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DOE Sponsors Minority Gifted and Talented Symposium

The Department of Education's Northern Region Office, in collaboration with Passaic County Community College and the Gifted Program at Montclair State University, will present Symposium V: *Mining Giftedness and Discovering Diverse Gifts-Identifying Giftedness in Minority Populations* on Monday, October 4, 2004 at the Memorial Auditorium on the Montclair State University campus in Upper Montclair, NJ.

Symposium V is part of the Northern Region's ongoing professional development series for instructors and administrators. This meeting will focus on the identification and needs of gifted minority students and discuss best practices in serving this student population.

The event will feature presentations from two educational experts on the topic in the morning session, Dr. Edmund Gordon and Dr. Joan Dawson. The afternoon will allow participants to break into small groups for hands on activities related to the morning's presentations.

Dr. Edmund Gordon is the John M. Musser Professor of Psychology Emeritus at Yale University. He is also the current director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education at Teacher's College, Columbia University. Dr. Gordon has published numerous books and articles addressing the subject of educational equity.

Dr. Joan Dawson is the director of the New York University, Equity Assistance Center. As the director, she has direct experience in dealing with the issue of underrepresented student populations in gifted, talented and honors programs. Dr. Dawson has also served as the director of a federal magnet program and as a consultant to private groups interested in starting charter and private schools.

Seats are still available for the symposium. The registration cost for the entire day of activities is \$65.00 and includes breakfast and lunch. The symposium will begin at 8:00 AM with registration and the formal program at 9:00 AM and ending at 2:45 PM. Checks/purchase orders should be made payable to "Passaic County Community College" and mailed to Northern Region Office, c/o Meredith Coticchio, Legge House-Normal Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043. Please send only business/certified checks and money orders as no personal checks will be accepted.

Participants may also register online at:

<http://education.state.nj.us/events>

Directions to the campus for the symposium may be found at:

<http://www.montclair.edu/welcome/directions.html>

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