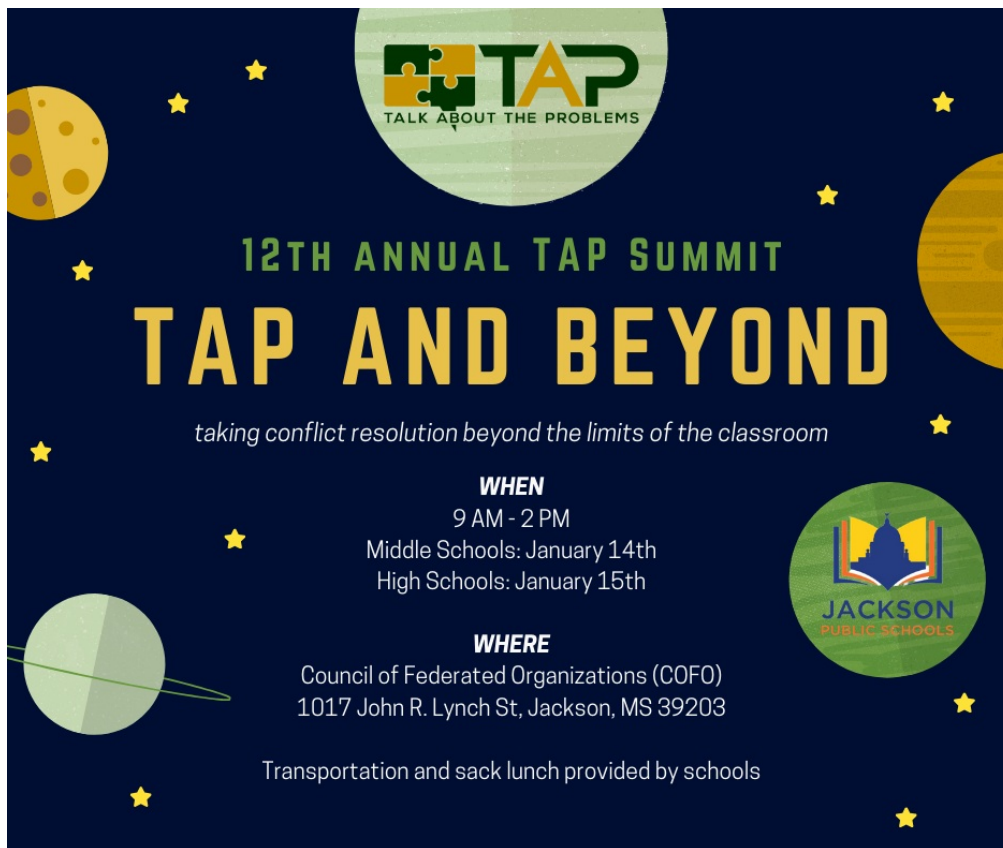



## TAP NEWS

### December Announcements

- The TAP Summit will take place on Tuesday, January 14th 9AM-2PM for middle schools and Wednesday, January 15th from 9AM-2PM for high schools at the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO).
- Log 25 mediations by the end of the semester to win the next mediation challenge.



  
TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS


**12TH ANNUAL TAP SUMMIT**  
**TAP AND BEYOND**

*taking conflict resolution beyond the limits of the classroom*

**WHEN**  
9 AM - 2 PM  
Middle Schools: January 14th  
High Schools: January 15th

**WHERE**  
Council of Federated Organizations (COFO)  
1017 John R. Lynch St, Jackson, MS 39203

Transportation and sack lunch provided by schools



## SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to spotlight our new mediators from Wingfield High School and welcome them to the TAP community. Not only do they mediate, but many of them work on the Wingfield farm with Coach Jeff Gibson growing veggies and selling them at a farmer's market on

campus. If you're looking for fresh produce, reach out to Coach Gibson and the Wingfield mediators.



## STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

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Happy  
holidays  
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### 'Tis the Season

Family time is wonderful but being all together can bring out lots of conflicts. Take the time this season to practice mediation skills like identifying basic emotional needs, listening using Good Vibes, finding win-win situations, and being an empathetic listener. Not only will you help your loved ones, but you can also log that as informal mediation! What a win-win situation!

### TAP Sweatshirt

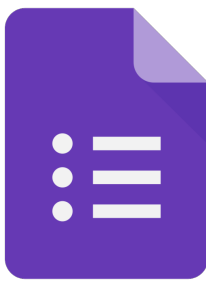
Keep warm this winter and wear one of these cozy TAP sweatshirts. Reach out to your Site Coordinator to buy a sweatshirt for \$26.



## 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.

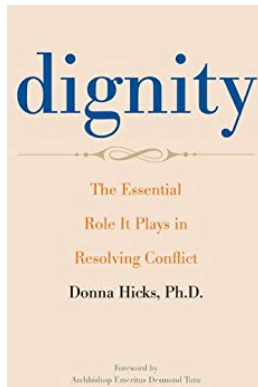
**High Schools:** A Site Coordinator logs the mediation as well as at least one mediator.

[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.



In *Dignity: The Essential Role it Plays in Resolving Conflict*, Donna Hicks writes of how dignity is integral, powerful, and universal. She speaks from experience in international conflict resolution and psychology to reinforce why dignity is important in creating a more peaceful and humane world.

*Ava says: I heard Mayor Lumumba talk about Dignity and Humiliation Studies at the opening of Refill Cafe. He talked about how we must treat everyone with respect and dignity to make progress in the world. His words inspired me to research the topic and while doing so, I stumbled upon this book. It spoke to exactly what he was talking about and what we discuss in TAP: treating all with dignity.*

## TAP WORKSHOPS

Each month we feature one of our TAP workshops. Click on the image to read more about them.

### Communication and Conflict

Everyone communicates differently. Learn ways to look at your communication styles and tactics to make conflict productive and peaceful.



## PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

### Remi:

Every year during the holidays, we start talking

### Impact Statement for Remi:

about politics and it always leads to a fight. Demi started starting spouting her political views, and I felt that she was totally wrong, so I told her. I don't see what's wrong with that; she was speaking absolute nonsense!

### **Demi:**

I was sharing some thoughts about everything I'd seen on the news lately, and Remi completely shut me down. I tried to explain why I believe what I do, but she didn't even give me a chance. It makes me feel dumb. I don't want to talk to her about anything anymore.

### **Impact Statement for Demi:**

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