THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRACY IS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT WORKS WITH TEACHERS AND YOUTH EDUCATORS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH NEW TOOLS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AS SHARED BY A DIVERSE AMERICAN POPULATION AND INSPIRES THEM TO BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

"We believe that no one person can make democracy reach its fullest potential. People shape democracy, not only the Founding Fathers. Working together actually works because of we, the people."

~Bryan & Maricruz, 17, Jefferson High School

THE NATIONAL CENTER'S CORE UNDERSTANDINGS:

- WE, THE PEOPLE, SHAPE DEMOCRACY;
- I, TOO, CAN SHAPE DEMOCRACY;
- THOSE WHO HAVE STRUGGLED FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY HAVE EXTENDED DEMOCRACY'S REACH FOR ALL

The National Center for the Preservation of Democracy is an educational institution that provides tools for living democratically in a diverse American society. Partnering with educators and community-based mentors, the National Center works to inspire youth to be active, informed participants in shaping democracy in America.

For more information about Democracy in Action or how you can become a participant in the program, please visit www.ncdemocracy.org, or contact Ann Du, Education Developer, 213.830.1883, adu@ncdemocracy.org

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ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW? CAN YOU PUT WORDS INTO ACTION?

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"What if education is not about the pressures of hierarchies, mandates, routines, bells, tests and structured rules, but rather offers choice to students and the opportunity to practice life skills that would translate into operating more democratically in society?"

~Patricia, 17, Garfield High School

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ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION is a six-week internship program for youth seeking leadership training and experience in shaping their community. Through guided learning, peer-to-peer dialogue, problem-solving activities and interactive projects, students will engage in the process of being active and responsible citizens in today's diverse society. Students will develop valuable skills in *critical-thinking, research, participation, and collaboration* by working together with teenagers from several different high schools and two master teachers to:

- ✗ learn how diverse people have historically shaped democracy;
- ✗ tackle contemporary real-life issues in the community;
- ✗ produce a meaningful hands-on community project.

When: July 11, 2005 – August 19, 2005
Time: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 2:00pm
Where: National Center for the Preservation of Democracy
Democracy Lab
111 North Central Avenue
Los Angeles California 90012

A CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"Democracy is a lifestyle, constantly changing for the people but the mistakes of the past are not forgotten."

~ Rito, 17, Jefferson High School

MAKE A CHOICE TODAY AND JOIN

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

WHY PARTICIPATE IN DEMOCRACY IN ACTION?

- ✗ Receive hands-on experience for college and job applications
- ✗ Fulfill community service and/or service learning requirement for high school graduation
- ✗ Meet other youth from diverse backgrounds who share similar interests and concerns
- ✗ Contribute to your community and society at large
- ✗ Develop leaderships qualities including teamwork, analysis, communication, and other real-life skills
- ✗ Possible future opportunity to become paid Youth Facilitators
- ✗ A RARE CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"This program brought out an activist in me. It gave me opportunities and resources and confirmed within me that I want to do this for the rest of my life—make great changes for my community and nation."

~Karina, 17, Manual Arts High

HOW TO APPLY

We are looking for mature and committed students in the 11th grade (or who have taken U.S. History) and are interested in learning about democracy in a team environment and becoming problem solvers in their community. We hope to have an ethnic, economic, and academic mix of youth participants.

To apply, complete PART 1, the **Youth Application Form**, PART 2, the one-page **Statement of Interest** and PART 3, the **Nomination Form** (completed by adult nominator). Send your completed application documents by **Thursday, June 16th** to:

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