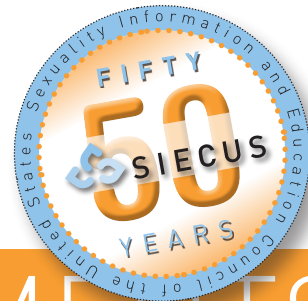


# SIECUS



SUMMER/FALL 2014

## DEVELOPMENTS

**SIECUS Developments** is the semiannual newsletter of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, a national nonprofit organization. Since 1964, SIECUS has been at the forefront of promoting comprehensive sexuality education for people of all ages and protecting the rights of individuals to make informed sexual and reproductive choices.

### celebrate

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014, SIECUS CELEBRATED OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT NOIR IN NEW YORK CITY WITH NEARLY 200 DONORS AND FUNDERS, EDUCATORS, ADVOCATES, COLLEAGUES, CURRENT AND FORMER STAFF, CURRENT AND FORMER BOARD MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS. GUESTS CAME TOGETHER TO TOAST SIECUS' 50TH YEAR AND HEAR MORE ABOUT WHAT THERE IS AHEAD FOR OUR ORGANIZATION.

See pages 6 – 11 for photos that highlight some of the night's greatest moments!



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Monica Rodriguez

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS), I would like to thank you for your support of SIECUS at some point over the past 50 years. Whether you are a current donor or funder, a current or former staff member, a current or former Board member, an intern, a supporter, a colleague, or a friend, we would not have made it to our 50th anniversary without you. Thank you!

When SIECUS was founded in 1964 there were some existing organizations that danced around the edges of human sexuality by giving out information about family life, human reproduction, or 'venereal disease,' but there was a gaping hole in what was available. One that our founders vowed to fill. To quote from the very first *SIECUS Newsletter* (February, 1965), **"And to this end the supplemental programs of SIECUS will include materials and points of view that recognize and deal with human sexuality in its totality rather than as limited to human reproduction, and at all ages rather than limited to adolescence and youth."**

Slowly but surely the dialogue about sexuality has taken incremental shifts toward being one that is more

inclusive, more holistic, and more affirming, and SIECUS has certainly played a leadership role in that. Moreover, we are now living in an age where information about sexuality is readily available from many sources (some better than others). But we still have a long way to go.

Our work moving forward will focus on strategies that we believe will continue to bring society closer to our vision of a world in which sexual health and well-being is embraced and celebrated.

Sexuality education remains our primary focus and our current strategies take a two-pronged approach. Our staff ensures that those who provide sexuality education on the front lines have the training, skills, and resources they need to do their important work well. This work on sexuality education implementation takes us from the classroom to the school board meeting; from the after-school program to the parenting workshop. The other half of our strategy finds us on Capitol Hill and in state houses across the country as we work with advocates to secure state and federal policies that are supportive of sexuality education and a range of other sexuality issues, as well as the funding needed to implement them.

On April 10, 2014, in New York City, SIECUS held a rousing

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Thank you all! And thank you to those who brought guests with them to celebrate!  
We had such a good time, we can't remember it all, so if you were there and we forgot to list you we're so sorry.


## Message from the President

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reception to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Nearly 200 donors and funders, educators, advocates, colleagues, current and former staff, current and former Board members, and friends came together to recognize SIECUS' 50th year and hear more about what there

is ahead for our organization. I am proud to dedicate this issue of *SIECUS Developments* to SIECUS' 50th anniversary, highlighting this spectacular event.

As we work to make certain that all people have the right and the ability to experience sexual health

and well-being appropriate to their age and stage of life, we hope that we can continue to count on your support. And again, our sincerest thanks to everyone who has supported SIECUS, our work, and our mission over the last 50 years. Here's to the next 50! 

## SIECUS SALUTES!

Gifts made in honor of an individual can commemorate a birthday or anniversary, recognize the work of someone special, memorialize a special person, or celebrate the holidays.

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And that's a fact of life.



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# SIECUS Board Member and AIDS United Senior Vice President Vignetta Eugenia Charles Appointed to Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) is proud to congratulate Vignetta Eugenia Charles, PhD, SIECUS Board Member and Senior Vice President for AIDS United, as she is appointed to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). Formed by Executive Order in June 1995, PACHA provides advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies related to HIV prevention, care, and research. Members are selected for their particular expertise in, experience with, or knowledge of, matters concerning HIV and AIDS.


“It is an honor to be able to serve on the Presidential Advisory

Council on HIV/AIDS,” said Dr. Charles. “So much incredible work has been done in the past 30 years to help prevent and treat HIV/AIDS—and I’m happy to have been a small part of it. But there is still more work to do—and it is a privilege to be able to provide information on programs that work and make recommendations for national action with such an esteemed group of colleagues on the PACHA.”

At AIDS United, Dr. Charles is responsible for overseeing grantmaking and capacity building programs. She is an alumna of the University of California at Berkeley, the Harvard School of Public Health, and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her work

experience includes diverse roles, such as: serving as the national health educator for the Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies; initiating a teen pregnancy prevention portfolio for The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation; and coordinating HIV-prevention programs in both San Francisco and Oakland, California. As well as serving on the Board of Directors of SIECUS, she also serves on the Board of the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE).

Dr. Charles was appointed in September 2014 to serve a two-year term on PACHA.

SIECUS wishes Dr. Charles all the best as she positively influences HIV/AIDS policy and programs throughout the United States. 

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In addition, you can see a video of photos by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sr-MryVvYvU>



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