



EEP MURALS

TEEN MURAL PROGRAM UNVEILING

August 24, 2012

Welcome

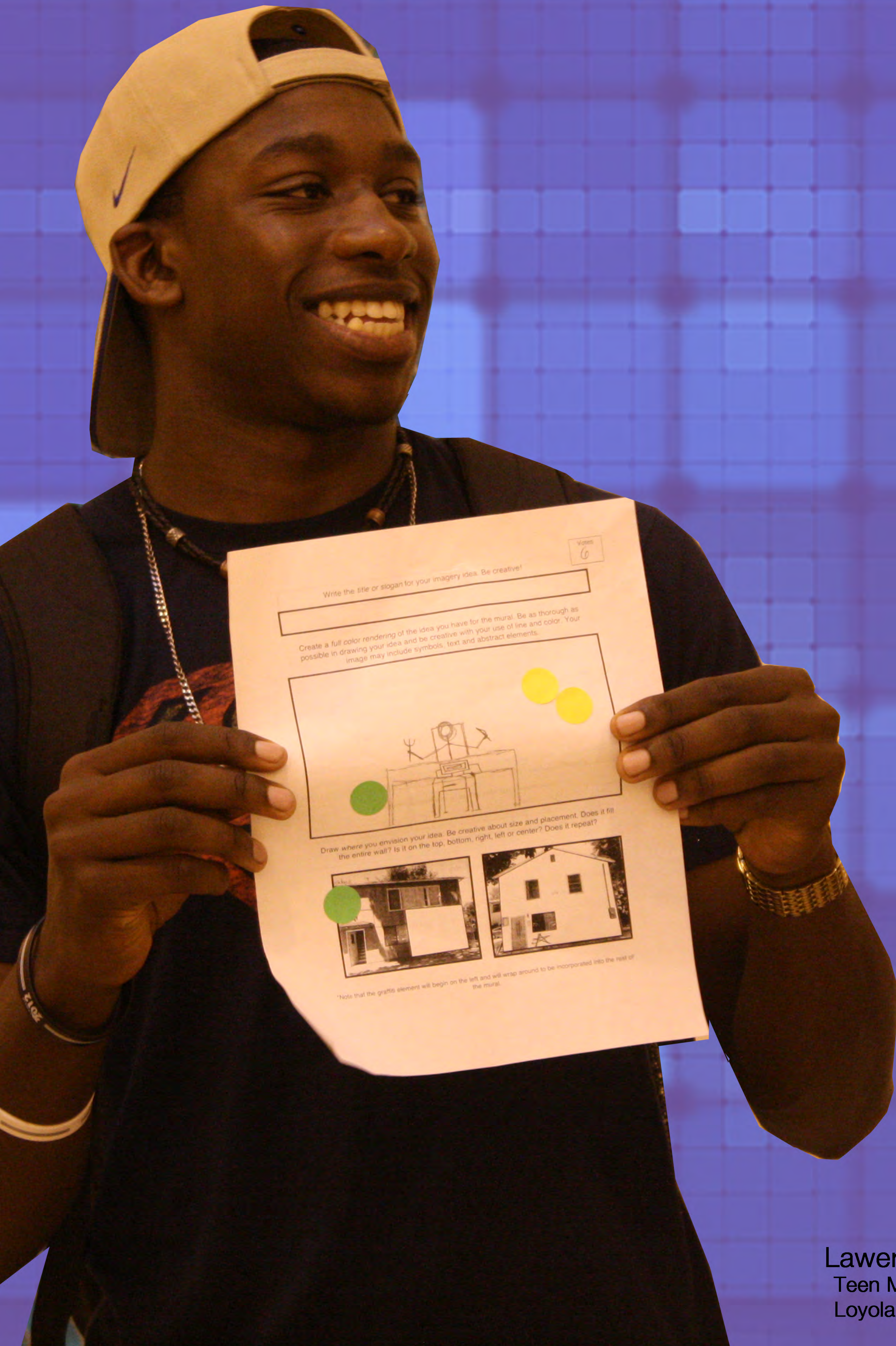
As Director of Youth and Community Development, I proudly welcome you to this summer's Teen Mural Program Mural Unveiling. This event is the culmination of much learning, writing, painting, and dancing, yet it also marks the new heights of some more intangible measures of success. The relationships built and nurtured this summer cannot be quantified. There is no parallel to the smiles I see peeking from the highest level of scaffolding; the sighs of relief in escaping the world to just make art for an afternoon; the laughter that connects the young and old(er), those with different backgrounds, and from different neighborhoods. Our students grappled with important topics: the lack of diversity in our schools and political process, media misrepresentations, the power of collective voice in history, how technology can amplify our voices, and the importance of learning our own histories and fighting for our stories to be heard. This summer, the youth took huge steps towards defining their own voices and using them to stand for what they know is right. It gives me an enormous sense of pride to know that MMAP is a space where our students feel like family, and can learn and express themselves in this way.

