**CONVERGE 2016**

*CT Student Leadership Conference for Young Women of Color*

*Training for the Next Generation of Leaders*

**Con’verge: (verb) to approach the same point from different directions, to move toward a union.**

Converge 2016 will gather our most precious, talented leaders - both demonstrated and emerging to awaken, inform and inspire their journey on new and strengthened trajectories.

**Schedule:**

1/11/2016 — Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT

8:15-8:45am  Arrival and Registration

8:45-9:00am  Welcome & Group Initiative

9:00-10:00am  Keynote Speaker - Janice

10:10-11:10am  Small Group Workshop Session 1

11:20-12:00pm  Lunch

12:05-1:05pm  Large Group Session

1:15-1:45pm  Small Group Workshop Session 2

1:45-2:00pm  Closing

Each conference session will engage participants in a unique topic or exercise designed to understand and expand one’s vision of self and the possibilities for the future. Participants will gain insight into their personal strengths and style of leadership. They will connect with other talented students and presenters, creating a community of supporters and allies for the opportunities and challenges to come. Not only will the presentations inspire and inform, they will serve as a springboard for work on goals, projects, ideas and concerns participants are facing in their own communities and lives. One part of this conference is about networking, getting ideas, establishing communities of support and resources. Another part is about finding the unique skill set, voice and passion that each one of us has inside.

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Registration: Go to the CT Association of Schools website: www.casciac.org/register (activities are sorted by date) Register by 12/4/2015

Cost: $25 per person (refunds will not be made for cancellations after 12/18/2015)

Location: Quinnipiac University, 275 Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

Student Eligibility: Open to any young woman of color, grades 9-12, enrolled in a CT Public or CAS Member School

Chaperone: One Advisor, teacher or administrator must attend for every 12 student participants

Food: Lunch will be provided

Dress: Casual attire - students will be walking outside between buildings on the campus and should be prepared for inclement weather