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Students from School of the Arts Co-Host ROC2Change Student Summit

Who:

Students from School of the Arts

What:

ROC2Change Student Summit

When:

Friday, March 14, 2025, 9 a.m.

Where:

Monroe 2 – Orleans BOCES
3859 Big Ridge Road
Spencerport, NY 14559

(*enter through door 3, as the front entrance and lobby are under construction)

Details:

The power of student voice will be showcased at the ROC2Change Student Summit on Friday, March 14, hosted by students from School of the Arts (SOTA) in collaboration with peers from Brighton and LeRoy High Schools. The summit will take place at BOCES in Spencerport, focusing on building bridges and breaking down barriers.

Students will engage in breakout sessions designed to build empathy and resilience, address the challenges of navigating differing perspectives, and explore how race, conflict, and social media shape communication. Topics will include maintaining dialogue in the face of disagreement, understanding social media’s impact on relationships, and building self-awareness in the digital age.

Breakout sessions overview:

- 1. Resilience:** Participants will explore the importance of resilience through two exercises: Equity BINGO, which highlights diverse experiences related to race and inclusivity, and a reflective “Experience with Resilience” walk, where they share personal stories of overcoming adversity.
- 2. Jubilee:** This session encourages critical thinking and active listening through an interactive activity where participants physically move between “Agree” and “Disagree” based on statements related to race and conflict. They will engage in constructive dialogue with peers with differing opinions to deepen their understanding.
- 3. Social Media:** Focusing on the impact of social media, this session includes a snowball game to encourage interaction, a presentation on how social media affects teen relationships and mental health, and a Kahoot quiz to reflect on digital habits and encourage healthier online engagement.

ROC2Change was established in 2016 as students across Monroe County began to come together to address race relations. Hundreds of students from more than 30 schools have participated in the full-day summit in years past. These summits encourage dialogue about race through speakers, student-led activities, and sessions. Each summit also includes time for students to collaborate on bringing ROC2Change progress and plans back to their respective schools and communities. For more information, please visit www.roc2change.org.