

# GET ENGAGED

STUDENT ACTION & YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The sixth annual “Get Engaged: Student Action and Youth Leadership Conference” brings together 34 students from across the Bard international network of partner institutions, including Al-Quds Bard College of Arts and Sciences (AQB) (East Jerusalem), American University of Central Asia (AUCA) (Kyrgyzstan), Bard College Annandale (United States), Bard College Berlin (BCB) (Germany), European Humanities University (EHU) (Lithuania), Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences at St. Petersburg State University (Smolny College) (Russia), and Central European University (CEU) (Hungary).

Organized in partnership with the Community Engagement Office and the Bard-CEU Study Abroad Program at Central European University, and held on its Budapest campus, the conference focuses on strengthening the global network of student social entrepreneurs who use the liberal arts as a creative tool to address challenging social issues in their communities.

The conference exposes students to a wide range of ideas and experiences to help them lead community-based projects more effectively. The “Get Engaged” conference is a venue for students to share experiences, learn new skills, hone leadership styles, and network with international partners. The conference is an inspirational and practical space that encourages young people to grow into their roles as agents for change.

## ABOUT THE BARD INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

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**GET ENGAGED**  
**MARCH 15-22, 2019**  
**CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

*Location: CEU Residence and Conference Center  
 H-1106 Budapest, Kerepesi ut 87*

- 9:00 am - 3:30 pm Check in at residence hall and explore on your own
- 3:30-4:00 pm Return to residence and conference center
- 4:30-5:30 pm **Welcome to Get Engaged**  
(students, staff, and CEU student ambassadors)
- 5:30-6:30 pm **Dinner in residence hall** (mentor groups and staff)
- 6:30-8:30 pm **Breaking the Ice** (students, staff, and CEU student ambassadors)
- 8:00 pm **Evening excursions** with CEU student ambassadors

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

*Location: CEU Residence and Conference Center  
 H-1106 Budapest, Kerepesi ut 87*

- 7:00-9:00 am **Breakfast in residence hall**
- 9:00-9:30 am **A Getting to Know You Session**  
 Moderator: Dariel Vasquez, Founder & Director, Brothers at Bard;  
 Program Manager, Bard Early College Fellowship Initiative,  
 Bard Annandale

- 9:30-11:30 am **Workshop: Public Speaking and Civic Engagement**  
 David Register, Faculty Fellow & Director of Debate, Bard Prison Initiative, Instructor, Bard Learning Commons, Co-Director, Bard Debate Union, Bard College Annandale

- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm **Lunch in residence hall**

- 12:30-1:45 pm **Workshop: Active Listening**  
 Paul Marienthal, Dean for Social Action and Director, TLS Program, Bard Annandale

- 1:45-3:00 pm **Workshop: Network Networking and Academic Connections**  
 Moderator: Dariel Vasquez, Bard Annandale

- 3:00-5:45 pm **Break and free time**

- 6:30-8:00 pm **Networking reception with László Z. Bitó, Bard '60, and Olivia Cariño**  
*Location: Bitó residence, 1114 Budapest, Bartok Bela ut 76 III.em.2*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

*Location: Central European University  
 1051 Budapest, Nador u.15, Room 103*

- 7:00-9:00 am **Breakfast in residence hall**

- 9:00-10:00 am **Travel to CEU**

- 10:00-11:00 am **Workshop: Project Development on Campus and Connecting with Faculty**  
 Harry Johnson, Fellow for Program Design and Development, Brothers at Bard; Program Fellow, BardWorks, Bard Annandale  
 Dariel Vasquez, Bard Annandale

- 11:00-11:15 am **Break**

- 11:15 am - 1:15 pm **Workshop: Civic Engagement, Student Leadership and the Liberal Arts: Civic Engagement In and Out of the Classroom**  
 Moderators: Erin Cannan, Vice President for Student Affairs;  
 Dean of Civic Engagement; Deputy Director, Center for Civic Engagement, Bard Annandale  
 Dariel Vasquez, Bard Annandale

- 1:15-2:15 pm **Lunch on your own**

- 2:15 pm **Big Bus Tours and free time**

- 5:00 pm **Dinner on your own**



## MONDAY, MARCH 18

**Location:** Central European University  
1051 Budapest, Nador u.15, Auditorium A

- 7:00–8:30 am** Breakfast in residence hall
- 8:30–9:30 am** Travel to CEU
- 9:30–10:00 am** Reflection
- 10:00–10:30 am** **Welcome and Introduction to CEU's Community Engagement Initiative**  
Chrysovalantis Margaritidis, Dean of Students, CEU
- 10:30 am – noon** **Workshop: Empathic Behavior and Communication**  
Paul Marienthal, Bard Annandale
- noon – 1:00 pm** Lunch  
**Location:** Oktober 101-102
- 1:00–3:30 pm** **Student Presentations**  
*Youth Mentoring*  
**NGA Peer Mentorship Program** Uulzhan Aitnazarova (AUCA)  
**Mastering Mathematics** Emma Bernstein (Bard Annandale)  
**The Clowning Workshop** Maria Jose Sarmiento Isaac (BCB)  
**Brothers at Bard** Theo Lloyd (Bard Annandale)  
  
