

Welcome



Welcome to our 4th International Youth Leadership Conference. When we first started this conference, we weren't sure how it would turn out. We knew we had a great idea, and a great group of dedicated people to organize the event, and an even better group of students to plan for. But we also had a great challenge before us – no one had ever done something like this before.

There certainly are plenty of student leadership conferences to model from, but none that put Emergent Bilingual students at the center. We put you in the spotlight and you did not hesitate to show the world that you are as thoughtful, vibrant and talented as any group of students out there.

And you did not shy away from telling us how we could do better the following year.

Your representatives in the High School Leadership council have proven that you can do more than just show up to the Conference – you can host your peers, you can emcee the ceremonies, you have plenty of talents to share, you can strut your stuff in the fashion show, you can facilitate workshops and you can make formal presentations to School Administrators and VIPs. And even as participants, your appreciation of the opportunity and active engagement during the workshops have motivated facilitators and exhibitors to ask to be invited back each year.

Which is what brings us to Portland State University today. When PSU first offered to host this year's IYLC, we knew that it wasn't because they simply wanted to be part of a great event. The job of the Professors and Administrators here at PSU, is to anticipate the knowledge and skills that our society will need for the next several generations. They see a world that will need accountants who speak Oromo, science educators fluent in Kareni, and Arabic-speaking civil engineers, just to name a few. And to make their vision a reality, they see all of you applying to be full-time students and eventually graduates of PSU.

PPS and PSU share a clear vision of you leading us into the future. We need your eagerness to adopt new ways of seeing the world; we need your ability to utilize the resources around you to produce something completely new and unique; we need your skill at navigating multiple cultures while still honoring your roots in your communities.

Our challenge for you is to take the talents and skills you have in you right now and envision an even better future for yourselves than we ever could.

Because every day, each of you, is doing something great that has never been done before.



Carole Smith, Superintendent



Veronica Magallanes, Director, English as a Second Language Department



Student Rules of Conduct

- All students must be transported to and from the conference on school district transportation. No private cars are allowed. Exceptions will be made for students attending alternative educational programs using public transportation or private cars accompanied by PPS chaperones.
- All students are required to remain inside PSU Smith and Cramer Halls at all times.
- All students are required to wear their conference name badges at all times.
- No drugs, alcohol or smoking allowed.
- All students must be dressed appropriately:
 no bandannas, hanging belts, sagging pants, tube
 tops, strapless shirts, and no clothing with offensive
 statements allowed.
- All students must adhere to all school district rules and procedures regarding appropriate behavior. Students who fail to adhere to any of these rules will be asked to leave the conference immediately. It will be the responsibility of the school chaperones to notify your school's principal and parents and arrange for removal of the student from the conference.



Conference Schedule

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11:30-12:00 pm L	unch	Smith Hall, 3rd Floor Ballroom
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F	Awards/Talent and Fashion Show/ Closing Remarks	Smith Hall, 3rd Floor Ballroom
2:30 pm D	Departure	



Keynote Speaker



Tamam WarituYouth Motivational
Speaker and Trainer
www.tamamwaritu.com

Born in a tiny village in Ethiopia, East Africa, Tamam grew up in deep poverty and hardship. After coming to America at the age of 16 where he leaned the first word of English, he and his siblings lived in a low-income government apartment with food-stamp as their main source of income. Despite his circumstances, he was able to overcome his challenges through hard work and perseverance and went on to receive his Graduate Degree from Harvard.

Today, Tamam uses his inspirational story to empower thousands of youth to believe that they can achieve great things despite their obstacles. Tamam believes that obstacles should be the greatest motivating factor in our life, not used as an excuse for failure.

He's spoken at Universities such as Harvard & Princeton as well as many other institutions and youth leadership conferences.

