

Minority Student Achievement Network MSAN Monthly, May 2017

Hello MSAN Colleagues,

We have taken a few extra days to prepare this month's update, so that we could share [videos with you from our 2017 MSAN Institute](#)--including our amazing keynote addresses, the incredible panel discussion from the Institute, which featured current high school students in MSAN districts, and some inspiring [testimonials](#) from Institute participants.

This month's entire MSAN Monthly is a celebration of the 2017 [Institute](#), our annual MSAN conference that draws educators, researchers, student leaders, and community partners from around the country to share current thinking on equity leadership and cultural competence. The links below will take you to videos of sessions, conference handouts, and other resources.

Special thanks to our 2017 MSAN Institute sponsors: [WIDA](#), [Equal Opportunity Schools](#), [American Family Insurance](#), [UW Madison Education Outreach and Partnerships](#), and [The Network](#).

To all who helped make this year's MSAN Institute such an impactful gathering--from our esteemed speakers and presenters, to our beloved student leaders, our conference planning team, and of course to our attendees--thank you!

-Madeline Hafner
MSAN Executive Director

EQUITY-FOCUSED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The MSAN agenda is **three-pronged**; our consortium works to eliminate opportunity/achievement gaps in schools through **research, policy analysis, and professional learning**. The MSAN Institute is our hallmark professional learning event. [Click here to view the full conference program booklet](#). Several breakout sessions focused specifically on professional learning and growth, as well as coaching and evaluation. See below, and access handouts from all breakout sessions [at this link](#).

- **Keynote speaker Jamie Almanzan facilitated a small group session** on Coaching Equity Focused Educators: Developing Culturally Responsive Leaders and Teachers. [Click here for the full video](#).
- **Madison Metropolitan School District shared their district's work around teacher evaluation and cultural competence** in [Using Classroom Observation and Feedback to Promote Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Practice](#).
- In [Change is Hard. Protocols Can Help!](#) the **RtI Center outlined a consultancy protocol** to be used to empower educators to explore multiple dimensions of equity dilemmas to reveal potential next steps.

EQUITY IN ACTION

One important element of equity work in schools is **developing a solid focus on student leadership**. This year's Institute featured more student leadership than ever before:

- **A session on [middle school social restorative justice programming](#)** (click here for flyer) co-led by middle school students and community partners.
- **[A presentation by high school students \(see video here\)](#) on the implementation of their school's MSAN [Student Conference Action Plan](#)**, with a focus on battling microaggressions.
- **[Panel discussion with current high school students in MSAN districts \(see full video here\)](#)**, described by many as THE highlight of the conference!

Watch upcoming MSAN Monthly emails for more information on student leadership in MSAN, including details on this fall's MSAN Student Conference. It will also include information on an upcoming webinar, co-convened with Buckeye School District on their [award-winning MSAN work with middle school students](#).

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

The MSAN Institute brings together all types of leaders, who are leading in many ways, in many contexts, across the country. Two key leaders, our keynote speakers, provided context and inspiration for our work together at this year's Institute. **Jamie Almanzán** delivered the opening keynote address, *Creating an Equitable School District--Culturally Responsive Leadership and Teaching*, and **Dr. Latish Reed of Milwaukee Public Schools** delivered the April 28 keynote, *Navigating the Fierce Urgency of Now: Where Equity Theory and Practice Meet*. [Full videos of both talks, along with slides, handouts, and other presentation materials, are available in full on the MSAN Institute website.](#)

RESEARCH YOU CAN USE

Though all of the presentations at the MSAN Institute included information on research, the following breakout sessions at this year's institute included an **explicit focus on research conducted by the presenters**. The titles below link to breakout session slides, handouts, and other materials:

- [The Importance of Cultural Programs for Urban Native Youth](#)
- [Providing Gifted and Talented Programming to Underserved Populations Through a Research-Practice Partnership](#)
- [Fulbright Research and Project Implementation in MSAN Districts](#)
- [All Hands on Deck! The Circles of Support Approach to Addressing Disproportional Educational Outcomes](#)

MSAN STUDENT CONFERENCE

The MSAN Student Conference will be taking place October 18-21, 2017 in Cleveland, OH. We thank the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City school district for hosting. Please check the [MSAN Student Conference webpage](#) often for updates. More info to come!