

Speaking Notes for Summit



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Little bit about myself

What is ethnic or cultural studies

Such as PRLS , AAPI, BRESI, Hillel, Newman Club

Why is it important

When students are exposed to cultures and ways of living that are different than their own as well as similar, it creates student teacher bonds, surveys show that academic grades go up as well as high success rates. Students need to see people of their culture in roles that have meaningfulness to them, such as a Latino Professor or a African American President of a college

It gives a sense of where you belong as a person in this world and how you came about (puzzle picture)

It can prevent bullying! (younger children) and harassment and hate crimes in adults due to false stereotypes

Back to my story

What is cuny doing

Brooklyn College has a long history of fights for ethnic studies such as the fight that started PRLS, and the current fight to get a AAPI program- but we

also have many accomplishments with many more classes being rolled out and alumni coming back to the teach!! Many students are leading the fight!

PRLS

Created in the 1960s to address the needs of the growing latino community, This was created due to months of fighting including students being arrested for peacefully protesting. Currently PRLS biggest achievement serves to create the next generation of Bilingual educators who teach in predominantly hispanic neighborhoods throughout NYC

AAPI

Under the supervision of Professor Cherry Lou Sy, and Mellon Transfer Student Research Program- a series of podcasts and documentaries were created to express the need for a AAPI studies program at BC

My TLH

I enrolled in a PRLS class with Professor Torres Gonzales. From the beginning he gave his word in his syllabus to be accepting to all, a teaching model that I found helpful and engaging. He also took time as a fellow Hispanic to speak to me about Grad School, his experiences, and give advice- this is exactly why we need Ethnic Studies so that a student like myself can have a mentor with similar background who understands and accepts me

Looking into the future

-Be people's inspiration

- talk about CUNY, how affordable it is, how diverse it is , and your experience! And of Programs like TLH