

The Tri-State Diversity Council Hosts the Third Annual College Diversity Summit



Left: Panelist from Breakout Sessions; Middle: Keynote speakers Rod Colon and Melani Littlejohns; Right: Attendees of the 3rd Annual College Diversity Summit

“Preparing Tomorrow’s Workforce” was the theme of the 2014 Tri-State Diversity Council’s Upstate New York College Diversity Summit. The Summit was held on March 29, 2014 in Syracuse, NY. This marks the 3rd Annual College Diversity Summit hosted by Onondaga Community College.

“The goal of our college diversity summit was to bring professionals together with college students, in order to provide them insight into transitioning from college to career,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

Melanie Littlejohns and Rod Colon were keynote speakers featured at the summit. Melanie Littlejohns is the Director of Community and Customer Management for the Central New York Division of National Grid and Rod Colon is the founder and president of Rod Colon Consulting, LLC.

Multiple panelists and speakers were also featured and spoke on multiple topics including: “How to Land a Job & Present Yourself Professionally”, “Defining & Building Your Brand”, “Bridging Cultural Barriers within the Workplace” and many more.

Participants received top-notch tips from leading professionals in their respective fields. As in years past they shared experiences of best practices created thought provoking discourse among students and professionals.

Participants left inspired and equipped with tools to continue to facilitate diversity into the work force through the sessions offered.

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