

Success Beyond the Classroom Presents

Mirrors and Doors

Write, reflect,
step into other worlds...



2016-17 Young Authors Conference

Conference Dates:

March 16, 2017 and May 30, 31, June 1, and 2, 2017 at Bethel University

Mirrors and Doors offers young writers an inside view of the transformative power of writing. During their time at YAC, students will explore the many ways writing acts as a mirror and a door— by reflecting who we are in a way that validates our story and by channeling us beyond our world into other worlds, cultures, and experiences. During this one-day conference, the keynote address and hands-on breakout sessions led by published authors, illustrators, journalists, filmmakers, poets, playwrights and more will propel students to consider the potential of their own writing in new and powerful ways.



March keynote, Daniel Pierce Bergin

Young Authors Conference keynote speaker, filmmaker and Emmy award winning writer/producer for Twin Cities PBS, **Daniel Pierce Bergin** will describe how writing for media offers exceptional opportunities to create affirming mirrors for many audiences and doorways to

other times, people, and places. Bergin explains, “The literary metaphor **Mirrors and Doors**, is uniquely suited to writing film and television because media offers unique reflections and can create engaging, immersive ‘doorways’ into other worlds.”



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The Young Authors Conference shows students real life professionals who actually write for a career; it helps kids realize that writing is real and why it is important in the real world.

-Educator, 2016

May/June keynote, Lea B. Olsen



A nationally recognized sports journalist is only one of the notorieties bestowed on keynote, **Lea B. Olsen**. Throughout her career in sports broadcasting, Lea has tackled the roles of sideline reporter, sports analyst, pre and post-game host, and ceremonial emcee. As a writer and producer, Lea has assembled a collection of feature stories on extraordinary athletes at all levels of competition. More recently Lea B.

Olsen has parlayed her life-long accomplishments in sport to public speaking with a focus on helping young women find their voice and own their stories. At YAC, Ms. Olsen will encourage our young writers to use their voices as **mirrors and doors** highlighting the many opportunities available to writers to bring their stories and the stories of other cultures and people to life.