*Literacy Connections*  
**Red Hook ESL** Tatiana Alfaro (Bard Annandale)  
**Summer Camp Afghanistan** Abdul Walid Azizi (AUCA)  
**Toward a Wonderful Future** Nabaa Khamees (AQB)  
**BCB Sparrows** Elena Müller (BCB)  
**Written Voices** Shadin Nassar (AQB)  
**LA&S Magazine** Maria Polovko (Smolny)

## 4:30–6:00 pm Poster Presentations and Reception

### Welcoming remarks

Jonathan Becker, Executive Vice President; Vice President for Academic Affairs; Director, Center for Civic Engagement, Bard Annandale  
Liviu Matei, Provost and Pro-Rector, CEU

## 6:00 pm Dinner on your own

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

**Location:** Central European University  
1051 Budapest, Nador u.15, Auditorium A

- 7:00–8:30 am** Breakfast in residence hall
- 8:30–9:30 am** Travel to CEU
- 9:30–10:00 am** Reflection
- 10:00 am – noon** **Workshop: Funding Your Dream**  
Bonnie Goad, Associate Director, Center for Civic Engagement, Bard Annandale  
Debra Pemstein, Vice President of Development and Alumni/ae Affairs, Bard Annandale  
  
**Coordinator Meeting**  
Harry Johnson, Bard Annandale  
Cammie Jones, Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement, Bard Annandale  
**Location:** Nador u.15, Room 202
- noon – 1:00 pm** Lunch  
**Location:** Oktober 101-102



**1:00–4:30 pm Student Presentations**

*Campus Engagement*

- Kirpich Valentin** Viktor Filipenka (EHU)
- In Somebody Else's Shoes** Mohamad Othman (BCB)
- GenUN** Sadia Saba (Bard Annandale)

*Social Justice: Political and Art Engagement*

- The Emancipe Initiative** Danny Dubner (BCB)
- Belarusian Young Leaders** Maxim Ermolenko (EHU)
- Homesick Between Death and Death** Adeeb Hadi (BCB)
- Young Debater School** Dilshod Hamroboev (AUCA)
- Recovering Forgotten Conflicts and APVT** Zar Sarmast (AUCA)

*Women's Empowerment*

- Sister to Sister** Sakinah Bennett (Bard Annandale)
- Period@Bard** Kathy Gaweda (Bard Annandale)
- Village Girl** Meerim Nurlanbekova (AUCA)
- The Black Body Experience** Talaya Robinson-Dancy (Bard Annandale)

**4:30–5:30 pm Reflection**

**5:30 pm Dinner on your own**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

**Location:** Central European University  
1051 Budapest, Nador u.15, Auditorium A

**6:30–7:30 am Breakfast in residence hall**

**7:30–8:30 am Travel to CEU**

**8:30–9:00 am Reflection**

**9:00–10:00 am Civic Engagement at CEU**

Mate Halmos, Bard-CEU Study Abroad Site Manager  
Flóra László, Acting-Director, Community Engagement Office, CEU  
Bard students studying at CEU

**10:00 am – noon Discussion with Michael Ignatieff**

President and Rector, CEU

**noon – 1:00 pm Lunch and Charity Taxi Pop-Up Shop**

**Location:** Central European University  
1051 Budapest, Nador u.15, Auditorium B

**1:00–4:30 pm Student Presentations**

*Sustainable Development*

- Air Quality in Bishkek City** Altynai Amantur kyzy (AUCA)
- EHU Eco-School** Hanna Savitskaya (EHU)
- What's Nu?** Sofia Sorokina (Smolny)
- Eco Club** Anna Zharova (Smolny)

*Community Engagement: Special Needs*

- The Orphanage Rodnichok** Daria Kolosovskaia (Smolny)
- Helping Nursing Homes and Special Needs Schools** Dina Labadi (AQB)
- Bilim Nuskasy** Kaliia Ulanbekova (AUCA)
- Keep in Touch** Lizaveta Vialichka (EHU)
- Ramapo for Children** Victoria Wu (Bard Annandale)

**4:30–5:30 pm Now What? Taking the Next Step**

Cammie Jones, Bard Annandale



## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

**Location:** Central European University  
1051 Budapest, Nador u.15, Auditorium A

- 7:00-8:30 am Breakfast in residence hall
- 8:30-9:30 am Travel to CEU
- 9:30-10:00 am Reflection
- 10:00 am - noon Saying Goodbye
- noon - 1:00 pm Lunch  
*Location:* Oktober 101-102
- noon - 2:00 pm CEU NGO Fair  
*Location:* Nádor u. 13, Lobby

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Leave for home

## 2019 STUDENT PROJECTS

### AL-QUDS BARD (AQB)

**Nabaa Khamees**

**Toward a Wonderful Future** helps refugee children in the Dsheshah camp learn English using AQB teaching methods.

**Dina Labadi**

**Helping Nursing Homes and Special Needs Schools** provides volunteers to assist staff and teachers, and provides resources for interactive activities for nursing homes and special needs schools in Palestine.