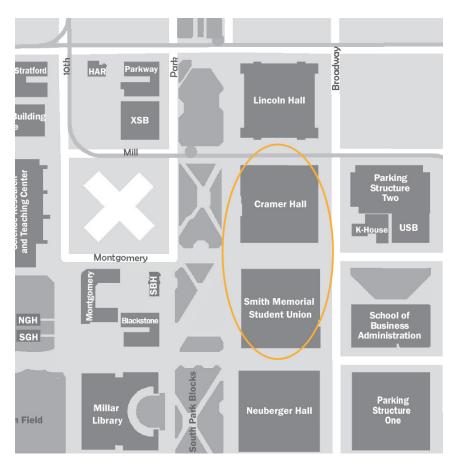
Tamam has worked with groups of educators, parents, and practitioners. He has spoken to thousands of teens and trained hundreds of student leaders.

His ultimate goal is to inspire as many young people as possible and help adults make a positive impact on the lives of teens, particularly low-income and ESL students.

Tamam lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife Tiya and his son Amir.

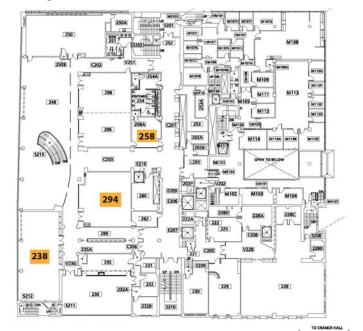


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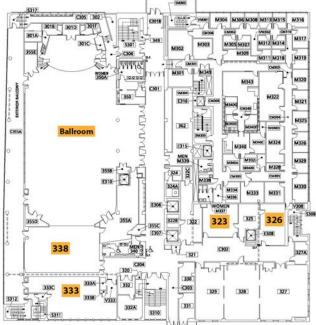


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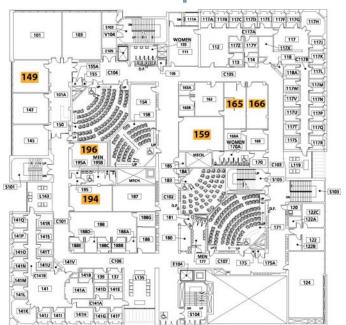
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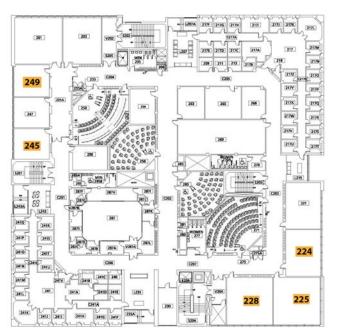




Map of Cramer Hall



Cramer Hall 1st Floor



Cramer Hall 2nd Floor



1. ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP

Current IYLC High School Leadership Council members will share their perspectives and experiences as emergent bilinguals in Portland Public Schools. Council members will invite participants to analyze how the way students are introduced to a school community can impact their futures and school identity.

Facilitators: IYLC High School Leadership Council members

Session: 1 Location: Smith Hall, Room 238

2. STEPPING INTO COLLEGE

Former PPS student and International Youth Leadership Council member, Ana Wu will facilitate a workshop to provide students a real picture of what college life is like as they transition from high school. She will discuss her current experiences as a college student by addressing the academic challenges she and others face and how she has found success.

Facilitator: Ana Wu, Portland Community College

Session: 1 Location: Smith Hall, Room 258

3. STUDY SKILLS FOR SUCCESS: NOW AND IN COLLEGE

This course will teach the key life skill of setting SMART goals (specific, measurable, ambitious, realistic, time-bound goals), and how to use both term and weekly planners to make those goals happen. Students will learn the importance of having goals--big goals (life goals), medium goals (for the semester), and mini goals (for each hour they plan on their schedules). Students will encounter the idea of being an active student, one who does a variety of active engagement strategies for learning: drawing pictures, speaking material out loud, moving while studying.

Facilitator: Lawrence Gillius, Mt. Hood Community College

Session: 1 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 165

4. THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

Participants with learn about the importance of thinking positively in order to impact their daily lives. They will discuss the idea of using positive affirmations in order to change their outlooks. Students will leave the workshop with their own hand crafted river rock affirmations.

Facilitators: Kerri West and Leslie Lauretti, Portland Public Schools

Session: 1 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 224



5. CAREERS IN EDUCATION

There is a great need for native speakers of languages other than English at all career levels in education – from teaching to counseling to higher education. This workshop will encourage students to broaden their idea of what a job in education can look like (meaning, not just teaching!). Students will assess their strengths to see which they can make use of in a career as a teacher, counselor, or principal. Students will explore resources in education careers and receive an overview of the college/graduate requirements necessary to become an educator.

