



ConSoné Academy: Where Middle School Girls Can Develop Their Voice(s)

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## **AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY COMING TO ENDICOTT COLLEGE**

### **RACE TO NOWHERE— A FILM SENSATION FEEDS A GROUNDSWELL FOR EDUCATIONAL CHANGE**

ConSoné Academy in partnership with Endicott College will be hosting a screening of the award-winning documentary, "Race to Nowhere," Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 7 PM at Rose Performance Hall on the Endicott campus.

Nationally, this film is playing as a quiet counterpoint to the better-known "Waiting for 'Superman,'" which focuses on failing urban schools. "Race to Nowhere" explores a different problem, the strains of competing in a pressure-packed academic culture that is highly test-driven and pushes some students to the edge. Featuring the heartbreaking stories of young people from all types of communities who have been pushed to the brink, educators who are burned out and worried that students are not developing the skills they need, and parents trying to do what is best for their children, "Race to Nowhere" shows what is actually happening to kids as a result of current policies and practices obsessed with assessment, performance, and competition rather than meaningful teaching and learning.

Spotlighted in notable publications like *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, the critically-acclaimed film "Race to Nowhere" is touching a collective nerve and igniting conversation around the pressures facing our educators and youth as well as the detrimental impact these stresses are having on all of society. "For thousands of (people) nationwide, the film has raised difficult questions about how to raise well-adjusted children at a time when schools seem test-obsessed, advanced classes are the norm, and parents worry that their children will not go as far in life as they have." (*The Washington Post*, 10/7/2010). The movie empowers everyone to get involved and take ownership of what's happening in our schools and communities.

Rated PG-13, the film is for parents, teenagers, educators, health professionals, and anyone interested in children and education. While seating at Endicott's Rose Performance Hall is limited, everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are available at <http://rtnconsone.eventbrite.com> or by calling 925.310.4242. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

For further information about "Race to Nowhere," please visit [www.racetonowhere.com](http://www.racetonowhere.com).

For further information about ConSoné Academy, please visit [www.consoneacademy.org](http://www.consoneacademy.org).

For further information about Endicott College, including directions, please visit [www.endicott.edu](http://www.endicott.edu).

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