**Shadin Nassar**

**Written Voices** introduces creative writing to the Palestinian community through fun and educational workshops.

### AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ASIA (AUCA)

**Uulzhan Aitnazarova**

**New Generations Academy (NGA) Peer Mentorship Program** is a community of young people who help AUCA NGA students transition from high school to university life by providing support, advice, and friendship to help students succeed in their academic, social, and personal development at AUCA.

**Abdul Walid Azizi**

**Summer Camp Afghanistan (SCA)** is a weeklong program focused on improving English language and leadership skills for young students to prepare them to apply for international scholarships and job opportunities.

**Dilshod Hamroboev**

**Young Debater School (YDS)** is a leadership platform for high school students that prepares them to become strong debaters while learning leadership through volunteering and social opportunities.

**Altynai Amantur kyzy**

**Air Quality in Bishkek City** provides a platform for community members to join a civic air-monitoring network in Bishkek that gathers data on air pollution and raises awareness about local environmental issues.

**Meerim Nurlanbekova**

**Village Girl** is an empowerment project helping girls from rural areas reach their full potential and work toward their dreams.

### Zarlasht Sarmast

**Recovering Forgotten Conflicts and APVT** is an annual one-week workshop that connects students studying international relations with government policy-making processes, with a focus on youth and their rights.

### Kaliia Ulanbekova

**Bilim Nuskasy** provides skill development workshops for children with disabilities in rural villages of Kyrgyzstan.

## BARD COLLEGE ANNANDALE

### Tatiana Alfaro

**Red Hook ESL (English as a Second Language)** connects the rising Latinx population of ESL students to biweekly language lessons and local resources to build confidence within community as they adapt to the language of their new environment.

### Sakinah Bennett

**Sister to Sister** is a program dedicated to mentorship of young women of color through sisterhood.

### Emma Bernstein

**Mastering Mathematics** inspires middle school girls to engage in mathematics outside of a traditional school setting.

### Kathy Gaweda

**Period@Bard** works to create productive conversations around menstruation through service, education, and advocacy.

### Theo Lloyd

**Brothers at Bard** is a mentoring and tutoring program that assists young men of color in achieving their dreams, goals, and aspirations.

### Talaya Robinson-Dancy

**The Black Body Experience** is a leadership conference that engages people of color through thought-provoking discussions on difficult topics in order to foster a better community.

### Sadia Saba

**GenUN** energizes Bard undergraduates around global issues, especially gender equity, peace and security, climate and energy, and public health, while providing a platform for activism and advocacy.

### Victoria Wu

**Ramapo for Children** connects Bard students with various programs geared towards individuals with emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges.

## BARD COLLEGE BERLIN (BCB)

### Danny Dubner

**The Emancipe Initiative** is an alternative education group that seeks to foster dialogue, both on the BCB campus and throughout Berlin, using artistic and political interventions.

### Adeeb Hadi

**Homesick Between Death and Death (HBDAD)** is a documentary film that talks about people from Iraq who fled from death, now living in a refugee camp in Germany and facing another kind of death in the land of peace.

### Maria Jose Sarmiento Isaac

**The Clowning Workshop** uses impro-theater, circus arts, and games to train volunteers to find their inner clown and then use their clowning skills to engage the Berlin community, with a particular focus on children.

### Elena Müller

**BCB Sparrows** strives to support people in surrounding the BCB campus by hosting skills-based, conversational English classes.

### Mohamad Othman

**In Somebody Else's Shoes** encourages people to practice empathy and equips them to face personal challenges while gaining the necessary skills to understand and help people in distress, which ultimately helps them help themselves.

## EUROPEAN HUMANITIES UNIVERSITY (EHU)

### Maxim Ermolenko

**Belarusian Young Leaders** teaches participants how to encourage democracy in Belarus through informal education.

### Viktar Filipenka

**Kirpich Valentin** is a socially oriented organization for students in the EHU community that builds a sense of belonging.

### Hanna Savitskaya

**EHU Eco-school** is a space focused on ecology education that provides the opportunity for participants to learn from experts and one another.

### Lizaveta Vialichka

**Keep in Touch** provides opportunities for children in orphanages to gain new skills to help promote a healthy lifestyle.

## FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY (SMOLNY COLLEGE)

### **Daria Kolosovskaia**

**The Orphanage Rodnichok** explores the world of sports by organizing events, especially sport and outdoor activities, for children living in the Rodnichok orphanage, enabling them to build strong team relationships with others, feel support, and follow healthy lifestyles.

### **Maria Polovko**

**LA&S Magazine (Liberal Arts & Sciences)** is a student journal that serves as a platform to unite and represent the Smolny community.

### **Sofia Sorokina**

**What's Nu?** is a community for everyone involved or wishing to be involved in a dialogue about life and the sciences.

### **Anna Zharova**

**Eco Club**, in honor of Umberto Eco, is a group of environmentally minded students who manage the recycling system on campus, organize ecology-related events and activities, educate students, and strive to make everyone's college years greener.

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