

GRADUATE PITTSBURGH SUMMIT 2011

SUCCESS IN SCHOOL FROM COAST TO COAST: GETTING TOGETHER ➡ GETTING RESULTS

November 10, 2011 ~ 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hosanna House's Event Center, 807 Wallace Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Summit Highlights

- Ⓢ **National Keynote Speakers:**
 - Jabali Sawicki** - Pathways to Excellence: Promoting the Success of Black Males
From Brooklyn, New York – Founding Principal, Excellence Boys Charter School
 - Yolie Flores** - Teaching Girls: Perspectives on Supporting Success
From Los Angeles, California – CEO, Communities for Teaching Excellence
- Ⓢ **Update on activities, progress and initial results from the Graduate Pittsburgh Initiative**
- Ⓢ **Getting Results Think Tank & Taking Action Table Talks**
- Ⓢ **Act 48 credit available - free parking in lot on Wallace Avenue – breakfast and lunch included**

About Jabali Sawicki & Excellence Boys Charter School (East Coast)

Jabali Sawicki is the founding principal of Excellence Boys Charter School of Bedford Stuyvesant located in Brooklyn, NY. Under Mr. Sawicki's leadership, Excellence aims to prepare its young boys to enter, succeed in, and graduate from outstanding college preparatory high schools and colleges. Mr. Sawicki is a graduate of Oberlin College where he received a dual degree in Biology and Philosophy. Mr. Sawicki also is a KIPP Fellow and received his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Teachers College, Columbia University.



About Yolie Flores & Communities for Teaching Excellence (West Coast)



Yolie Flores is CEO of Communities for Teaching Excellence (CTE), a national education advocacy organization working to ensure effective teaching for every student, in every classroom, every year. Working in local communities across the nation – very recently beginning here in Pittsburgh – they help to build the capacity of parents, students, & other stakeholders to increase the public awareness & political will that is needed to ensure all students effective teaching. Over her 25 year career, Ms. Flores has served on the LAUSD Board of Education fighting to reform LAUSD & challenge the culture of failure for poor children & children of color & has held leadership roles in the non-profit, government & philanthropic sectors in the areas of systems change, community engagement, & child advocacy.

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ABOUT THE GRADUATE PITTSBURGH INITIATIVE

VISION - The Graduate Pittsburgh Initiative works to increase the high school graduation rate in Allegheny County.

MISSION - The mission of the Graduate Pittsburgh Initiative is twofold: to increase awareness of best practices to raise graduation rates, indicators of drop out risk factors, and interventions to help students succeed in school, and to promote collaboration among schools, youth, parents, youth-serving organizations, the community, government, and business.

The Graduate Pittsburgh Initiative meets monthly and works on specific student success initiatives.

The committee is convened by Communities In Schools and is comprised of dedicated individuals representing: A+ Schools, Allegheny County (Department of Human Services, Juvenile Probation, and Office of the County Executive), Big Brothers Big Sisters, CCAC, ChildWatch of Pittsburgh, City of Pittsburgh (Housing Authority, Office of the Mayor, Pittsburgh Partnership, and the Police), Crossroads Foundation, LeMoyné Community Center, Neighborhood Learning Alliance, Pittsburgh Promise, Pittsburgh Public Schools, SMARTFutures, Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board, Urban League of Pittsburgh, United Way of Allegheny County, University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development, Youth Advocate Programs, YouthWorks, and YWCA of Pittsburgh.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE 2011 GRADUATE PITTSBURGH SUMMIT?

As a part of carrying out our mission, the Graduate Pittsburgh Initiative holds an annual Summit bringing together people who are concerned about youth and the future of our community and workforce:

- School leadership (Superintendents, School Board members, and school administrators)
- School personnel (teachers, counselors & social workers, SAP Team, & support staff)
- Youth-serving organizations (serving any age in any area)
- High School Students (who by the way can attend for free!)
- Parents and community members
- Business community who are concerned about an unprepared workforce and desire this to change.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

- Together we CAN make a difference. Every single person should take action to combat the drop-out epidemic. A drop-out rate of 35 – 50% is NOT acceptable and impacts our entire community.
- You will learn promising practices from two national keynote speakers:
 - How to promote success for black males
 - How to support success for girls
- You will be part of a Think Tank focused on turning the information learned into action to impact the success of ALL children and youth.
- You will be INSPIRED to act - given the tools to act – and meet the people who are making change.

Graduate Pittsburgh 2011: Commit to Attend – Commit to Take Action!

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To register, please complete and return a separate registration form for each meeting participant.

Questions? Contact Kate from Communities In Schools (412-969-9814 or kpieratt@cispac.org).

Act 48 – 4 credit hours available ~ Registration & continental breakfast at 8 a.m. ~ Program begins at 8:30 a.m.

Free parking available in lot on Wallace & inexpensive metered parking available nearby Hosanna House.

COST: \$30 per person (College students - \$15 per person / High school students – free)

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