Facilitators: Emily Hancock and Tara Cooper, Portland Public Schools/ Portland State University

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 194

6. COLLEGE/CAREER/SERVICE EXPO

Representatives from area colleges/universities, local business and service organizations provide an opportunity for students to interact with their programs, ask questions and make connections with their services.

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Smith Hall, Room 338

7. FINANCING COLLEGE

Not sure how to pay for college? Heather Mattioli of Portland State University and Financial Beginnings will help you understand all that you need to finance college.

Facilitator: Heather Mattioli, Portland State University/Financial Beginnings

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 159

8. FINDING AND USING YOUR SKILLS

We each have unique skills that we can use to make contributions to the world, but how do we communicate those talents, especially during a job interview? In this interactive workshop, students will have an opportunity to identify and communicate their skills to see where they can be used in the world of work. Participants will reflect on their skills and share in pairs or small groups.

Facilitator: Heidi Yu, Portland State University

Session: 1 Location: Cramer Hall, 228



9. GANANDO CON GANAS

As a former ESL student, José Esparza is aware of the challenges that students face. Using humor and storytelling, José will discuss the #1 obstacle to college success: lack of motivation. As part of the Future Connect Scholarship program, José helps first-generation/low income students transition to college and tap into their full potential. Join him as we interactively explore how "ganas" plays a role in reaching your academic and personal goals. This workshop will be conducted bilingually in both Spanish and English.

Facilitator: José A. Esparza, PCC Future Connect Scholarship

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 245

10. HIGH SCHOOL WORLD CUP

Goal! In this interactive workshop, Laurel Auda-Capel, a counselor in PPS, will support eighth grade students to discover the "ins and outs" of high school through an interactive soccer game, that teaches them everything they will need to know to be a successful high school student. Students will have the opportunity to learn about graduation requirements, transcripts, how credits work, and receive personal perspectives from current Roosevelt HS ELL students.

Facilitator: Laurel Auda-Capel, Portland Public Schools
Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 225

11. IT'S OKAY TO BE LOUD, TAKE SPACE AND ASSERT YOUR BOUNDARIES

How do you use your voice, body, and mind to assert boundaries? In this interactive workshop, youth will explore leadership skills through the lens of personal safety. Be prepared to move, yell and have fun while learning how to set and respect boundaries verbally, physically and internally. We model, practice as a group, and then break into pairs for activities.

Facilitator: Carolyne Haycraft, Portland Police Bureau Strength Program

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Smith Hall, Room 333

12. JOB APPLICATION/RESUME WRITING

Students will learn job application skills that will help in meeting their "Personal Education Plan" requirements for graduation. Local business professionals will give an overview of ideal resumes and applications. Students will complete and share mock applications with each other.

Facilitator: Industry Professionals from the Portland Human Resource

Managers Association

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 149

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13. MOCK INTERVIEWS

Increase your comfort/experience level with the job interview process. Students will observe a job interview done by business professionals and role-play an example to practice in pairs. The whole group will discuss and evaluate the process. Students then practice being interviewed by human resource professionals.

Facilitator: Industry Professionals from the Portland Human Resource

Managers Association

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 187

14. PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOODS

Do we always get to choose where we want to live? In this workshop, Monica Luo, an employee at Portland Public Schools, will guide participants to examine the social makeup of neighborhoods based on race.

Facilitator: Monica Luo, Portland Public Schools

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Smith Hall, Room 323

15. STORY THROUGH SONG

Since he was young, Benin born artist, educator and speaker, Parfait Bassalé has been using music to help deal with the struggle of being a transient sojourner in this world. Through the tradition of Blues music, songs and poetry have become his preferred outlets for formulating his hopes for a better tomorrow for all. In this workshop, students will learn about Parfait's creative process for telling his story through song, and begin to apply the process to their own stories.

Facilitator: Parfait Bassalé

Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Smith Hall, Room 294

16. YOU AND YOUR LIBRARY

Libraries are more than just books, movies and music to check out. We will talk about the fun and educational programs available to everyone through the library, including game design, electronic music, video production & more! Find out about helpful Multnomah County Library apps and text alerts that you can use from your phone. Also, find out how to earn service hours by volunteering at your local library.

