

**Free Community Program**  
**November 29, 2018 7PM**  
**Campolindo Performing Arts Center**

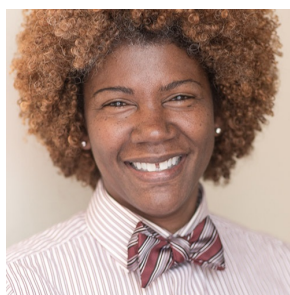


# COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

An Introduction to Courageous Conversation About Race™: A Protocol to Engage with Students and Families around Race.

Why Examine and Address Race? Race matters-in society and in our schools. It is critical for educators to address racial issues in order to uncover personal and institutional biases that prevent all students, and especially students of color, from reaching their fullest potential.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION™ serves as the essential strategy for school systems, organizations, students, parents and community leaders to address racial disparities through safe, authentic and effective cross-racial dialogue.



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Tougaloo College, B.A. Health & Physical Education  
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## Free Community Program "Introduction to Courageous Conversations on Race"

Dr. Lori A. Watson grew up in Greenville Mississippi, where she was profoundly influenced by the leaders and educators in her family. Her father was the proprietor of the first "negro-owned" commercial laundry in the state of Mississippi and her uncle was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. Early on Lori learned the value of pride and perseverance and through the nurturing of both her mother and aunt who were both teachers, she learned the importance of education.

Dr. Watson has been the keynote speaker and moderator for the Diversity Summits sponsored by the AUHSD for the last three years. These summits bring students together from all four high schools to discuss diversity and race and to give directions to the equity teams at each site.

What calls me to do this work?

I do this work because I am the work. Growing up in a world where homosexuality was not something to be discussed, I was left alone to try and figure out what those thoughts and feelings meant for me. So I navigated through life dealing with not just issues of racial injustice from the greater society, but also feeling ostracized within my own community due to my sexual orientation. Audre Lorde described this intersectionality of my being when she wrote, "There is no such thing as a single issue struggle because we do not live single issue lives." So my personal purpose in this work is intersectional. My personal purpose is to advocate for youth who are navigating through the multiple oppressions of racism as well as homophobia by educating the community of adults who work with them; because when educators are racially conscious and are equipped with the tools necessary to interrupt racism as well as heterosexism, the trajectory of the lives of the students they work with is changed.

When: Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (PDT)

Where: Campolindo Performing Arts Center - 300 Moraga Road, Moraga, CA 94556

## C.A.R.E. Program

The Moraga School District and the Moraga iKind Project will be implementing the C.A.R.E. program developed and used by the Acalanes Union High School District. Adopting existing and new programs under a common theme will provide a TK-12 and community wide solution and promote opportunities for the entire community to work together.

Compassion (August to October)

Acceptance (November to January)

Respect (February to March)

Equality (April to June)

## The Moraga iKind Project

The mission of the Moraga iKind project is to promote **kindness** and **courtesy**, to foster **courage** and **bravery**, based on the belief that **empathy** and **inclusion** constitute the foundation on which community is built.

Website: [www.moragaikind.org](http://www.moragaikind.org)