

THE DOCUMENTARY  
**RACE TO NOWHERE**  
THE DARK SIDE OF AMERICA'S ACHIEVEMENT CULTURE

**Hard-Hitting Education Documentary Exposes the Silent Epidemic in our Schools**  
*February 23, 7:00 p.m. in Panama City Beach, Florida*

***Race to Nowhere*** at Edgewater Beach Resort Hotel Conference Center  
11212 Front Beach Road Panama City Beach, FL 32407  
With a discussion led by

Angela Engel, author  
***SEEDS of TOMORROW – Solutions to Improving Our Children's Education***  
&  
Anthony Dallmann-Jones PhD, author  
***SHADOW CHILDREN – Understanding Education's #1 Issue***

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Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door (A portion of the proceeds benefit Uniting 4 Kids)

Free Parking with validation

A concerned mother turned filmmaker aims her camera at the high-stakes, high-pressure culture that has invaded our schools and our children's lives, creating unhealthy, disengaged, unprepared and stressed-out youth. ***Race to Nowhere*** points to the silent epidemic in our schools: cheating has become commonplace; students are disengaged; stress-related illness and depression are rampant; and many young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired.

Featuring the heartbreaking stories of young people in all types of communities who have been pushed to the brink, educators who are burned out and worried that students aren't developing the skills they need, and parents who are trying to do what's best for their kids, ***Race to Nowhere*** is a call to action to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens.

A discussion with audience participation will be moderated by  
**Angela Engel**, author of  
***Seeds of Tomorrow; Solutions for Improving our Children's Education***, and  
Anthony Dallmann-Jones PhD, author  
***SHADOW CHILDREN – Understanding Education's #1 Issue***

"We are pleased to present the Panama City premiere showing of RACE TO NOWHERE to encourage a growing national dialogue on how we can end this 'race to nowhere,'" said author Angela Engel.

"As a mother, I experienced the stress firsthand and realized that no one was talking about it," says film-maker Vicki Abeles. "I saw kids who were anxious, depressed, physically ill, checking

out, abusing drugs and, worst case, attempting suicide. I felt compelled to speak out about this crisis by making a film and giving voice to the students, teachers, and parents. I wanted to expose a deeper truth about our education system. We are graduating a generation of robo-students, unable to think and work independently, creatively and collaboratively."

School reform has become an urgent national issue and 2010 is the year of the education film. **Race to Nowhere** is the only film that shows what is actually happening to our kids as a result of current policies and practices obsessed with testing, performance and competition rather than meaningful teaching and learning. **Race to Nowhere** finally gives voice to those on the front lines who are most affected by education policies - the students and teachers themselves. **Race to Nowhere** is the only film to spotlight the intersection of health and education. The film empowers everyone to get involved and take ownership of what's happening in our schools and communities.

"Every once in a while, a film comes along that has the potential to change the culture," said *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Simmons (*Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*). "**Race to Nowhere** shines a light on the crisis of learning and meaning facing American education. The film is both a call to arms and a beacon of hope, a source of relief and outrage and a way forward for all of us."

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Event sponsors include: Uniting 4 Kids, the National At-Risk Education Network (which is having its annual conference at the time of this filming at Edgewater Beach Resort)

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