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Conflict Awareness and Management Training Through Bicultural Lens for Asian American Students receives CUNY Diversity Grant

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The CUNY Dispute Resolution Consortium [CUNY DRC] is launching a culturally-relevant conflict resolution curriculum that will provide Asian American students with crucial conflict resolution skills for professional and personal development vital in a culturally diverse society. In this first of its kind project, an initial group of fifteen (15) Asian American students at CUNY will be chosen to participate in an intensive pilot training course which can be utilized for other immigrant groups. Grounded in the Asian American bicultural experience, this unprecedented training project will provide bicultural college students, many of whom are immigrants, with crucial skills that will better equip them to handle conflicts within themselves and with others in their environment on campus, in their future careers, and at home. The intention is expand the pilot program in two ways. First, to offer the intensive course being designed for the pilot program to hundreds of Asian American students. Second, to identify candidates who will want additional training as mediators in the next phase of this culturally-relevant conflict resolution program. With significant under representation of Asian Americans in the conflict resolution field, this project will fill an important gap as the first such initiative for Asian American college students to be offered in New York City. The pilot phase of this project is being made possible with the assistance of a small grant from the City University of New York Diversity Projects Development Fund. Efforts are currently underway to raise funds to expand this project.

The project will be developed and administered by Dr. Maria R. Volpe and Marion Yuen. Dr. Volpe is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Dispute Resolution Program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice - CUNY, and serves as Convener of the CUNY DRC. Ms. Yuen, president of The MYA Group, is a communication advisor, researcher, facilitator, and mediator who brings together diverse audiences and provides them with platforms for open, efficient face-to-face information exchange.

The CUNY DRC is an academic center based at the City University of New York which was established in 1993 with the assistance from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Since its inception, the CUNY DRC has been a leader in supporting the crucial work of the conflict resolution field at the City University of New York and in the New York City metropolitan area. Its far-reaching initiatives include both academic and applied conflict resolution work, as well as collaborative partnering with a broad range of organizations. For additional information call the CUNY DRC at 212-237-8692 or visit <http://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/dispute>.