

TAP NEWS

Summer Announcements

Dear TAP Community,
I am so grateful for the fantastic two years working with you all. Learning from the amazing mediators, site coordinators, and administrators inspired me greatly. Sadly, my time in Jackson is coming to a close as I am moving back to Los Angeles to pursue my masters education. I will keep the TAP community close to my heart in all that I do and know that I will always be a source of support for you all. Thank you for your incredible work!

Best,
Ava Pomerantz



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you

SPOTLIGHT ON GRADUATING MEDIATORS



We are excited to announce that Jamerial Coy, a graduating mediator from Jim Hill High School, has been named Valedictorian. Jamerial has been an incredible mediator over the past few years. She always has a kind smile on her face and is ready for any mediating challenge thrown her way. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020!

STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Strategic Questions Lead to Connections

During this time there are new communication barriers which add new challenges to making connections. In order to navigate barriers effectively and find

out more about each other, we can ask strategic questions that invite connection rather than close people off.

Strategic questions consider alternatives, acknowledge consequences, and recognize obstacles to help support personal action. This means asking open-ended questions that allow for you and another person to understand the bottom line of a conflict without judgement. Even though we aren't talking in person, we can still make others feel understood and heard.



LOG YOUR MEDIATIONS

Google Form Makes Logging Easier



Mediators and Site Coordinators, click the link below to access a Google Form to quickly and easily log your mediations.

Middle Schools: A Site Coordinator logs the mediation, and mediators may but are not required to.

High Schools: A Site Coordinator logs the mediation as well as at least one mediator.

[Click here to fill out the form.](#)

For more details on how to use this form, view our handy guide [here](#).

STAFF PICK

Each month our staff members highlight their favorite conflict resolution resources.

[The Center for Nonviolent Communication](#) (CNVC) supports the learning and sharing of their model, Nonviolent Communication. They work to help people peacefully and effectively resolve conflicts in personal, organizational, and political settings. CNVC carries out their mission through training people in Nonviolent Communication, leading projects, creating educational materials and leading social change projects.



Ava says: The Center for Nonviolent Communication aligns well with TAP. In a format similar to an Impact Statement, they follow four steps to achieve conflict resolution: observations, feelings, needs,

and requests, I love seeing how they highlight empathetic listening as necessary to the mediation process. It's great to see how TAP can tie in for mediators in the real world!

TAP WORKSHOPS



We are excited to announce that we are taking the TAP Workshops Virtual! If you are interested in trying out a virtual workshop during this time, reach out to your TAP Staff about what it would look like.

PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

Julia:

Savannah was telling everyone that I am a terrible singer and making fun of me for thinking I could have a career singing professionally. After I sent her my first recording, she completely messed it up by auto-tuning my voice. Now everyone thinks I'm a fake and that I can't sing.

Savannah:

Julia thinks that she is better than everyone because she can sing. I am tired of her acting so fake all of the time, so I decided to show everyone who she really is. She is a joke, just like her singing.

Impact Statement for Julia:

Impact Statement for Savannah:

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