



Holocaust Documentation & Education Center, Inc.

Student Awareness Days

The Holocaust Documentation and Education Center seeks to **combat prejudice** in our multicultural, ethnically diversified community by educating the students and alerting them to the dangers of prejudice. Because our mission is to provide educational resources and information regarding the authentic memory of the Holocaust, our **Student Awareness Days** are a vehicle toward this end. The Student Awareness Days are prejudice reduction symposia whereby 250-900 high school students at each program **learn the dangers of bullying, racism, hatred, and bigotry through videos, lectures, and round table discussions with Survivors of the Holocaust.**



Students enjoy round table discussions with Survivors, Broward Student Awareness Day, December 2015

“It was a great day; this program really opens your eyes to bullying and hatred. It provides us with others’ stories to make sure we understand how bad this hatred impacts the lives of others and how it is ruining this world.”

- Cutler Bay Senior High, Grade 10



Survivor Stella Sonnenschein embraces a student at Miami-Dade County Student Awareness Day, March 2016

High school students from local **public, private, and parochial schools in Miami Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe counties** are invited to attend. Since we have been providing these programs to the schools for the past 28 years, the administrators and teachers are familiar with these significant educational experiences and encourage participation among their students. Because of all the bullying that is taking place in the schools today and because character education and learning to respect one another is such an important part of what our schools teach, they work closely with us to ensure that as many of their students as possible attend the Student Awareness Days. The Center **encourages students from all schools and backgrounds to participate.**

“The presentations today were all very interesting, and they all allowed us to see history’s injustices and apply them to life today. It’s given us a new perspective on the Holocaust as well as how hatred similar to that which started the Holocaust still exists and has to be acknowledged.”

- Miami Arts Studio 6-12, Grade 9

This unique program educates the future about the **dangers of hatred, terror, and the threats** against our democratic values and freedoms. By relating to the tragic, personal stories of Holocaust Survivors, students begin to understand that no one is immune to the evil and discrimination bestowed upon them by others. Through Student Awareness Days, **students learn to take a stand and become more vigilant and aware** in their daily lives. They are taught the importance of standing up, speaking out, and making a difference. Above all, our goal is for all students to realize that targeting one group targets all.



Survivor Judy Rodan stands with students during a candle lighting ceremony at Broward County Student Awareness Day, December 2015

I’m so glad to have been here today. The story that the Survivor shared has really opened my eyes to the brutality of others and the importance of kindness.”

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Grade 12

Miami-Dade County Student Awareness Day

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

8:30am – 1:30pm

Kovens Conference Center

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