

## Macaulay Honors College Presents Its 6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Supporting Excellence Conference Featuring Activist Mia Mingus

**(January 27, 2017, New York, NY)** Macaulay Honors College presents its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Supporting Excellence conference on February 10, 2017. The program this year, from 11am-3pm, is dedicated to questions of empowerment, inclusion, and community. Supporting Excellence will be a welcoming place for students of undocumented immigration status and is free and open to the entire CUNY community.

Dr. Miriam Korn, Macaulay's Chief Psychologist, will be present for the entire program, representing the Macaulay Mental Health and Wellness Center as the group explores the psychological impact of experiencing or witnessing acts of aggression, discrimination, and violence. Dr. Korn will provide information about the mental health resources available to Macaulay students, including individual and group therapy.

At 11am, **Mia Mingus** will deliver a talk on restorative justice with a Q&A to follow. Mingus is a writer, organizer and community educator working for disability justice and transformative justice responses to child sexual abuse. She is a queer, physically disabled, Korean woman—a transracial and transnational adoptee, born in Korea, raised in the Caribbean, nurtured in the U.S. South, and now living in Northern California. Mingus works for community, interdependency and home for all of us, not just some of us. She is a 2016 Just Beginnings Collaborative Fellow and a core-member of the [Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective](#).

Following lunch, which will be provided for all in attendance, **Bystander Intervention Training** will demonstrate effective tools to safely and effectively defuse volatile situations. This training will be conducted by **The Accompany Project**, an initiative of the Arab American Association of New York, and facilitated by Rachel Blum Levy and Kayla Santosuosso.

The final event of the day will be at 2:30 pm: a Know Your Rights information session with legal experts and community organizers who will provide details about law enforcement and individual rights, answering any questions.

Supporting Excellence is free and open to the CUNY community and the public. To

RSVP: <http://macaulay.cuny.edu/event/registration/?ee=135>.

### About Macaulay Honors College

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's

largest urban university and the largest city, New York City. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning, research and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges: Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, and Queens Colleges and the College of Staten Island. For more information, see [macaulay.cuny.edu](http://macaulay.cuny.edu).

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