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Students Speak About Their Role in Helping Save Lives

Youth explain their vital role in creating a movement to implement in 55 valley schools

Phoenix, AZ (January 17, 2017) – Students are tired of seeing their classmates harm themselves and others, and they are doing something about it. On Thursday, January 26, forty-three Youth4Youth team members will lead 750 fellow west valley students as they deliver the Get in the Way Conference message using The Thinking Skit, followed by a keynote speaker, breakout groups and a closing session.

Youngker High School Senior Britney Klawuhn sees the conference as a chance to connect with other schools across the valley to share the #CareEnough to [Get in the Way](#) message. “Our message is strong and we want to show students that it’s ok to care enough to help others. You can get in the way of bullying. Get in the way of depression, suicide, drugs and alcohol, cyber-bullying, and disrespect. The list goes on.”

Youngker High School Advisor Mary Scott adds, “We have a core group of student leaders that have worked very hard to raise awareness about issues affecting teens in our community. The Get in the Way Conference increases awareness about uncomfortable issues that teens may have to deal with on a daily basis both inside and outside of school. Our goal is not only to create awareness, but to suggest ways to combating these problems effectively.”

One of the most valuable parts of the day will be the breakout groups. This allows students attending to share their experiences, ideas and solutions. Each breakout group is comprised of 10 students and is facilitated by a [Youth4Youth](#) member and a community volunteer. Youth will rotate through three breakout groups during the event. Youth4Youth Founder Larry Tracey states, “At the end of the conference day we will have data from more than 120 small group discussion/brainstorming sessions that took place. Schools will use the data to successfully implement their post-conference projects.”

The conference team is a collaboration with [Youth4Youth](#), Gina Godbehere with the Community Based Prosecution Division of the [Maricopa County Attorney’s Office](#), the [Pendergast Elementary School District](#) Superintendent Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux and Strategic Business expert, Jennifer Rogers with [GCON Inc.](#)

The media is invited to attend the conference. For pre-conference interviews or day of coverage, please RSVP to Jennifer Rogers (480) 599-0104. A special thank you to those who have already supported this event to make it free for students, parents, teachers and police attendees; Maricopa County Prosecutor’s Office grant, Pendergast Schools, GCON Inc., Youth4Youth, ASU West, Jeremy Anderson, EPCOR Water, Diane McCarthy, Orcutt/Winslow Architects and the Dion Initiative.

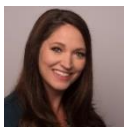
About the Conference Founders:



Gina Godbehere is the Bureau Chief of the Northwest Valley Bureau in the Community Based Prosecution Division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. She has over two decades of experience both as a trial attorney and in assignments with a wide variety of bureaus, including Pretrial, Juvenile, Gang, and the Repeat Offender Unit, during which she has tried every type of felony case including first degree premeditated murder. Throughout her twenty years of service with MCAO, Gina has played an integral role in developing the first Juvenile Drug Court, in implementing the Juvenile Transfer Offender Program, and is the Co-Author and Creator of the Ultimate Trial Research Notebook used by prosecution agencies throughout Arizona. Gina is Maricopa County's designated Bias Crimes Prosecutor, and she actively trains prosecutors and law enforcement officers throughout the state. Gina was born, raised, and currently resides in the west valley. She graduated from Cactus High School, before receiving a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies and a Juris Doctorate degree from Arizona State College of Law in 1995.



Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux was born in New York, N.Y. where she attended elementary school and two years of high school. Her family then moved to Isabela, Puerto Rico where she completed high school and college. Lily's educational preparation includes degrees in Elementary Education (BA), Educational Leadership and Supervision (MA and PHD), all from the University of Southern Mississippi and a BA in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico. Her experiences are varied and include serving as a teacher, elementary principal, middle school dean of students, assistant superintendent, adjunct university professor, English as a Second Language Instructor, director of religious education at a military base, business owner, and community volunteer. Lily owned a technology company for six years before returning to her true love: education. Dr. DeBlieux was appointed as the first bi-lingual, Latina Superintendent of the Pendergast Elementary School District in May 2014. Dr. DeBlieux is involved in community organizations including: The Hispanic Leadership Institute, Glendale West Rotary, Leadership West Class XX11, City of Phoenix Youth and Education Commission, Glendale Chamber of Commerce, and others. Lily is sought after as a motivational speaker, and in 2015 she founded the organization Si No Yo, Quien? LLC, to provide training to empower women to reach new heights in their personal and professional lives. She is married to Earl, a retired chaplain who served 30 years in the United States Air Force. She has two children; Joel, a Network Engineer and business owner living in Fort Myers, Florida and Dr. Linda, a Pharmacist living in Tucson, AZ. She is also the proud grandmother of Evangeline.



Jennifer Vogel Rogers, graduated cum laude from the Walter Cronkite School of Broadcast Journalism at Arizona State University. Rogers began her career as an on-air reporter and sports anchor for CBS in Washington state, and continued to work on-air for NBC in Lubbock, Texas. The next move was back to her hometown in Phoenix, Arizona where she worked as a reporter for NBC. She was featured on MSNBC and nominated for an Emmy Award. Rogers hosted and executive produced a 30-minute show on Fox Sports Houston for the Astros called, "Here's the Pitch," and was hired as executive producer and host of "Anything That Rolls" on Channel 39 in Houston. While producing these shows, Jennifer created a successful social media video company. Rogers grew her brand to Arizona and began consulting for companies in Public Affairs, Media Affairs, and Business Development. Jennifer has run successful, award-winning, campaigns for companies such as Central Recovery, Angel MedFlight Air Ambulance, and the City of Buckeye, earning her the title of "Marketer of the Year" from the Phoenix Business Journal.

Jennifer and her husband, Kyle, former pitcher for the Texas Rangers organization, now live back in Arizona, and grew their family with a son and daughter.



From studying for the priesthood to being part of the pit crew for Evel Knievel, Larry Tracey has risen to the top learning hard lessons on what he calls a road of "personal destruction." Those valuable life experiences propelled him on a road of "personal construction," where he discovered the importance of character and embracing the core values of integrity, quality and passion.

As founder of the Youth4Youth program (www.youth4youth.org) he is seen as a leader who creates positive change as demonstrated by the development and implementation of his leadership and success training programs in more than 100 schools impacting over 175,000 youth and adults. Project Love in Cleveland, Ohio, has recognized Larry as a Community Rescuer. As a trainer, author and keynote speaker, he practices and teaches the principles of success. He is known as expert in effective communication skills, time management, leadership development and teambuilding. Larry is a 2-time semifinalist in the World Championship of Public Speaking and helps others become polished professionals.

Larry is a member of Leadership West Class 21 and an Executive Committee member of the [WOW Coalition](#). He is the father of three boys and author of the book, "The Secret of the Can: How to Not Get Distracted by the Drama and the Garbage of Life."