

To: Administrators, Sponsors, and Facilitators
From: Ed Hightower and Bob Daiber
Date: March 2, 2016
Subject: News Bulletin - "Conversation Toward a Brighter Future"

We want to thank you for your tremendous contribution leading up to the February 23rd and 25th Summit. You were simply outstanding and we have great energy and excitement for this project.

1. If you have not had an opportunity to view "Conversation Toward a Brighter Future" on the MJCHF Facebook (Mannie Jackson Center for the Humanities Foundation) or Twitter page (mjch_foundation, #mjchfbrighterfuture), we encourage you to do so, as there are excellent pictures and comments. **We need more followers and likes on our Facebook/Twitter!!!**
2. Students and school sponsors must review project guidelines together to ensure that everyone understands the task, rubric, and deadlines.
3. Students and sponsors should meet and identify a school issue and begin developing a project plan or strategy. **Meeting should be held by Thursday, March 10.**
4. Facilitators will contact school sponsors during the week of March 7 to determine how project topic selection is progressing and to see if assistance is needed. (Facilitators are listed below)
5. Project topic must be emailed to drehightower@mjchf.org by Wednesday, March 16.
6. Wednesday, April 13 - Draft of project proposal is due.
7. Monday, May 2, 2016 - Proposal Submission Deadline
8. Monday, May 9, 2016 - MJCH Finalists Presentations
9. Thursday, May 12, 2016 - MJCH Fellows Announced
10. Friday, May 13, 2016 - High School Fellows Reception
11. Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - Middle School Fellows Reception

Assigned Facilitators:

Please access mjchf.org/brighterfuture for emails and telephone numbers for facilitators.

James Kerr – Granite City High School, Triad High School, Triad Middle School, Coolidge Jr. High School

Andrew Reinking – Center of Educational Opportunities, East Alton-Wood River High School, East Alton Middle School, Collinsville Middle School

Sean Hill – Alton High School, Alton Middle School

LaDonna Whitner and Deb Pitts – Madison High School, Venice Middle School, Madison Junior High

Annice Brave – Civic Memorial High School, Roxanna High School, Roxanna Middle School, Wilbur Trimpe Middle School

Chris Head and – Collinsville High School, Edwardsville High School, Liberty Middle School, Lincoln Middle School

If you have questions or recommendations, please email drehtower@mjchf.org and you will receive a response within 24 hours.

We cannot express our gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful start that you are off to and the outstanding feedback that we are receiving regarding the Summit. It is up to each person to commit to making this project a model for other school districts and communities to emulate. We have the talent, enthusiasm, and knowledge and we will get it done!