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## Date To Remember ~Saturday, July 11, 2015 ~

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Workshop: No Charge Pre-Registration Required

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Self-Empowering Workshop For College-Bound High School Students and Their Parents



Adrienne L. Lucas, Esq.

Self-Empowering Keynote Presenter - Saturday, July 11, 2015

Adrienne Lucas is the Associate Student Director of Affairs at Yale Law School where she works with students to plan large scale conferences and symposiums.

Prior to joining Yale, Ms. Lucas worked at the College of Arts and Science at NYU where she provided academic counseling and programming for students interested in law, business, and medicine.

Adrienne Lucas received her Juris Doctorate from the New York University School of Law. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

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"This workshop caters to the needs of high school and college-bound students alongside their parents.

We compassionately listen to the issues that are of concern to them, and actively solicit their help in a meaningful empowering process that they can call their own. This is what makes our workshops, activities and resources particularly relevant and family friendly."



Gene has spent the last 20 years working specifically in the college financial aid area, spending the majority of that time at colleges on Long island. He is well versed on the college aid programs that directly affect students and their families, including need based grant programs, federal grant programs, state and various loan programs.

Gene is currently a financial aid officer at Molloy College and has been at Molloy since 2006. Gene also is the Long Island Representative for the New York State Association for Financial aid administrators (NYSFAAA) and does plenty of advocating for State and Federal College aid programs with local legislators from Albany and Washington DC.

#### Financial aid career

1995-2003- Aid Officer- NYIT

2004-2006- Aid Officer- Vanderbilt university (Nashville TN) 2006- currently- Molloy College- Sr Financial aid counselor

-Madona Cole-Lacy, Founder/CEO-

#### **Our Resource Person**



Vivienne is a NYS Certified Marriage, Family & Addictions
Therapist who has practiced her Therapeutic Arts for over 20
years. Ms. Anderson facilitates workshops and seminars that
address issues such as "Boundaries in Communication" and
Bullying. She is the mother of two adult sons.



Madona Branch is a recent (Class of 2015) graduate of Wellesley College. She majored in Psychology, graduated magna cum laude, and was recently inducted into the country's oldest honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. She is particularly interested in psychology, education, and sexual-assault-related activism; she also loves to sing.

The courses she took and organizations she participated in reflect these interests well. For a time, she served as vice president of SAAFE (Sexual Assault Awareness for Everyone) and president of ATD (Awaken the Dawn), an a Capella group on campus. She hopes to continue her education by enrolling in a PsyD (Doctor of Psychology) program, and going into private practice as a licensed clinical psychologist.

In addition to those featured here, other Resource Persons include Student Peer Leaders, individuals representing the educational and corporate sectors, and community-based organizations.

Thank you for your support and interest in our quest to creatively empower and invest in Long Island's greatest asset.



#### **Date To Remember**

**July 31, 2015** 

Our 2015 Creative Empowerment Arts Contest Deadline Reminder

Click here for contest guidelines, consent form and entry upload tool

High school students creatively express their feelings about life in the 21st Century. Winners get scholarships for college or grant awards to set up a club or support group at school.

Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc Scholarship Presentation



Winner: Julia Maher Farmingdale High School Graduate

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Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc Scholarship Presentation



2014 Creative Empowerment Arts Contest winner Gigi Larios-Mendez receives college scholarship award of \$1,000 at the Roosevelt Union Free District Superintendent's Office. (Left to right) Your Time For Creative Empowerment Inc. Program Director, James A. Lacy; Founder/CEO, Madona Cole-Lacy; Gigi Larios-Mendez; Lead Teacher for Visual and Performing Arts, Mrs Barbara Evans; Gigi's supportive Mother, Lizzeth Mendez and District Superintendent, Dr. Deborah Wortham. Gigi is the 2014 College Category winner and currently attends SUNY Old Westbury.



Julia poses with her proud and supportive parents beside her winning creative expression. Standing next to Julia is the equally proud Founder of Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc., Madona Cole-Lacy

A Helping Hand (short film) explores the idea that just one person can make a difference in saving someone's life. In one continuous shot, I attempted to visually capture the many social challenges and negative influences that

bombard teenagers on a daily basis ... from substance abuse, to peer pressure, to the stress of school work and standardized testing, to struggles at home and even thoughts of suicide.

It is a kind, caring, empathetic friend who supports the central character at his most vulnerable moment, to be there for him and help him find his way out of his downward spiral. -Aly Brier-



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Pictured with Alexanna Finkelstein-Brier (Aly Brier): Founder, Madona Cole-Lacy her supportive parents, Steven and Nancy Finkelstein and The Wheatley School Principal, Dr. Sean Feeney

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### **Our Mission**

Your Time for Creative Empowerment is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that educates and empowers children, adolescents and parents of both secular and faith-based communities in the Long Island area, through the use of the arts, fashion and culture as mechanisms to improve interpersonal relationships; to avoid pitfalls that are unique to life in the 21st Century; and to specifically identify and effectively develop healthy problem-solving, enhance personal development and increase cultural sensitivity.

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