

YOUTH CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

New Mexico Diversity Conference for Youth Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 12, 2025

- 9:00 – 10:00 am **Breakfast** We provide a light breakfast and then usher participants to the main auditorium to register.
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Registration and Morning Entertainment** Adult mentors will register their groups. An emcee and various student groups from around the state keep participants entertained.
- 10:00 – 10:50 am **Opening Ceremonies** Each year the YCD New Mexico Student Board selects a notable keynote speaker with an inspiring message related to diversity, inclusion and social justice.
- 10:55 am – 12:25 pm **Discussion Groups & Lunch** Students join a discussion group to talk about diversity issues with students from across the state. Past topics included cliques, peer pressure, and harassment. Meanwhile, adult mentors gather to have their own discussions for professional development or about mentoring youth-led groups and chapters.
- 12:35 – 1:45 pm **Workshop A** Both students and adult mentors attend a workshop of their choice. Workshops focus on a variety of themes, including gender, class and poverty, race and ethnicity, sexuality, disabilities, history, and conflict resolution.
- 1:50 – 3:00 pm **Workshop B** Everyone attends a second workshop of their choice.
- 3:10 – 3:40 pm **Closing Ceremonies** We finish our day with another performance, a video montage of the day's events, and the presentation of the Inclusion Award to one group or individual in the community selected by the Student Board.