



WINNING THE RACE THROUGH HEARTS & MINDS

A Conversation on Building Connected Communities

A changed world begins with a changed self.

Delta State is a cultural “mecca” that champions and celebrates the multicultural identity of the Mississippi Delta, and provides leadership and programming for the community and region. The goal of “Winning the Race: A Conference on Diversity and Community” is to promote dialogue on race relations by building conversations that will bring together diverse communities in the Delta.

Engage

in conversations with campus and community constituencies that will build an appreciation for diversity differences and a spirit of community through shared ideas.

Promote

a broad discourse on race relations by building conversations to bring together diverse communities in the Delta through sharing of ideas and building cooperation.

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a hope that Delta Communities will move toward greater equality, forward and open thinking, while reducing racial disparities and tensions.

OBJECTIVES

- To engender positive race relations through reflection, dialogue, and meaningful cooperation among diverse groups.
- To inspire, motivate, and engage the academy and broader community in meaningful race relations to engender cultural awareness and cooperation.
- To provide information and opportunities for diverse groups to promote and engage in positive intergroup relations.

OUTCOMES

- Creating ongoing community and institutional engagement to advance the mission of the conference
- Developing a funding base to sustain the work of the conference
- Identify how a diverse community can unite to create positive change—socially, economically, and educationally
- Develop multi-media documentation of the conference proceedings (audio/video/text/web)
- Create opportunities for sustained engagement among diverse student groups and community networks.