

Inter-Faith Anti-Bias Task Force

Mission Statement

Intolerance and prejudice against persons because of their race, ethnicity, age, disability, gender or sexual orientation tear at the fabric of a democratic and pluralistic society. Acts of violence based on such bias further alienates individuals and groups, and serve to rob us of the crucial sense of security we all require in order to live, work, play or pray in our communities.

In consideration of the destructive effects of prejudice and racism in our communities and in order to address this ongoing problem, the Suffolk County Inter-Faith Anti-Bias Task Force has been created.

The Task Force is a non-partisan group that is a sub-committee of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission. The Task Force is comprised of concerned citizens, government officials, representatives of the Hate Crimes Unit of the SCPD, people from the field of education, clergy, and representatives of the town Task Forces all of whom work together to address the issue of prejudice and racism in any segment of our county.

The Task Force will work to prevent and combat prejudice and racism and diffuse their destructive effects in several ways, including but not limited to:

1. Reaching out in an impartial manner to bring together involved parties for dialogue;
2. Developing a network of local clergy and community representatives to develop responsible leadership, working in partnership with the Task Force.
3. Working with and through appropriate County channels to reduce the economic and societal pressures which lead to bias, hatred and misunderstanding.
4. Networking with governmental and law enforcement agencies to combat prejudice and its destructiveness..
5. Supporting programs of education to eliminate bias and hatred.
6. Developing a significant and public presence in Suffolk County so that individuals, local groups and the media will be aware of the important and responsible services which the Task Force can provide.



Steven Bellone
County Executive

The Suffolk County Inter-Faith Anti-Bias Task Force 2013 Awards Convocation



Wednesday, June 5, 2013

8:30 am

W.H. Rogers County Legislative Building
725 Veterans Memorial Highway
Smithtown, NY 11787

Rev. JoAnn Barrett
Co-chair

Rabbi Dr. Steven A. Moss
Co-chair

PROGRAM

Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Invocation

Rabbi Dr. Steven A. Moss, Co-chair

Welcome

Rev. JoAnn Barrett, Co-chair

Group Presentations

Holocaust-Genocide Project
Cold Spring Harbor High School

A World of Difference
Huntington High School

Global Awareness Club
Shoreham-Wading River High School

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

GROUPS

Peer Support Program, Bay Shore High School

Center for Peace Program, Central Islip High School

Holocaust-Genocide Project, Cold Spring Harbor High School

A World of Difference Organization, Huntington High School

Gay Straight Alliance Club, Islip High School

Longwood Diversity Institute, Longwood School District

Global Awareness Club, Shoreham-Wading River High School

Gay Straight Alliance Club, Walt Whitman High School

STUDENTS

Jahmal Burt	Amityville High School
Jeffrey Dickran	Babylon High School
Spencer Schnorr	Bay Shore High School
Isaiah Washington	Centereach High School
Annie Witherspoon	Centereach High School
Samantha Galina	Commack High School
Tatiana Woellhof	Dawnwood Middle School
Zah-Niyah Jerrick	Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Cara Bracken	Miller Place High School
Gabrielle Angeloro	Miller Place High School
Rachel Dwyer	Rocky Point High School
Sarah Whitworth	Rocky Point High School
Lindsay Cox	Sag Harbor Schools
Gabrielle Gardiner	Sag Harbor Schools
Elizabeth Grigonis	Sag Harbor Schools
Kendra Wetherell	Sag Harbor Schools
Victoria Koffsky	West Islip High School
Matthew Wheeler	Wyandanch Memorial High School

EDUCATORS

Regina Casale	Longwood Jr. High School
Brooke Bonomi	Rocky Point High School
Linda Aydinian	Sag Harbor Schools
Ellen Martin	Southampton Intermediate School
Kerry Palumbo	Southampton Intermediate School

Closing Remarks