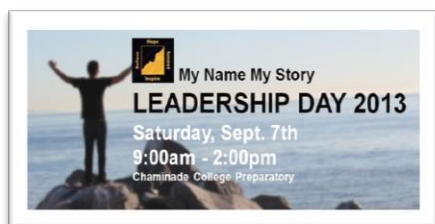


My Name My Story

Leadership Day 2013 ~ 18 Schools Strong!!



My Name My Story is proud to announce the success of our first Leadership Day, hosted at **Chaminade!** Eighteen schools from Southern California sent select students to learn about leadership, and create bonds with other student leaders. We were inspired to see how keen these students are to learn about empathy and how quickly they each chose their favorite activities to give back to their schools and to their communities.

The day began with a BANG! Everyone picked a partner and scrambled around the room getting to know each other in the first round of ice breakers. Just before they could catch their breath, they were divided up into small groups. Now they went a little deeper: shared some of their stories, learned about childhood memories, challenges that they may have faced and overcome, and ended with a little team-building with the Count Off game! Then MNMS founder, **Amit Dodani**, and MNMS School Club Advisor, **Julie LaBelle**, took to the stage for a few moments to explain the MNMS mission and to bring home the power of youth leadership and teamwork.

The students then broke off into their workshops run by MNMS Leaders from Chaminade College Preparatory. The workshops were about student leaders exchanging the experiences and ideas that had worked for them at their MNMS School Club. Attendees learnt about being an empathetic leader in the community, leading their own MNMS School Clubs and the power of MNMS Activities and Projects. Even 11 year old, **Ajay Dodani**, shared how he had to "earn his stripes" to become a MNMS Leader at the workshop for middle-school students.

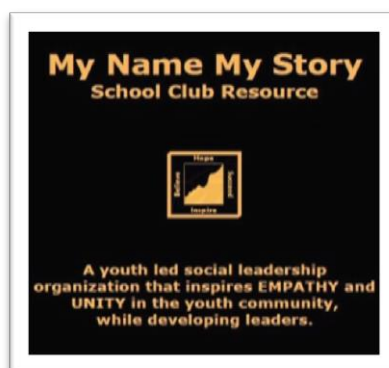
The Mix-It-Up Lunch was a ton of fun to watch! Aside from the vibrant colors and the

balloons flying between the happy students getting their grub on, those of us watching from a distance were amused to see students playing duck-duck-goose, doing jumping jacks, and soon, we were not surprised to see one table start a conga line that eventually included the entire leadership!!

The day came to a powerful close with a few individuals who were chosen to represent the MNMS values of Hope, Believe, Succeed & Inspire. **Alex and Ronnie Mansour** performed their original song written for My Name My Story, which echoed out with incredible talent and sincerity. Then, **9/11 survivor Judith Francis** gave an emotional account of her experience in the World Trade Center. By sharing her story of survival, Judith called out to each and every person in the room to be an empathetic leader, encouraged everyone to embrace their own strengths, and find their passion in life.

For every individual that attended, Leadership Day was a monumental occasion. We were all refreshed and energized! Student leaders from all over Southern California went home with newfound motivation to affect change and to take leadership in their communities. For those of you that weren't able to make it, look out for our next event coming up soon in a city near you! ~ By Ra'idah Noohu, MNMS School Club Advisor.

New School Club Handbook



This Comprehensive 37 page School Club Resource is available to all registered MNMS School Clubs to make an Impact in their Schools & Communities.



SPOTLIGHT

"It was a once in a lifetime experience." Mary H.

"To me, what was the most memorable was the unity...children, preteens & teenagers, along with adults came together and bonded as if we had known each other all of our lives." Christian D

"I loved it! It was a lot of fun..." Brandon S.

"You guys need to keep doing what you are doing..." Kelsea V.

See the highlights, attendee reactions and other powerful talks from the MNMS 2013 Leadership Day please visit the [My Name My Story YouTube Channel](#)



It's Conga Time!



MNMS@NADE Leaders lead the entire event. These leaders tirelessly sacrificed their time to spread the word of Empathy & Unity in the community. MNMS@NADE Leaders - YOU GUYS ROCK!

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