

SEED Plantings: The SEED Newsletter

Dear SEED Leaders:

Happy fall! This is the first of a new SEED newsletter that we will be sending out three times a year to all SEED leaders to keep you up to date with SEED happenings.

We want to take this opportunity to share a heartfelt thank you to Emily
Jane Style and Brenda Flyswithhawks, co-directors who have moved into
the position of senior advisors for the National SEED Project. Their wise and dedicated
leadership during the first 30 years of SEED provides us with a legacy we are committed to
stewarding and growing in the next phase of the project. We are honored to continue their
powerful work.

We're excited that there's already been a surge of interest in the 2017 SEED New Leaders Week. We hope to have applications available on our website by early December. In the meantime, anyone who is interested in becoming a SEED leader may sign up to be notified by e-mail when applications are available.

ReSEED 4: Apply Now!

We're happy to announce that the next ReSEED, for previously trained SEED leaders, will be January 14-16, 2017, in conjunction with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The MLK weekend has traditionally been a time when SEED staff gathered to build community and begin the planning for



Celebrating

New Leaders Week. ReSEED 4 has a theme in keeping with Dr. King's writing: **Where do we go from here?**

This coming year (and new administration) presents a very important time for SEED leaders to regroup and think about how they will continue to do equity work and stay safe. If you have completed a year of facilitating a SEED seminar, we invite you to consider joining us at ReSEED to revisit, renew, recharge, and recommit to working for a more just community.

We will host this event in the Washington, DC area. Tuition for ReSEED is \$950.

Rolling admissions will start December 1, and we recommend that you apply sooner rather than later.

Other News

- SEED Founder Peggy McIntosh spoke in October at the White Privilege Symposium New England at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She led a breakout session on "Learning How to Use Privilege to Weaken the Systems that Gave it to Us." SEED also had an exhibit table there, staffed by Co-director Emmy Howe and SEED Leader Karen LaChance.
- <u>Trinity Episcopal School</u> in Texas is excited about "creating conversational communities that drive change," as the SEED tagline says, and has made <u>this video</u> to celebrate the tenth year of peer-led SEED seminars at Trinity.
- Roeper School in Michigan celebrated ten years of SEED in October with over 100 alumni returning to share a dinner and many heartfelt testimonials about SEED's impact. Co-directors Jondou, Gail, and Emmy participated in the Roeper anniversary, visited SEED Leader Stacy Holloman's class as they shared their name stories, and led an activity with SEED participants. It was a gratifying tribute to the ongoing leadership of Diversity and Community Programs Coordinator Carolyn Lett and her team.

Upcoming Conference Appearances

- <u>National Association of Independent Schools People of Color Conference</u>, December 8
 10, 2016, Atlanta, GA
- Creating Change, January 18-22, 2017, Philadelphia, PA

We encourage all existing leaders to join our private <u>Facebook group just for you</u>, where leaders across the years are asking questions and sharing ideas and resources. You may also "Like" <u>our public Facebook page</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> for news and content that you can share with non-leader colleagues and friends.

Finally, if you haven't yet, please register for the leaders-only section of the <u>SEED website</u> for access to a variety of helpful resources. Click "Register for Leaders' Account" near the top right of our homepage. You'll then get an e-mail with a link you must click to verify your e-mail address. After that, we'll confirm that you are a SEED leader and approve your account, and you'll receive a second e-mail telling you your account is active. (Kindly give us up to 24 hours to do so, especially on holidays and weekends.)

We hope you are doing well in your personal and professional lives, and encourage you to let us know what you've been up to, either in the <u>SEED Leaders Facebook group</u> or via e-mail to us personally or to <u>info@nationalseedproject.org</u>.

With appreciation,

Emmy Howe, Gail Cruise-Roberson, and Jondou Chen The National SEED Project Co-directors





