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A GLIMPSE OF DIVERSITY

Documentation of and Participation in the
Educators for Diversity 2003 Conference
--Building Tomorrow Together, Today--

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In the spring of 2002 I attended the Educators for Diversity Conference at Utah State University. A year later as I looked for a professor to work with and a thesis project that would capture the essence of my major's emphasis – Multiculturalism in the Community – Dr. Martha Whitaker came to mind.

Along with teaching in the Department of Elementary Education, Martha also is the Steering Committee Chair of the Diversity Conference. During our first meeting to discuss the possible thesis topics, we toyed with different ways in which I could fulfill the Honor requirements and also serve as an asset to the conference. We decided that I would join the committee and assist in the planning for the upcoming conference. During the ensuing meetings I recognized an unfulfilled need within the organization. There were no visual recordings of the previous years' events.

For a major portion of my project I spent time filming and taking pictures of participants, performances, classes, and keynote speakers at the 2003 Diversity Conference. Then, working with Stu Parkinson at the USU Technical Services I created a narration and layout for a promotional video. The footage would be used not only as documentation of this year's conference, but also as a way to encourage teachers and community members to participate in upcoming conferences. The presentation would also be used to solicit the support of businesses and organizations within Cache Valley and surrounding areas.

At the beginning of this month I presented the completed video to the committee members at one of our monthly meetings. I explained the benefits of having such an asset available to them, and I gave information for obtaining additional copies of the video.

Thanks to my thesis project the organization of Educators for Diversity now possesses a valuable resource that can be expanded upon in succeeding years. My work and energy went to a admirable cause—improving the quality of education for minorities in our community and strengthening the ties that bind humans together—regardless of their differences.

NARRATION

1. MUSIC (text stands alone)

2. In August of 2000, a group of K-12 teachers, university educators, community members, and students met at Utah State University. Educators for Diversity was organized as the result of their desire to provide learning opportunities that foster a greater understanding of diversity. The organization seeks to provide skills and information for teachers and community members working with children and youth from varied, diverse backgrounds.

3. To encourage more effective care and assistance to all students and families, Educators for Diversity organizes annual conferences. These conferences provide the opportunity for gaining insights and instruction from researchers, colleagues, parents, students, and other community members.

4. (Text stands alone)

VISUALS

1. TEXT

Educators
for
Diversity

You must work
-- we must all work --
to make this world
worthy of its children.
Pablo Casals

2.

Pictures of YOU
(Board Members)
here

Pictures from an
ESL class

3. STILL VIDEO:

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4.TEXT

Building Tomorrow
Together- Today
(3rd Annual Conference)
Utah State University
March 2003

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| 5. Participants of the Diversity Conference can expect two days packed with enlightening and engaging ways to embrace the challenges of diversity. | 5. Video (no sound/narration)
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| 6. Keynote speakers present facts, statistics, and challenges that come with a diversifying classroom and community. | 6. Photo: 1738 |
| 7. Performances by USU student clubs, 4-H folk dancers, local artists, and others entertain captivated participants. | 7. Photo: 1696
1701
1712 |
| 8. Light meals provide opportunities to interact with others who are committed to the cause of celebrating and supporting diversity in our schools and community. As one participant commented, "I loved rubbing shoulders with new people and seeing the cultural diversity of others!" | 8. VIDEO CLIP (no sound/Narration)
04:41:12-04:57:00 |
| 9. Participants become deeply involved as high school students in the scholarship competition struggle to express their dreams of attending college. | 9. STILL VIDEO- 15:48:22 |
| 10. Break-out sessions provide participants with a vast array of encouraging and instructive classes. Presenter Fidel Montero from Dixon Middle School in Provo, Ut highlights the ability of educators to motivate and inspire students to achieve great success in their lives. | 10. STILL VIDEO-
02:51:24
27:48:08
14:15:19
08:09:27 |
| 11. VIDEO CLIP (stand alone w/audio) | 11. VIDEO (Presenter: Fidel Montero, Dixon Middle School, Provo, UT)
09:05:00-09:40:00 |
| 12. Many participants come to the conference with the purpose of gaining skills and insights into better assisting students and families in the schools and community. They leave with the hope and belief that they can make a difference in individual lives. | 12.. Photo: 1699
1729
STILL VIDEO- 14:37:22 |

13. 29:44-30:59:18
(teacher giving evaluation)

13. VIDEO (stand alone w/audio)

14. "We believe it is time to face squarely the unfortunate fact that our difficulty meeting the needs of our diverse student population results in high drop-out rates and an untold loss in human potential. Students' varied cultural backgrounds, socio-economic class circumstances, achievement differences, gender, sexual orientation, religious perspectives, physical and learning disabilities, and language learning challenges combine in classrooms to create a tapestry of difference. Educators for Diversity is an organization whose participants view this diversity as a rich opportunity for all of us."

15. For further information on becoming a participant or supporter of Educators for Diversity please call, e-mail, or visit the official web-site.

14. STILL VIDEO-

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22:49:24

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