There is nothing like a crowd of people to show the youth how much they have accomplished this summer. Today, we wrap our arms around our youth - literally and metaphorically. This embrace is the deafening sound of the voice of community support, guidance, and love. MMAP staff members are blessed with the ability to witness the youth's brilliance every day, but being able to share that with so many of you today, and receive your enormous energy in return, is priceless. Thank you for being an integral part of the celebration of our summer and our youth.

Aria Florent
MMAP Director of Youth and Community Development

Angel Alyala
Teen Mural Artist
Eastside College Preparatory, Class of 2015

Agenda



Invocation

Fatafehi "Pookie" Teu & Justin Phipps, Live in Peace

Welcome

Olatunde Sobomehin, Deputy Director, MMAP

Community Blessing

Dr. Faye McNair-Knox,
Executive Director, One East Palo Alto
Laura Martinez, Mayor, City of East Palo Alto

Keynote

Harry Elam
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and
Professor in Humanities, Stanford University

A Summer's Worth

Aria Florant, Director of Youth and Community
Development, MMAP

Artistic Expression

Muralists

Angel Ayala, Cristina Gutierrez, Javier Juarez,
Ketzalzin Cruz, Pablo Vazquez, Paloma Valencia,
Perla Valencia, Yeli Oseguera, Yolanda Mendoza,
Idris Rasheed, Imelda Rodriguez

Dance Performances

Rosamia Morales-Valdez, Keyana Spencer, Eddie
Gage, Ariana Sanchez, Alondra Sanchez

Lyrical Performances

Darryl Davis, Alondra Gomez, Susana Vunga, Kyle
Carter, and Francisco Ochoa

Recognition

MMAP Community

Celebration

Lawerence VanHook

Teen Mural Program Alum, 2011-2012

Loyola Marymont, Class of 2016

PROCESSES

RESEARCH

Voice in Democracy



Fieldtrips
rally in Sacramento
(for the Youth Bill of Rights)
Google
EPA Town Hall Meeting
(on Juvenile ICE Detentions)



