



A New Year of Student Leadership

Happy New Year from the student leaders at Beyond Differences! After countless assemblies, middle school clubs, hundreds of No One Eats Alone Events, lobbying congress, hosting education nights for parents among many other things; **2015 was a big one.** Looking forward to another year of students leading the charge towards a safer, more inclusive middle school culture.



No One Eats Alone is Around the Corner!

National No One Eats Alone Day is February 12, 2016!

Last year, 700 schools in 38 states participated, impacting 400,000 students!

Any school can sign up to receive their **FREE** purple backpack with everything they need to host this transformative event.

Know a teacher, counselor or administrator? Send them to <http://nooneatsalone.org> to learn more and receive **FREE** materials for the event!

Announcing our National Spokesman for No One Eats Alone: Jonathan Martin!

After experiencing social isolation in his NFL locker room, Jonathan Martin is partnering with Beyond Differences to spread our message of inclusion & kindness!



Be Kind Online: #SUSI

The second component of our yearlong **Be Kind Online** campaign launches January 20!

Stand Up Step In (#SUSI) teaches students how to de-escalate conflict online and in-person. **We're challenging students** from across the country to be upstanders; to stand up for themselves and others.



Our Jam-Packed Mid Year Retreat is January 31st!

Featuring hip-hop artist and former Teen Board member **Jordan Garrett!** Plus Allegory Inc. CEO **Christina Harbridge**, our middle school and high school student leaders and **much much more!!!** Leadership training and hip-hop concert!!!

Open to all our middle and high school student leaders!!

Sunday, January 31st, 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Mt. Tam Methodist Church, Mill Valley CA
[Click here to RSVP](#)



Introducing our new Director of National Programs, Jenny Karl!

Jenny has a passion for helping individuals with developmental and behavioral challenges. She graduated from Dominican University in 2009 and worked as a Group Counselor at St. Vincent's School for Boys where she found her calling to help children who were socially isolated due to their behavioral challenges.

She also grew up inspired by a brother who is successful and happy in life despite having a neurological condition which affected his social life. We are thrilled to have Jenny on board!

Congratulations Jasmine!

Teen Board Senior **Jasmine Klein** has been nominated for **Youth Volunteer of the Year** for the **Heart of Marin Awards!** Hosted by the Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership!



WHO ARE YOU BRINGING TO THE EVENT THIS YEAR?

Our Annual Event is on April 3rd!

We want you to join the team and help make this happen! Join the Planning Committee!

Kick Off Dinner on January 21, 2016 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

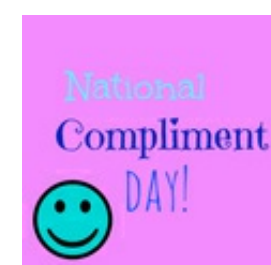
Volunteer Meetings on:

January 30, February 27 and March 26 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Details to follow!! Email beyonddifferences@gmail.com for more information!



Annual Event co-chairs **Dee Marie Rawlinson** and **Dominique Harroch**



National Compliment Day is in January 24th!

In the spirit of Beyond Differences leadership, be sure to give meaningful compliments on the 24th in honor of **National Compliment Day!**

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 31, **Mid Year Retreat**, 410 Sycamore Ave, Mill Valley CA, 1:00pm - 5:00pm [RSVP](#)

Sunday, February 7, **Teen Board Meeting**, 711 Grand Ave Suite 200, San Rafael CA 11:00am - 1:00pm

Friday, February 12, **National No One Eats Alone Day!**

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