



My Name My Story Newsletter

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MNMS School Clubs

My Name My Story Establishes First Collegiate MNMS School Club at Texas Lutheran University

This April, MNMS Founder Amit Dodani and School Club Advisor Ra'idah Noohu travelled to Seguin, Texas to meet the social entrepreneurs of Texas Lutheran University. On top of the warm hospitality and the welcoming spirit of the TLU Bulldogs, these students' desire to affect positive change in their community is remarkable.

Amit first addressed a group of students that were interested in hearing the MNMS story - students studying social entrepreneurship and business who were eager to learn how to translate passion and empathy into a social enterprise. The following evening, TLU hosted an Inspire Empathy Keynote where students from the University and local High Schools in the area came to learn how to cultivate empathy and unity in their communities. The TLU visit closed with a trip to a local high school, where Dr. Olson introduced the MNMS Team to teachers and high school leaders from Seguin High. They shared their dreams and aspirations and participated in empathy exercises that revealed their stories to people they interact with every day!

MNMS @ TLU leaders are already deep in planning events for the upcoming school year. Keep up the great work TLU, we expect great things from you!

The MNMS Team would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Alicia Olson for your kindness and leadership to bring MNMS to the TLU community!



We would like to welcome some of our newest school clubs:

- ◆ Bishop Alemany High School
- ◆ Mary Star of the Sea High
- ◆ Providence High School
- ◆ Texas Lutheran University



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Leadership Day 2014

This year Leadership Day was hosted by Providence High School in Burbank, CA. With 14 schools and student leaders from existing MNMS School Clubs training through workshops, Leadership Day was an incredibly empowering experience where students were able to share their stories while learning how to become empathetic leaders in their communities.

MNMS Leaders from successful School Clubs ran workshops including: How to Be an Empathetic Leader, MNMS Activities In Your School and Community, and MNMS Group Projects, so that students were able to learn the details of running an MNMS School Club. From bonding in small groups to the Mix It Up Luncheon, everyone who attended was able to experience a day of empowerment, unity, and fun!

The MNMS Team would like to extend our thanks to:
Providence High School
for their generosity and hard work in making this event happen,

Providence High School Principal Joe Sciuto
for his personal enthusiasm and support,

Bobby Lebeda,
our keynote speaker, for sharing his story.

MNMS Leaders from Chaminade, Notre Dame, and El Camino,
for showing initiative and leading the entire event,

and to all the Faculty in attendance
who came out to experience the event with their students.



"This was my first year going to the MNMS event, and it was a great experience meeting new people. The activities were great and helped me open up from being an introvert into an active person, and helped me learn to become an empathetic leader among others. The event was great, keep up the same great work with bonding students with others."
Student Attendee

Schools Represented



Bishop Alemany High School



Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School



Mary Star of the Sea High School



Notre Dame High School

"It was a fantastic experience! Very well organized! All the leaders were very enthusiastic and professional!"
Faculty Attendee

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Providence High School



SFiAM Middle and Chaminade High School



San Gabriel Mission High School



St. Genevieve



St. Francis



St. John Bosco



Windward School



Sacred Heart High School

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<http://mynamemystory.org/impact-report---2013.html>