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Conversation on Diversity

Dr. Ronald Takaki is professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkley.



He is a popular lecturer and author of many books on multiculturalism, including *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*, which won the American Book Award. Dr. Takaki will join us Sept. 24 at 3:30 in Chapman Auditorium to share his insight on what led America to this diversity and how we can incorporate the teaching of diversity into the curriculum. He will answer questions.

Sharing Session October 9

Edison High School-701 Santa Monica

Our first sharing session, hosted by Principal **Charles Munoz**, is relevant for all secondary school leaders who want to ensure that fewer students drop out and that all students have the opportunity to succeed. We have an exciting line-up of presenters. Area principals who attended the Harvard Principals' Center summer session on *Redesigning High Schools for Improved Instruction* will share their reflections. Trinity Professor of Economics **Dr. Richard Butler** will speak on *Dropout Prevention*. **Dean Chris Ellertson**, from Admission and Financial Aid, will share some exciting scholarship news. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 11:00. The Steering Committee meets at 8:00 a.m.

Leading with the Heart

The Whole Child, The Whole Principal: Leading with the Heart

This is the motto of the Trinity Principals' Center whose purpose is to provide a structure for inter-district support and professional development for area principals, assistant principals and other school leaders. For more information, call (210) 999-7178.

Assistant Principals' Cohort

The Trinity Principals' Center is sponsoring an inter-district cohort for assistant principals again this year. Sessions are built on wants and needs of the participants. Forty new AP's and AP's new to a school are enrolled. AP's need leadership experiences that ask them to rise above day-to-day activities to craft a compelling vision for what is needed in 21st century schooling.

Peggy Caravantes and **Ann Berg** facilitate. Meeting dates are: 10-15, 11-12, 12-10, 1-14, 2-11, 4-16 and 6-10. AP's wanting to enroll in the 2008-09 cohort call 999-7178 or email ann.berg@trinity.edu

September Calendar

- 8** NSLN Cohort #1 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Alamo Café, 14250 Highway 281 N
Terri Chidgey, Facilitator
- 9** NSLN Cohort #2 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Water Street Oyster, 7500 Broadway
Cordell Jones, Facilitator
- 11** NSLN Cohort #3 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Johnny Carino's, 3147 Military Dr.
Janice Williams and Ann Berg
- 24** Discussion on Diversity 3:30-4:30 p.m., Trinity Chapman Auditorium
Ronald Takaki, Professor/Author

Courage to Lead Cohort

TPC will sponsor a new *Courage to Lead Cohort* again this year. It is a five-part retreat program for the personal and professional renewal of principals and others in leadership positions in schools Pre K-12. Participants gather in large-group, small-group and solitary settings, focusing neither on technique nor on school reform, but upon renewing the inner life of leaders in education. The retreats are structured around the themes of the seasons and the complexity of leading schools today. The first retreat will be held Oct. 17-19. **Carol Mendenhall** coordinates cohort enrollment. (cmendenhall@satx.rr.com)

Third N.S.L.N. Cohort Begins

The *National School Leadership Network (NSLN)* is a national organization that believes that principals need structured opportunities to think together about the challenges of their practice. At monthly evening meetings, dialogues occur that enable cohort members to increase their capacity for learning and problem solving with support from their colleagues. In Jan. 2007, the TPC sponsored one NSLN cohort, added a second one last September, and will start a third cohort September 11. The three cohorts meet once a month on different days of the week in different parts of the city. There is a waiting list of principals who will be notified if places become available at a later date.

We want to hear from YOU!

Because of your requests, another workshop on *Communication* will be offered on Nov. 14 as well as others next semester. A third NSLN Cohort begins this month, adding more than 20 new members. For more convenient times and locations, the NSLN#1 will meet in the north, NSLN#2 will continue to meet in central city, and the new NSLN cohort#3 will meet on the south side of San Antonio. Presenters in our speaker series and workshops offered come from your input, as well as the topics for discussion at campus sites that host our sharing sessions. If you have suggestions, wish to host a sharing session or enroll in upcoming workshops or cohorts, call **210-999-7178** or email ann.berg@trinity.edu.

Important Dates in Oct.

9	9-11 AM	Sharing Session , Edison HS
13	5-8 PM	NSLN Cohort 1 Alamo Café
14	5-8 PM	NSLN Cohort 2 Water Street
15	8:30-3	AP Cohort Trinity Fiesta Rm.
16	5-8 PM	NSLN Cohort 3 Johnny Carino's
17-19	5PM	CTL Retreat Comfort
22	9-11:30 AM	Richard Elmore Lecture Trinity Chapman Auditorium
	1:30-3:30 PM	Richard Elmore Small Teams Trinity Fiesta Room
31	9-3 PM	Communication Workshop Paul Kelleher , Storch, Rm.112 (Follow-up day for June Group)

Telling the Stories of Our Schools

The Trinity Principals' Center hosted a successful **Back-to-School Celebration** on August 12 at Ruth Taylor Concert Hall. More than 150 students, teachers, administrators, parents and community organization representatives told stories of challenge and success - verbally, visually and musically, sharing best educational practices with their colleagues. TPC Steering Committee hosted, and the **Fox Tech Mariachis** welcomed participants. The Gallery Walk featured *Best Practices* posters shared by representatives from districts and community agencies that support schools. Participants moved to the Auditorium where Trinity 2008 Distinguished Educators told their stories honoring the many administrators, parents and community agencies that encourage and influence teaching and learning. **Stone Oak students** led the pledge, Sinclair teacher **Samone Hendrix** sang the national anthem, and Bush student **Clair Schenken** told her story. Many more school stories are in the making.

Thanks, TPC Steering Group

Thanks to those who serve on the 2008-2009 TPC steering committee: **Karen Bessette**, Randolph Field ISD, **Diana Casas**, Harlandale ISD, **Thomasine Chambers**, San Antonio ISD, **Terri Chidgey**, North East ISD, **Deonna Dean**, Northside ISD, **Cindy Fairall**, North East ISD, **Lori Gallegos**, Northside ISD, **Jeff Goldhorn**, ESC-20, **Allana Hemenway**, Randolph Field ISD, **Cordell Jones**, AHISD, **Denise Kern**, Comal ISD, **Janet Mannsman**, SAISD, **Norma Martinez**, Southside ISD, **Linda Nance**, San Antonio ISD, **Gretchen Ricker**, Retired, **Melinda Salinas**, Judson ISD, **Kristina Vidaurri**, Judson ISD, **Debbie Williams**, Boerne ISD and **Janice Williams**, East Central.