
SNLP NEWS & UPDATES

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****SNLP NEWSFLASH****

It Doesn't Grow on Trees

SNLP is honored to announce several NEW and exciting grants. We were awarded our largest institutional grant to date from **Eileen Fisher Inc.**'s 2007 Self-Image Grant Program for our *"commitment to the innovative, holistic, effective and direct approach to elevating the self-image of women and girls."* We were honored to receive 1 of only 3 grants awarded by **Tyra Banks'** Tzone Foundation in their inaugural NYC funding cycle. We are also delighted to receive grants from three new sources: the **Achelis Foundation**, **Charles Hayden Foundation**, and Thomas and Jeanne **Elmezzi Private Foundation**. *Many many thanks!*

New SNLP Lending Library

SNLP participant Ellen Schubert has established the new SNLP library. She has been collecting and organizing book donations and we have over 500 volumes related to women, girls, youth, and social justice including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art books, and much more. Come by the office and borrow a book today! Or to **DONATE BOOKS CALL 718-422-8664**.

Sadie Nash Celebrates 5 Years!

This spring we hosted 5 evenings with 5 extraordinary Leaders for our 5th anniversary benefit. Called **Rise Up! and Shine**, the event surpassed all projections, raising over \$50,000! We are grateful for all the support and for the amazing conversations with 5 great women: Vanita Gupta, Cecile Richards, Carrie Mae Weems, Yomara Velez and Alice Walker. **THANK YOU EVERYBODY!**

SNLP Youth Board Member

Rainbow Miller was elected by the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of SNLP. Rainbow is a sophomore at Brooklyn High School of the Arts and is majoring in instrumental music for the clarinet. She attended SNLP's summer program in 2006, and is returning for the 2nd year program this summer. Rainbow has also attended several Nash University classes, workshops and conferences.

LEADERSHIP MOMENTS

Nasher Delivers Speech to Crowd of 2500

Janeen Ettienne spoke in front of *2,500 people* at the New York Women's Foundation 20th Anniversary breakfast on May 3rd. Representing SNLP, Janeen was one of only two NYWF grantees speaking; she shared the spotlight with Mayor Bloomberg, Phylcia Rashad and Whoopi Goldberg.

Leadership Project featured in SUNY paper

Fantasia "Tay" Hamilton launched *Stop 2 ½* as her "LAP" at SNLP and has since established the project as a formal organization at her SUNY Oswego campus. The organization was featured in an article highlighting the group's efforts to educate the community on issues of sexual assault through meetings, poetry slams and an active blog.

Youth Leadership Honoree

For her work focusing on ending teen dating abuse and domestic violence, **Virginia Thomas** was honored by Day One, her former CAP site, at their annual benefit. After giving a speech, she was presented with their Youth Leadership Award and \$500. Because of her work, Virginia has also just been awarded a summer internship at the Mayor's Commission to combat Domestic Violence.

Shuruq

This year **Sadia Kalam** served on the planning committee of the NYU organization Shuruq. This organization highlights the diversity of life, culture, art, music, literature, religion, and politics in the Muslim world. This year, the committee focused its work on challenging stereotypes of Muslims and Islam, through community events and workshops.

Poetry Workshop

Kyla Lino facilitated a poetry workshop at the "I am Irreplaceable" Youth Conference, hosted by Girls Education and Mentoring Services (GEMS). Kyla helped guide participants in finding ways to transfer their feelings surrounding abuse and violence into poetry and stories.



The 5th of 5: Alice Walker (front center) with guests at our final 5th Anniversary event in Fort Greene Brooklyn.



Young women from the Nash U. class **Hear Us Roar: Theatre Lab for Women** performed at the Spring Celebration. They acted out selections from Ntozake Shange's *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf*

Nash U. is funded in part by Liz Claiborne Foundation and Valentine Perry Snyder Fund.

Cancer Research

SNLP Founding Class member (2002) [Juana Thomas](#) was recently awarded a Posse Summer Leadership Award in order to work at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine doing cancer research. Juana is a Posse Scholar at Middlebury College.

Nashers Leadership at National Conferences

Nashers continue to be invited to *lead* workshops at conferences around the country including most recently the *Long Island Fund for Women and Girls Gender Equity Conference*, the *21st Annual Reproductive Rights Conference* at Hampshire College, and the *Free Minds Free People: Education for Liberation Conference* in Chicago.



Nashers pose with Leader Yomara Velez from Sistars on the Rise and Host Tonya Lewis Lee at the SNLP **Rise Up! and Shine** 5th Anniversary benefit event.

OTHER NEWS

Rap Group

Due to the overwhelming success of the school year Rap Group, led by Tara Devineni MSW, we will offer a **summer session** for any young women interested. This group is a safe confidential space where young women can talk about issues such as sexual education, family, stress and more.

Organizing 101

In June we hosted our 2nd annual all day workshop focusing on how young women can organize to create change around the inequalities and injustices they see in their communities. Guest presenters included members from Sistars on the Rise.

The 6th SNLP Summer Institute!

From July 9th to August 17th, SNLP will run its 6th Summer Institute with 45 young women from all 5 boroughs. For the first time, the SI will focus on a theme, which is **women's health, healing and safety**. This focus is in response to recent reports from our young women and other research showing that young women's health and safety is a number one issue that concerns them. Academic and creative coursework will include, for example, *Politics of Healing*, *Global Women's Health*, and *Power of Identity through Movement*.

Along that theme, Leaders will include Loretta Ross, Founder of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, Dr. Angela Diaz Executive Director of Mt. Sinai Adolescent Health Center, Ina May Gaskin midwife and founder of The Farm Midwifery Center, and Lisa Price, founder and CEO of Carol's Daughter Inc.

We are also excited this year to have two participants (alumnae) running our "2nd year" program. Nurah Morgan and Leanne Sajor have been awarded paid internships through New York Foundation and will be co-directing the Leadership Action Project (a collective organizing project) with 12 "2nd year" participants and with co-Program Director Nyoka Acevedo. Additionally, two of our six Deans this year – college juniors and seniors who serve as role models, advisors and mentors – are SNLP alumnae!

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