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“You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself “

– Nelson Mandela

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PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



ARAVIND POCHIRAJU

Mr Aravind Pochiraju is a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience in the field of educational technology. As the founder of Lnr, an Adaptive Learning Company, he is dedicated to making personalized course materials and classroom engagement tools accessible to all. Prior to establishing Lnr, Aravind played an essential role as the head of the Digital Innovation Group at Pearson. During his tenure, he spearheaded the development of a groundbreaking eReader for iOS, along with several other highly successful apps. His contributions were instrumental in positioning Pearson as a leader in the competitive Mobile domain. His outdoor activities include hikes in the mountains, rowing and kayaking, cycling through scenic landscapes, exploring the depths of the ocean through scuba diving, and enjoying the captivating world of sci-fi movies.

Aravind has been an active volunteer with organizations that help people in conflict zones with basic necessities. He was introduced to P-CoC by Dr. Lang and currently serving as the Vice President and Vice Executive Director of P-CoC. He understands and identifies with its values and mission even though new to the organization.

He focuses on helping underprivileged folks around the globe without regards to geography, race, color, etc. where the common theme is absolute poverty. Despite his alignment with the underprivileged in society, he is also inclined to helping organizations with a noble mission such as P-CoC.

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Arab immigration to the United States began in earnest in the late 1800s, with Arab Christians arriving from the former Ottoman Empire. A significant drop in immigration during the early 20th century followed the Johnson-Reed Immigration Act in 1924, but the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 encouraged the arrival of those seeking safety and opportunity.

Even today, the federal government classifies people hailing from the Middle East and North Africa as “White.” While the creation of a separate race/ethnicity category of MENA (Middle East-North African) has been proposed, it is not yet approved.

An estimated 3.5 - 4 million people of Arab heritage currently live in the United States, and the vast majority were born in this country. Roughly three-quarters of Arab Americans are also Muslim. People of Lebanese and Iranian origin make up the largest subgroups of Arabs in the United States. One-third of all Arab Americans live in the greater metropolitan areas of Los Angeles, Detroit, and New York.

Famous Arab Americans

Rashida Tlaib

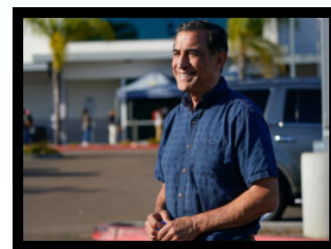
Born and raised in Detroit to immigrant parents from the Palestinian territories, Democratic Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib represents Michigan’s 13th District.

Zaha Hadid

Hadid was the first woman to be awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize. She was born in Iraq and received a Bachelor’s degree in mathematics from the American University in Beirut.

Darrell Issa

The grandson of Lebanese immigrants, Issa was born in Cleveland and represented California districts in Congress from 2001 to the present.



RECENT EVENTS

Inauguration

[Y.A.F Team]

We are delighted to share recent inauguration of the P-CoC, Inc. Young Adult Forerunners Network Group, also known as the YAF Team.

The engagements drew together an enthusiastic group of young adults dedicated to fostering long-lasting professional networking. The energy and commitment displayed during the event are truly promising, and we are excited about the prospects this initiative holds.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all who attended and participated actively. We are confident that the YAF Team will continue to thrive and serve as a valuable resource for your professional growth.

Stay tuned for future updates and initiatives from the YAF Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hastings families- PTSA forum against bias April 17

The Inclusion Working Group, a committee of the PTSA, is holding a forum about how incidents of bias, bullying, and harassment impact your experience in the schools. The forum will be downstairs at the Hastings on Hudson Library, Wed. April 17 at 6:30pm.

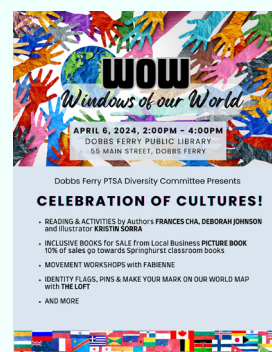
Dobbs Ferry PTSA Diversity Celebration: Windows of Our World!

Celebration of our culture through

- Reading and Activities by Various Authors
- Inclusive Books for Sale from Local Business
- Movement Workshops
- Identity Flags and more

WHEN: April 6, 2024, 2-4pm

WHERE: Dobbs Ferry Library, 55 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry.



HAILS AND WAILS

Isabella Nwokeji

Isabella Nwokeji, a dedicated athlete known for her prowess on the track, has secured the prestigious role of Captain for the Scarsdale Spring Track and Field team. Bursting with enthusiasm, Isabella is eager to lead her teammates to victory and introduce fresh strategies to elevate the team's performance. With genuine appreciation, she embraces the responsibility of guiding younger athletes, eagerly offering her expertise in drills and providing support during meets. Having devoted herself to running since her freshman year, Isabella's excitement to continue her journey on the track is palpable. She feels deeply honored to have earned the captaincy and is brimming with anticipation for the season ahead. Isabella's unwavering dedication and leadership promise an exciting and successful season for the Scarsdale team.



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