

# WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROJECT 2018 FUTURE OF FEMINISM GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE



On May 24, 2018, one hundred seventy students and adults attended the second annual Future of Feminism conference at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Presented by the L.A. County Human Relations Commission's Women's Leadership Project (WLP), the conference featured youth-facilitated workshops, videos, presentations, and a musical performance by acclaimed guitarist Malina Moye. Students from Dorsey High School, Gardena High School, Fremont High School, Diego Rivera Academy, Carson High School, King-Drew Magnet High School and Miguel Contreras Learning Complex attended the conference. The event was emceed by WLP alumni and former foster care youth Clay Wesley (WLP 2009) and Drea Wooden (WLP 2017). The conference kicked off with a WLP-produced video on sexual harassment and sexual

violence prevention. The video was followed by a student panel on the #MeToo movement featuring WLP students and alumni. Students Imani Moses (WLP 2011), Lizeth Soria (WLP 2012), Marena Kyle (WLP 2014), Shania Malone (WLP 2018), Cheyanne McLaren (WLP 2019) and Lidia Colocho (WLP 2019) discussed the marginalization of black and Latinx girls in mainstream representations about the impact of sexual harassment and sexual violence in school communities. The panelists also challenged young men to step up as allies in the fight against normalized sexism, sexual harassment and sexual violence on school campuses. College community partners and high school youth conducted workshop presentations on sexual violence and homelessness, Black feminism, gender justice and labor organizing, countering "fake news" and disrupting criminalization in communities of color. Representatives from the GSA Network, Media Done Responsibly, Peace Over Violence and the WLP alumni network presented social, racial, and gender justice youth leadership work that they have been doing at partner schools for the past several years.



**LEFT:** #MeToo and Girls of Color Panel



**RIGHT:** Black Feminist Gallery Walk Presentation