Facilitator: Anna Ruiz Morillo, Multnomah County Library
Sessions: 1 and 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 166



17. YO SI QUIERO ASISTIR A LA UNIVERSIDAD!

Marquita Guzman, a high school counselor for Portland Public Schools, will facilitate an interactive workshop that will help students plan by grade what they can be doing to make their dreams of attending college a reality. Students will be participate in small breakout sessions with school counselors to make a game plan they can begin working on. This session will be conducted in Spanish.

Facilitators: Marquita Guzman, Portland Public Schools
Sessions: 1 and 3 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 249

18. CULTURAL WORKSHOP

Members of the International Youth Leadership Council will give a presentation about culture and identity. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss the intersection of fashion, culture, and identity.

Facilitators: IYLC High School Leadership Council members

Session: 2 Location: Smith Hall, Room 326

19. CULTURE SHOCK-EMBRACE YOUR OLD AND NEW COMMUNITY

Presenters will facilitate a discussion to show how the New Student Club works to create a school community that recognizes the diversity of cultural heritage and shares experiences of students from around the world. We will explore the four phases of culture shock – "honeymoon period", rejection, adjustment, assimilation. Students that attend this workshop will be empowered to see view themselves as leaders that are able to draw from the assets of both their old and new perspectives and experiences.

Facilitator: Monserrat Mendez, Lincoln High School New Student Club

Session: 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 249

20. HOW TO START A CLUB IN HIGH SCHOOL

This workshop helps students understand the process of starting a club in high school. Students will reflect on how school clubs can affect their community, and how exploring, celebrating, and sharing culture in a school club affects all students at the school.

Facilitator: Zawadi Doti, Cleveland High School
Session: 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 196



21. REFLECTIONS AND CONNECTIONS

Presenters will lead a discussion about the experience of Somali refugee girls featured in the documentary film Lessons of Basketball and War. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on their own early school experiences and then collaborate on developing self-advocacy tools and ways to reach out to newcomers.

Facilitators: Zsuzsa Nemeth and Anna Davis, Portland Public Schools

Session: 2 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 228

22. HOW TO BECOME A MOTIVATED LEADER

Born in a tiny village in Ethiopia, East Africa, Tamam grew up in deep poverty and experienced what most kids should never see in their childhood. Tamam KNOWS what it means for young people to face challenges and obstacles. In this workshop students will be supported in accessing the leader within.

Facilitator: Tamam Waritu, www.tamamwaritu.com
Sessions: 2 and 3 Location: Smith Hall, Room 238

23. JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: JEDI LEADERSHIP

What does it mean to be a leader in our diverse communities? Where can you find opportunities to build a career that taps into your inner JEDI principles? How can you develop the skills needed to be successful in reaching your goals? In this workshop, participants will explore definitions of leadership in a global context, identify JEDI principles inherent in all people, and develop a list of skills necessary to be successful in today's international environment.

Facilitator: Cynthia Gomez, Portland State University
Sessions: 2 and 3 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 224

24. PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the International Youth Leadership Council will share their personal experiences about the transition from middle school to high school. 8th grade participants will learn about the requirements for graduation, how to get involved in extracurricular activities, and how they can succeed in school. 8th grade students will have the opportunity to ask questions about high school-related topics.

Facilitators: IYLC High School Leadership Council members
Sessions: 2 and 3 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 165



25. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE- WHAT IS IT? HOW CAN IT HELP?

Gabriele Ross works for Resolutions Northwest, which provides conflict resolution education and training. In this workshop, we will introduce basic concepts and practices of restorative justice. Through experiential activities, we help youth understand how restorative practices could benefit them and help them have better relationships with each other and with school staff.

Facilitator: Gabriele Ross, Resolutions Northwest
Sessions: 2 and 3 Location: Smith Hall, Room 258

26. ADELANTE MUJERES PANEL

This multicultural panel presentation will include three high school leaders in their schools and communities. Leaders will present their stories and how they got into their leadership positions. They will share the importance of being bilingual and culturally aware in their leadership roles. Panelists will start off with a few prompt questions from facilitators and we will have time for questions from the audience. The panel will allow for peers to engage in a student-led discussion.

