

PRESS RELEASE

TPODMEP Announces Cultural Competence Training Series For College Student Protégé Members

(Cooper City, FL – July 15th, 2009) ---- A specialized and foundational, Cultural Competence Training Program Series, designed to provide college student members with the knowledge and skills to effectively interact and work cross-culturally, was announced today.

The Cultural Competence Training Program Series, launched by The Power of Diversity Mentorship Exchange Program (TPODMEP) will focus on 1. Increasing awareness of differences 2. Increase valuing of and respect for differences, and 3. Developing skills for interacting with differences among people.

TPODMEP college student (protégé) members will learn the five elements of cultural competency and their application through a variety of interactive methods. At the end of the training program series, students will be more aware of how cultural misunderstandings contribute to the negative dynamics between peers and team members. In becoming more aware, students will be able to utilize the tools of cultural competency that will enable positive and constructive dynamics.

"Cultural Competence is a developmental process. Beyond the awareness of subtle expectations, there is a need for knowledge about different cultural norms and lifestyle needs of individuals from different groups, said Nicole L. Carter, COO for TPODMEP. "This training program series will give our student members the foundational skills and knowledge to respond respectfully and effectively to people of all cultures and classes."

"TPODMEP is proud to announce the launch of this program series, states Betty Saintvil-Edmond, Executive Vice President for TPODMEP. "A key component to effective leaders, is understanding how to manage differences; This program will successfully train students how to do just- that."

ABOUT THE POWER OF DIVERSITY MENTORSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAM (TPODMEP)

Founded in 2007, The Power of Diversity Mentorship Exchange Program (TPODMEP) is a non-profit (501c3) organization that pairs-up enterprising (honor) college students with Corporate Executives, Business Executives, Civic Leaders and Corporate Management Role Models-designed to encourage a healthy exchange of ideas, viewpoints and productive (mentor/ protégé) interaction that will prepare college students to succeed in the corporate workforce, civic community and business climate.

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