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Montgomery County Education Equity Summit

September 25, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Montgomery County Community College
Blue Bell, PA

Parents, educators, community leaders — spend a day sharing ideas, expertise and strategies to further equal opportunity and academic excellence in Montgomery County Schools.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, associate professor of English education and anthropology at Columbia University and award-winning newspaper columnist and social critic, will present *Education Matters: Creating Educational Equity for All Students.*

Dr. Hill will be joined by local, state and national leaders in secondary and higher education, civil rights, community development and social change.

The summit will include a panel discussion with Montgomery County School District superintendents; *Student Voices* video presentation; breakout sessions on community and parent engagement, college preparation, mentoring, delinquency prevention & more. Click here for details.

The event is free, but registration is limited.
Register online or by phone at 215-576-7711, ext. 12.
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Agenda

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast/Registration (Location: Science Center Main Lobby)

9:00AM Opening & Welcome (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)
Dr. Karen Stout, President, Montgomery County Community College
Homer C. Floyd, Executive Director, PA Human Relations Commission
Stephen A. Glassman, Chairperson, PA Human Relations Commission

Montgomery County Student Voices Video Presentation—Mareya Singleton, 8th-Grade Student, Abington Jr. High; Dr. Vincent Cotter, Colonial School District Superintendent; John Quinn, Director, CITV; Kim Newell, Assistant Director, CITV

9:30AM Charge of the Morning—Dr. Maurice L. Hall, Associate Professor, Villanova University (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)

9:35 AM **Morning Panel Presentation—Promising Practices: Montgomery County School Districts — moderated by Dr. Bradley C. Landis, Pottsgrove School District Superintendent. Panelists: Dr. Leigh Altadonna, Abington Assistant School District Superintendent; Dr. William Lessa, Hatboro-Horsham School District Superintendent; Dr. Michael J. Pladus, Upper Dublin School District Superintendent**
(Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)

10:10 AM MORNING BREAK—refreshments available in main foyer

10:25 AM **Workshop Session I: Resources for Better Community Involvement**
(Location: Classrooms 204 through 208 and 301 through 304 and Science Center Main Auditorium)

*Topic 1: **Judy Landis Walterson, BSW, Urban Family Council — Understanding our Children and Teenagers in Light of Cultural Contexts** (Location: Room 204)

*Topic 2: **Brady Goodwin, B.S.,Urban Family Council — In Search of Healthy Relationships** (Location: Resource Area)

*Topic 3: **Victor Cooper, President, Urban Family Council — Role of School Administrators in Ensuring Students' Academic Success** (Location: Room No. 206)

*Topic 4: **Karren N. Dunkley, M.Ed., Deputy Chief, Office of Parent, Family, Community Engagement & Faith-Based Partnerships, School District of Philadelphia** — Parent Empowerment through Education (Location: Room No. 207)

*Topic 5: **Oscar Vance, Chief Detective, Montgomery County District Attorney**—Mentoring, Delinquency Prevention and School Safety: Proactive approach to working with schools in Montgomery County (Location: Room No. 208)

*Topic 6: **Eric Almonte, J.D., Special Assistant to the President, Cheyney University, & Rose Makofske, J.D., Director of Equity and Diversity, Montgomery County Community College** — Getting Ready for College (Location: Room No. 301)

*Topic 7: **Dr. Steady Moono, Vice President of Student Affairs, Montgomery County Community College** — Mentoring African American Males (Location: Room No. 302)

*Topic 8: **Carlene Neal, Philadelphia Regional Director, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission & Angela McIver, Executive Director, Southeastern Pennsylvania Fair Housing Rights Center— Overview on Compliance under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act (Location: Room No. 303)**

*Topic 9: **Vanessa Saylor, MSW, President, The Potters Education Consultancy — Targeted Partnerships for Student Success** (Location: Room 304)

*Topic 10: **Jamie C. Ray, J.D., and Margaret McKenna, J.D., staff attorneys for Pennsylvania Client Assistance Program — Transition Services Available to Disabled Students Through the Pennsylvania Client Assistance Program** (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)

*Topic 11: **Kacy Conley, Director, Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network — How Out-of-School-Time Programs Can Support Student Success** (Location: Room 205)

11:15AM **Workshop Session II—School & Community-Based Strategies For Addressing The Needs of All Students: Montgomery County School Districts**

*Topic 1: **POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Krista Rundell, Mark Shuster and Tony Montes, SNAP Academy Sponsors — SNAP Academy** (Location: Room No. 204)

*Topic 2: **HATBORO-HORSHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dennis Williams, Principal, Hatboro-Horsham High School — Bridging The Gap: Creating A Climate That VALUEs Diversity** (Location: Room No. 205)

*Topic 3: **NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allyn Roche, Director, Secondary Education and Professional Development — Closing the Achievement Gap at North Penn High School** (Location: Room No. 206)

*Topic 4: **POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stephen Rodriguez, Principal, Pottstown High School — Restorative Practices: A Model For Building Relationships at Pottstown High School** (Location: Room No. 207)

*Topic 5: **METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Patty McGinnis, Director of Staff Development — Using Technology to Include All Students** (Location: Room No. 208)

*Topic 6: **ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Leigh Altadonna — Opportunities to Learn Initiative** (Location: Room No. 301)

*Topic 7: **CHELTENHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT, Dr. Darlene Davis, Superintendent; Iris Parker, Principal, Cedarbrook Middle School — Cedarbrook Achievement For All Initiative** (Location: Room No. 303)

*Topic 9: **WISSAHICKON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lyn Fields, Principal, Wissahickon Middle School — ACE A-3** (Location: Room No. 304)

*Topic 10: **LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mary Kirchner and Sean Hughes — Lower Merion School District Minority Achievement Program** (Location: Resource Area)

*Topic 11: **UPPER DUBLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, —A Multi-Faceted Community/School District Approach Targeting the Achievement Gap** (Location: Main Auditorium)

NOON LUNCH — (Provided by sponsors) (Location: Science Center Main Lobby and Front Lawn)

1:00PM Introduction of Keynote Speaker — Angela McIver, Vice Chairperson, Montgomery County Advisory Council to the PHRC; (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)

1:05PM **Keynote Address — Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, Associate Professor, Columbia University; (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)**

1:40PM Dr. Marc Lamont Hill Book Signing in Resource Area

2:15PM **Charge for the Afternoon—Dr. Maurice L. Hall, Assistant Professor, Villanova University** (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)

2:30PM BREAK— Refreshments available to attendees in Science Center Main Lobby

2:40PM **Workshop Session III — Increasing Cultural Competence in Schools**

- Workshop groups will be assigned upon registration.

3:00PM **Strategic Planning Sessions — Dr. Maurice L. Hall, Assistant Professor, Villanova University** (Discussion sessions to address what is needed to improve schools; what successful schools look like; meaningful ways to enhance and strengthen approaches implemented throughout Montgomery County Schools to close the achievement gap; & approaches to establishing meaningful, constructive and ongoing partnerships among stakeholders.)

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3:35PM Large Group Session—Next-step planning and follow-up (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)

3:55PM Closing Remarks and Summit Wrap-Up (Location: Science Center Main Auditorium)