

# Students Inspired at the 2nd Annual Tri-State College Diversity Summit



*Student Attendees of the Tri-State College Diversity Summit*

The Tri-State Diversity Council hosted their Second Annual College Diversity Summit at Onondaga Community College on April 13, 2013 in Syracuse New York. The organizers of the event sought to foster a dialogue among students, universities, and employers, with the goal of promoting a collaborative multicultural society that acknowledges the value of diversity and inclusion. The theme of this year's summit was "Succeeding in Today's Global Workforce: Leveraging Resources, Relationships, and Leadership Skills."

"The summit was held to cultivate student's understanding of leadership and diversity, thereby

giving them a head start on becoming successful in corporate America," said Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of the Tri-State Diversity Council.

The event opened with a continental breakfast and opening remarks given by the event organizers, before the students were ushered into concurrent sessions led by business professionals, who presented on topics such as "How to Land the Job & Present Yourself Professionally" and "Cross-Generational Communication in the Workplace." After the sessions, students attended a luncheon where keynote speaker Karen Lemon, Vice President of Outsourcing and Service Management at AT&T,

shared essential leadership skills she had gleaned throughout her career.

At the close of the luncheon, participants attended another round of concurrent sessions, before the summit concluded with a networking hour, allowing students to establish valuable contacts with corporate professionals.

The Tri-State Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors and panelists for helping to make this year's College Diversity Summit a rousing success.