

National Collegiate Dialogue on Race Relations (NCDRR)—Academic Year 2011-2012

Purpose and Objectives

With the increasing racial unrest and racist incidents involving young people occurring in many American cities and across the globe, an ongoing dialogue is needed more than ever.

The National Collegiate Dialogue on Race Relations (NCDRR) provides an excellent opportunity for students to actively participate in a healthy and meaningful exchange about an important issue that continues to pose major challenges in contemporary society. **It begins Monday, September 19th.**

The objectives of the dialogue are to:

- Promote understanding of the state of race relations and inclusiveness on college campuses;
- Discuss and assess the challenges we face as a nation;
- Stimulate active engagement in the development of constructive strategies to increase understanding and improvement; and
- Achieve the level of commitment needed to take actions within our own communities.

How the Dialogue Works

Daily, students will have an opportunity to go online and share their thoughts on the issues and conversations of the week with fellow students at their college or university as well as with students from other schools. The conversation topics and issues of the week will be submitted by professors and other expert authors and journalists.

Professors are urged to encourage student participation by offering the dialogue as an opportunity to earn extra credit. The dialogue and various departments on the website also provide excellent resources for essays and research papers.

For convenience and to make participation user friendly, **USARiseUp.com** will provide usernames and passwords to professors to be distributed to students upon receipt of the list of students that will be participating. Student will access and participate in the dialogue by using their assigned username and password. **USARiseUp.com** will provide professors monthly reports (or biweekly reports upon request) on student participation. The reports will assist professors in evaluating the level and quality of involvement.

Please take time to visit the [conversations](#) that occurred last semester. Meet the distinguished [advisory panel](#) and peruse the [participating colleges and universities](#). View the short video, posted in the upper right section of the National Collegiate Dialogue page, and learn more about the mission of **USARiseUp.com** and how it is a good resource for an ongoing conversation to increase understanding across race and ethnicity.

Encourage your students to join the conversation by offering them an opportunity to earn extra credits. Please take a moment to [Sign Up](#) and Janice Ellis will contact you to provide usernames and passwords that will make it easy for your students to participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Janice Ellis directly at jellis@usariseup.com or call at **877-931-2201**.

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