive Rights Conference. Nashers will be leading a Strategic Action Planning Session on high school organizing and activism.

### **Taproot Grant**

The Taproot Foundation has awarded SNLP a service grant for the development of a donor database.

### **Vagina Monologues**

On February 13<sup>th</sup> a group of Nashers attended the NYU performance of The Vagina Monologues to celebrate V-Day.

### **SNLP Numbers**

SNLP closed our 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year with a modest surplus while maintaining an average 35% growth rate over the years! Yahoo – Thank you to our funders and friends for helping us make this happen!

### **The Board of Directors**

Sadie Nash welcomes new Board members Brita Steffelin, Lauren Klein and Cynthia Adams, who all joined last year. And congratulation to Damon Hewitt and Eve Yohalem, our new Board co-Chairs, with many thanks to the wonderful Linda Earle for her long service as Board Chair.