Facilitator: Marina Alvarez, Adelante Mujeres
Session: 3 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 159

27. AWAKEN THE LEADER IN YOU!

Leadership is action, not position, age, gender, race or social status! All our students possess leadership skills. The objective of "Awaken the Leader in You" is to transition our students into successful leaders capable to discern individual and community needs and take action to meet them. This interactive and empowering youth leadership workshop is specifically designed to help students maximize their own potential as leaders and inspire other to reach theirs.

Facilitator: Lou Radja, Lou Radja Enterprises Session: 3 Location: Smith Hall, Room 294

28. CHOOSING A COLLEGE

In this workshop, students will have the opportunity to learn some of the top areas of consideration when thinking about which college to attend. Participants will learn how to narrow their college search, apply for financial aid, account for all aspects of admission, and locate additional resources.

Facilitator: Tania Sanchez, Portland State University

Session: 3 Location: Smith Hall, Room 323



29. CULTURAL WORKSHOP

Members of the International Youth Leadership Council will give a presentation about culture, dance, and identity. Students will be encouraged to explore their own cultures and together they will celebrate the rich diversity that they all bring to their schools and communities.

Facilitators: IYLC High School Leadership Council members

Session: 3 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 225

30. ILLUMINATION PROJECT

The Illumination Project uses interactive social justice theater as a venue for student educators and audience members to join together to rehearse ways of solving problems. Interactive theater, with its capacity to engage diverse learning styles and members of a community, is an ideal way to challenge racism, sexism, heterosexism, and other forms of oppression. In performances audience members will enter a scene and dynamically change its outcome. In this way, the Illumination Project challenges the viewpoints of both the audience and the actors/student educators in a performance.

Facilitator: Brad Fortier, The Illumination Project

Session: 3 Location: Smith Hall, Room 333

31. PSU STUDENTS SHARE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT LEADERSHIP, CAREERS, AND COLLEGE SUCCESS

In this panel discussion, current PSU students will answer and address questions related to leadership, career planning, and college success from the viewpoint of undergraduates who may share similar backgrounds. Oscar Fernandez, Ph. D will be the panel moderator.

Facilitator: Oscar Fernandez, Ph. D, Portland State University

Session: 3 Location: Cramer Hall, Room 228



IYLC High School Leadership Council



Soon after the very first International Youth Leadership Conference in 2013, participating students made it clear that they wanted more opportunities to come together, share their stories and find ways to put their leadership training to good use.

Conference organizers quickly enlisted the help of ESL teachers at every PPS high school to determine potential delegates for the first cohort of the IYLC High School Leadership Council. Delegates were selected for their commitment to their studies, as well as leadership qualities already displayed amongst their peers.

Three years later, new Council members have joined more advanced leaders, and have continued to focus on Leadership, Identity, Academics, and Communication. Council members have worked with Mercy Corps, University of Oregon, Momentum Alliance, and other organizations to train in goal setting, defining and solving problems on a local level, and public speaking.

Since its inception, the Council has proven to be a dynamic vehicle for members to advocate for improved understanding of the social and academic needs of Emergent Bilinguals in our schools. Council members have formally presented to PPS Superintendent Carole Smith, the Confederated of Oregon School Administrators, and most recently at the World Affairs Council Conference on Immigrant and Refugee Students.

Council members are now taking their training back to their individual schools to start EB Unity Groups with the goal of creating a space for



EBs to talk about their issues and find ways to work with school staff to improve outcomes for their community of students.

When the Council was first asked to support the Conference by acting as hosts for the IYLC, members were quick to advocate for taking on the additional roll of advising IYLC organizers of what they and their EB colleagues want to see and do at the Conference.

As the work of the Council becomes more visible, we see more EBs coming to the Conference and the Council with confidence in their ability to shape their present and their future. Past Conference attendees and Council members have gone on to graduate with multiple offers from colleges and universities, with scholarships from Gates Millennium Scholars Program and Act Six Leadership Foundation, and more.

2015-16 Council Leaders

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