Voice in Education

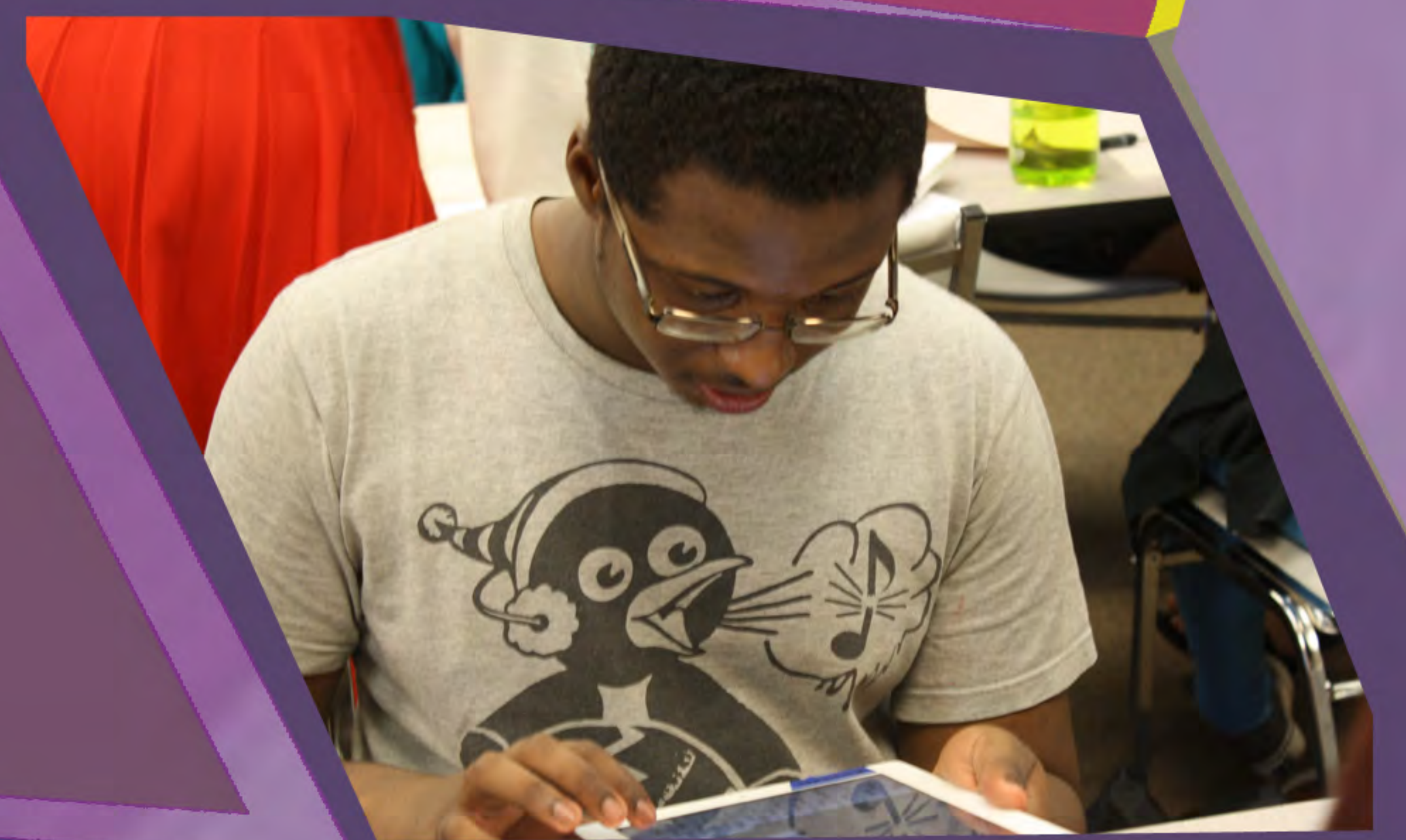


Having a voice to speak
is something you can't replace
Follow your heart and mind
life will pave the rest of the way.
-Kyle Carter

Voice in the Justice System



Speak loud, if you tryna lead
Learning from the best
that's what we need.
-Francisco Ochoa



Voice in the Media



Community Interviews

- Kalamu Cache
- Scape Martinez
- Clayborne Carson
- H. Samy Alim
- Jeff Chang
- Milton Reynolds
- Michael Rosenfeld
- Emmanuel Igbinoso
- Munes Tomeh
- Akira Tana
- Akiko Tsruga
- Annie Sellick
- Donnovan Somera Yisrael

Voice through Technology



"I liked when Akira Tana taught us
how to scat. I liked that everyone
had to participate and that the
people you least expected
to do something big."
-Susan Vunga



DESIGN

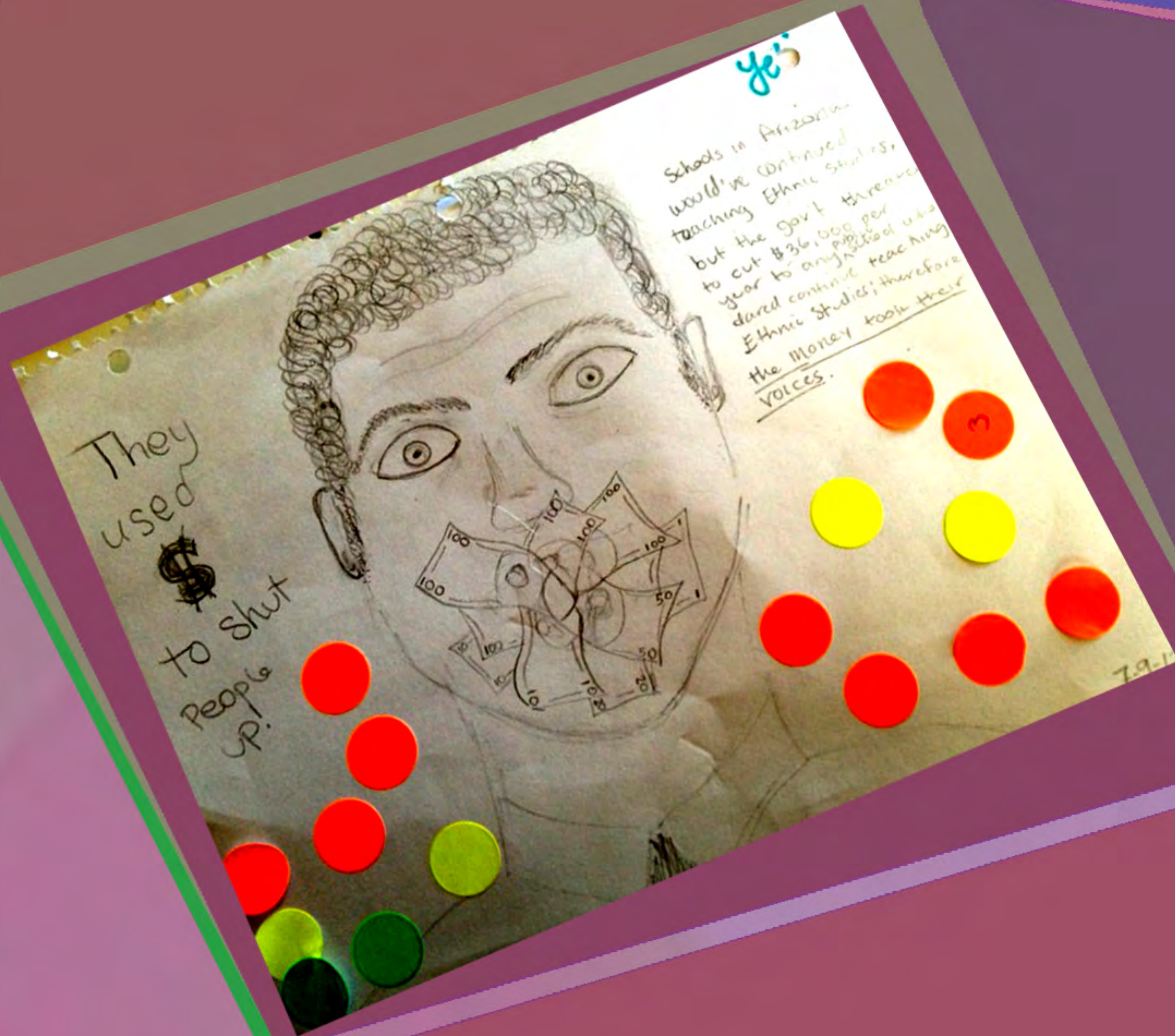
Over 700 original ideas produced.



