

SUBJECT: Re: Invitation to partner with WPS La Crosse  
 FROM: Aaron Engel <aengel@lacrossesd.org>  
 TO: Kelly Galvan <kgalvan@lacrossesd.org>  
 DATE: 09/03/2021 14:59

Let's support this at \$1,000.

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On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 10:22 AM Kelly Galvan <kgalvan@lacrossesd.org> wrote:  
 We have not financially supported this in the past though I believe this is a newly created event. We have financially supported the annual fall Waking Up White event using LPEF Discretionary funds.

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On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 10:07 AM Aaron Engel <aengel@lacrossesd.org> wrote:  
 What do we contribute to this?

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 From: **Charles Gilbert** <cgilbert@uwlax.edu>  
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 School District of La Crosse  
 Aaron Engel, Superintendent

Dear Friends in Action -

We are excited to announce the **White Privilege Symposium La Crosse, WI: A Vision for Racial Equity: History, Truth, and a Call for Action**. This landmark symposium will be held December 3–4, 2021 at the La Crosse Center (COVID-19 restrictions permitting) led by The Privilege Institute and supported by the White Privilege Symposium La Crosse Host Committee. This event will bring together 700–1000 people from numerous sectors and different backgrounds to learn about white supremacy, white privilege, and systems of privilege and oppression. Together we will:

- Develop foundational knowledge about privilege within our communities that can be utilized as a positive resource tool.
- Set in motion actions and practices to dismantle the systems of privilege and oppression that exist within our region.
- Motivate, influence, and inspire people to engage in collective action to improve our community.
- Offer a regional Youth Action Project that provides a safe and challenging space geared toward youth of ALL ethnic backgrounds who are committed to understanding and dismantling white supremacy, white privilege, and other forms of oppression.

**Our host planning committee is asking for your partnership and financial support in launching this crucial event.** We are seeking partners who will commit to developing and implementing plans of action that will transform our community and beyond. We are reaching out to you because of your commitment to equity and justice.

Your involvement will be critical to our success and we look forward to partnering with you in this call for action. [Please review the Partnership Commitment Information below and complete the online registration by Monday May 31st.](#) If you need more information, we invite members of your organization to attend one of our informational virtual meetings on Wednesday March 10th (1pm or 6pm) or Tuesday April 6th (1pm or 6pm) via this zoom link: <https://uwlax-edu.zoom.us/j/81093094467>

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Harris ([tharris@uwlax.edu](mailto:tharris@uwlax.edu), 608.780.7153) or Mark Solyst ([prmarksolyst@gmail.com](mailto:prmarksolyst@gmail.com), 608.797.6152). We look forward to hearing from you!

Kristi Bechtel	Carrie Bergum	Amanda Dotson
Alyssa Gostonczi	Thomas Harris	Joshua Hertel
Ebony Hyter	Elizabeth Janvrin	Steve Minnema



Arlette Rodriguez-Miller  
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 Michael Slevin  
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Pat Ruda  
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 Dodie Whitaker

**WPS La Crosse Partnership Commitment**

Instructions: To become a partner in action, complete the following form by Monday May 31st: <https://forms.gle/L3PEA1BYa3mt13fU8>

Partnership Level	Partnership Benefits
Understanding \$2500+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration for five people</li> <li>• Logo and listing in print materials</li> <li>• Live recognition from the stage during opening</li> <li>• Highlighted lead partner</li> <li>• Table space for marketing</li> <li>• Social media mention</li> <li>• Five copies of <i>Waking Up White</i> by Debby Irving</li> </ul>
Respecting \$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration for three people</li> <li>• Logo and listing in print materials</li> <li>• Table space for marketing</li> <li>• Social media mention</li> <li>• Three copies of <i>Waking Up White</i> by Debby Irving</li> </ul>
Connecting \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration for two people</li> <li>• Logo and listing in print materials</li> <li>• Table space for marketing</li> <li>• Social media mention</li> <li>• Two copies of <i>Waking Up White</i> by Debby Irving</li> </ul>
Ally \$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration for one person</li> <li>• Logo and listing in print materials</li> <li>• Social media mention</li> <li>• One copy of <i>Waking Up White</i> by Debby Irving</li> </ul>
Friend \$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listing in print materials</li> </ul>



Funds will be used to pay for rental of the La Crosse Center, audio/visual costs, keynote speakers, performers, Youth Action Project (YAP), marketing, printing, scholarships, etc. Proceeds from the White Privilege Symposium La Crosse will support The Privilege Institute. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Harris ([tharris@uwlax.edu](mailto:tharris@uwlax.edu), 608.780.7153) or Mark Solyst ([prmarksolyst@gmail.com](mailto:prmarksolyst@gmail.com), 608.797.6152).

The Privilege Institute  
 (from [www.theprivilegeinstitute.com](http://www.theprivilegeinstitute.com))

The Privilege Institute (TPI) was created as a nonprofit organization in early 2014 by Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. TPI develops and sustains collaborations grounded in the essential ideals of the White Privilege Conference (WPC): Understanding, Respecting, and Connecting. TPI offers multiple opportunities for advocates of peace, equity and justice to enhance their work and research by providing challenging workshops, engaging speakers, and a range of educational opportunities and resources on issues of privilege, power and leadership. TPI also publishes *Understanding and Dismantling Privilege*, an interdisciplinary journal focusing on intersectionality and all aspects of privilege (racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, etc.), bridging academia and practice, highlighting activism, and offering a forum for action and accountability on issues of inequity, power and privilege.

TPI provides a supportive, educational, and challenging space to work in partnership with those who share our mission and vision. We represent a diverse and multi-disciplinary network of activists, educators, youth leaders, and anyone interested in disrupting the systemic structure of white supremacy, white privilege and other forms of oppression that impact all of our lives. We are pleased to have a place where the work of both TPI and the WPC will continue to survive and thrive through the relationship model (handshake to handshake). Most importantly, at TPI, we always keep it REAL: Research. Education. Action. Leadership.

**The White Privilege Symposium**

Further expanding the reach of the White Privilege Conference domestically, in 2014, The Privilege Institute developed the White Privilege Symposium model. Symposiums typically take place on a Friday night, and all day Saturday.

The Regional Symposium Model:

- Allows a person without the time or resources, or with the desire to sample the WPC experience before attending the full conference, to attend the national conference a chance to experience WPC's challenging approach to addressing issues related to white supremacy, white privilege and other forms of oppression.
- Increases impact and capacity of the TPI brand as its annual conference continues to average 1700 – plus participants. TPI will organize three regional symposiums per year in collaboration with a regional host committee.
- Offers regions the opportunity to explore what issues of power, privilege, and leadership look like specifically in their region.
- Creates a local/regional, collaborative project that facilitates connections, networks, and inspiration that lives on far beyond the WPS- our social justice footprint.
- Develop a follow up plan of action that moves community away from "Diversity and Inclusion" and towards comprehensively challenging white supremacy, white privilege, and other forms of oppression.
- Raise funds for TPI to increase capacity and sustainability to further its mission in your region, nationally, and globally.