

The Underachievement of Our Boys: Myth or Reality

June 9, 2004

Holiday Inn

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

This day-long seminar, addressing the preparation for, the enrollment and success of boys in Advanced Placement courses and College will focus on the following questions:

- Are there distinct educational issues that young men face?
- To what extent are these issues real?
- To what extent are they mythical?
- What does data reveal about male participation and achievement in AP, and college?
- What are some of the explanation for identified disparities?
- Can we identify possible K-16 solutions?

*** Presenters ***

Mr. Michael Thompson, Ph.D. is a consultant, author and psychologist specializing in children and families. He practices in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is the clinical consultant to The Belmont Hill School and has worked in more than two hundred schools across the United States. He and his co-author, Dan Kindlon, wrote the New York Times best-selling book, *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys* (Ballantine Books, 1999). He is the author of *Speaking of Boys: Answers to the Most-Asked Questions About Raising Sons* (Ballantine, 2000), and co-author of *Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Worlds of Children*.

Dr. David Landers, head of personal counseling at Saint Michael's College in Vermont, is an adjunct professor in the psychology department. Dr. Landers has a special interest in the underachievement of young men in American society, and is committed to sharing his experiences and insights in the hopes that more people will become aware of this significant issue. He speaks widely and is frequently quoted in national publications including, *Scholastic Magazine*, *Seventeen*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *Ladies Home Journal*. Most recently, he was interviewed by *The New York Times* for an article that appeared May 7, 2003, entitled "In This Residence, College Boys Can Be Men."

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