

SNLP NEWS & UPDATES

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NASH NEWSFLASH

Can't Thank Enough!

The New York Women's Foundation has approved an extraordinary *sixth* year grant of \$50,000 for SNLP! This is a huge honor, as their grants usually have a 5 year cycle. Thank you NYWF!

Welcome back, Juana!

We are delighted to welcome **Juana Thomas** as an intern this fall. Juana is a POSSE Scholar, a 2009 graduate of Middlebury College, and a member of the founding class (2002) of SNLP!

We'll Come to You!

In the new re-design of our after-school programming, we hope to build on our already successful **Sadie Nash Partnership Program** by reaching out to more schools and community based organizations, customizing leadership classes, and bringing our unique mission to young women around the City. We offer classes for a semester, a full academic year, or shorter trainings or workshops for students or staff.

Contact Shreya Janssens-Sannon at shreya@sadienash.org for more info!

It's PARTY TIME @ SNLP!

Building on our hugely successful Garden Party (see below) we are having *two more* parties this fall! Party on!

Sadie Nash Leadership Project Party!

When: Monday, November 2nd, 7-10 pm
Where: Verlaine at 110 Rivington Street
Price: \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door
Why: Nash-o-Politans, DJ Reborn, lots of fun people - all to support a great cause!

A Seat at the Table: Women and Leadership Dinner Party

When: mid-November
Why: come have dinner with an *incredible* woman (TBA) at an intimate sit-down dinner party in a private home (limited tickets)
Price: \$250 per person, \$400 per couple

Happy to Help:

The Eileen Fisher Inc. Social Consciousness department has invited SNLP Executive Director Cecilia Clarke and intern Juana Thomas to an all-day brainstorming session to help guide the focus and outline of the corporation's next 3-year funding cycle. The topic? Why, **girls and leadership** of course!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

A Whole New Nash U!

After-school programming at SNLP has undergone a major makeover! We have re-organized and re-designed our after-school programs which serve over 200 girls per year as follows: School and agency-based leadership classes around the City will now come under the heading **Sadie Nash Partnership Program** – these include programs working with more under-served young women such as those in foster care and the juvenile justice systems. Additionally, to increase and deepen our impact, we have created a new intensive *year long* program called **Leadership Institute** comprised of two concurrent classes meeting twice a week for 10- months. Leadership Institute will work with over 40 young women from around the City and both classes will incorporate community building, activism, and intensive leadership development. Participants will receive a final financial bonus based on attendance, and are eligible to receive school credit. The two classes are:

Sisterhood Academy explores identity, leadership development, career and life options, healthy relationships, wellness, and creative self-expression. Using their own lives and experiences as a starting point, young women will examine their identities and communities, and critically discuss issues facing young women. They will also build practical skills and knowledge on issues such as health, financial literacy, and college awareness while using a variety of creative outlets like spoken word, art, and writing to express their thoughts and share their knowledge.

Making Waves focuses on leadership development, social justice, activism and social change. Young women will examine issues in their lives and communities and will look into historical and contemporary female leaders and social justice movements. They will explore theories of leadership development and social change, become familiar with local government, leaders and relevant social justice campaigns in our city and learn practical activist skills. As a culminating project, participants will design and execute a social justice youth summit to educate and mobilize their peers around issues of concern to them.

**Tell a young woman you know – we are still accepting applications!
Applications may be found online at www.sadienash.org**

A Garden Club Would be Envious!

On June 1st, the Board of Directors of SNLP hosted a **Garden Party: Cultivating Fresh Ideas on Leadership**. Guests enjoyed cocktails and conversation at the stunning rooftop garden home of Lisa and Chris Goode.



SNLP Board Member/Alumna Judith Rosena interviews Sarah Jones

Two SNLP participants interviewed honored guest, Tony Award winning playwright, performer and UNICEF ambassador, **Sarah Jones**, who astonished the crowd with insightful questions for the youth as well as spot-on impressions of the complex, diverse characters in her life! The night was a huge success, with almost 120 guests in attendance and raising \$25,000 in greatly needed support. On the way out, guests were given a unique party bag that included a small plant of their own to nurture and cultivate!

Help nurture young women's leadership: Attend one of our upcoming events (see "Party Time @ SNLP"), or volunteer as a college or academic mentor, or tell a young woman, NYC high school, or CBO about our programs, or...make a generous donation online! Thank you!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Sadie Nash Newark:

Summer may be a time to relax in the sunshine for most, but not at Sadie Nash Leadership Project! We were very busy this summer running two 6-week Summer Institutes in both New York City and Newark, working with 75 young women in total. We returned to Newark for our 2nd summer with amazing success! In the spring, we welcomed our new part time Director, Tynesha McHarris, and through her extensive efforts at outreach, we doubled our number of young women served to almost 30 young women from Newark. Tynesha was supported by co-Director Leana Cabral, a former Dean. The program also featured a strong contingent of Newark based faculty. Coursework offered in Newark this summer included *Womanist Thought and Spirituality*, *Building a Feminist Collective*, *Art and Womanhood*, and *Dear Hip Hop*. With Tynesha's strong leadership and the incredible support from Rutgers-Newark and our funders, we hope to build on the success of the summer with creative and ambitious programming for these young women during the school year. Results from our anonymous evaluation showed that:

92% "feel more excited about or interested in going to college," **92%** feel they "have more options for their future," **100%** agreed with the statement "I can take what I have learned at the Summer Institute and apply it at school" and **100%** "feel more confident because of participating in the Summer Institute."

Many thanks to our Newark donors for making this program possible: Rutgers-Newark, Geraldine Dodge Foundation, Victoria Foundation, Patrina Foundation, Sagner Family Foundation and Amy Feinberg.



Newark and New York City Nashers participate in community building activities at a field day in Newark

In addition to a variety of rigorous academic and creative classes, NYC Nashers met with incredible women Leaders including CEO **Eileen Fisher**, food coop founder **Zena Nelson**, artist **Wangechi Mutu**, deejay and filmmaker **DJ Laylo**, Principal Chief **Brenda Dardar Robichaux** of the Houma Nation and anti-violence activist **Cara Page**. Nashers also attended workshops and fieldtrips including **Women-in-Action**, visiting an impressive cross-section of women in the workplace including a choreographer, a home birth midwife, an environmentalist and a death-row attorney.

Summer Institute New York:

Hard to believe we just completed our 8th Summer Institute in New York City – we've certainly come a long way from just 16 girls in 2002! In an effort to reach as broad a cross-section of girls from NYC as possible, this year we overhauled our recruitment strategy and reached out to over 300 schools and CBOs in all five boroughs (this herculean effort was overseen by Senior Program Manager LeeAnn Fletcher) generating an **unprecedented 81 applicants** for just 35 spaces. As always, "1st years" explored notions of identity and leadership in two core classes *Leadership Seminar* and *Power, Identity, and Privilege ("PIP")*. "2nd years" brainstormed methods and issues for a collective project in *Leadership Action Project (LAP)* which culminated in an August 11th action in Union Square Park entitled "**Define Your Own Beauty**," in which they constructed a "red carpet" runway and invited the public –over 60 strangers walked! - to model the beauty of diversity.



NYC Summer Institute Nashers and Staff welcomed Leader Wangechi Mutu

When asked about the greatest lessons they took away from their SNLP summer Nashers responded:

"...be true to yourself and fight for what you believe in. Create a safe space for yourself and for others. Compassion and devotion go a long way in life."

"Being surrounded by other women has inspired me to be powerful and to love myself."

"I now feel a sense of responsibility to my community having learned from my classes. I need to step up in the communities that I care about and I can't wait to use what I learned at school."