Ideas become imagery.



Let your voice be heard.



Teen Mural Assistants pitch their ideas.



We stay up in the bulding
Because we #winning
Got them scremmin over seas
So the people far east
Know that we about the peace.
-Darryl Davis



EXPRESS

Mural Cohort



"I get to dance,
do what I love,
hang around
the people I love,
and have fun."
- Keyana



Dance Cohort



"I will use my voice
in college because
I will be representing
myself and East Palo Alto
and where I come from."
-Ariana Sanchez



Hip Hop Cohort



Voice tells a story. Stories create understanding.

**“Speak Up, Speak Out: Be the Voice of Change”
Acrylic and Spray Paint, 40’ x 25’
Teen Mural Program, East Palo Alto**



The story begins with a young woman speaking her voice. The roots and bright green foliage that extend from her mouth show that using our voices is what allows us to grow and to inspire change within our community and the world. The roots spiral out to a tower of books, which hold within them a set of speakers representing how knowledge helps to amplify our voices in society.

As our eyes move left, a second set of speakers holds a globe, twitter symbol, and Facebook “like” symbol within them. The speaker boxes come together to form a cityscape that transitions into a more literal cityscape in the upper right corner. Lines of music staff show the power that technology and social media have in connecting people all over the world, and allowing our voices to be heard. The speakers also represent hip-hop, and how we use hip-hop as a tool to connect and learn here at MMAP to share our voices. The large fingerprint lines in the upper left corner represents the fact that we are all one of a kind, and have a perspective and voice that is as unique as a fingerprint.

“#Voices” is written in graffiti and wraps around the wall where it transitions into the painted mural. The colors symbolize the evolution of technology and the hashtag is inspired by the innovation of social media. Graffiti is an integral part of this community and represents the voice of the youth. Bringing out the voice of the community through graffiti achieves a holistic vision made up of many perspectives, intertwining identities and stories.

LYRICS

If you want it, then you gotta speak it
Stand for what you believe in for believin is achievin
Use your voice, don't let it get rusty
For you might end up condoning a Sandusky
Hot sauna, you don't really wanna
I got these dudes sweatin, from pressure i force upon em
Then i go about my day, using my voice in every way
Okaay.

-Susan Vunga

No words necessary I speak through my actions
Follow the leader with these words that i'm rapping
Sweat bleed blood of greatness spit passion
Every step I'm taking I'm making the moves happen
Call me the captain leading the team
Point guard facilitating these beautiful schemes
Coming out ahead unveiling these big big dreams
As I keep thinking these unthinkable things
Like silence the violence and cut off the sirens
Increase the peace in the east relinquish all the tyrants
Don't be afraid to roar even simba was king
Parappa the rapper said you just got to believe
Remembered how you destined for them great great things
Life ain't really as easy as it may seem
College bound kid yeah i strive and achieve
Letting his voice spread wings on his way to USD.

-Kyle Carter



Design Workshop - Arturo Maldonado working with Pablo Vasquez



Britt Jensen and Paloma Valencia painting

WHY ART?

Throughout the Teen Mural Program, students develop a variety of skills and knowledge through embedded curriculum and artistic expression. Public speaking, peer collaboration, and writing are woven into every lesson during the research phase of the summer. Research content encourages students to think critically about historical movements, current events, the political system, the role of the media, and the importance of civic engagement. Additionally, the employment component of the program teaches professional skills and etiquette. Workshops and mentoring instill healthy lifestyle choices and holistic living. The Teen Mural Program builds the youth's social and cultural capital and empowers them to become leaders in their communities - as role models, artists, and mentors to peers and younger students.

Our collective voice ignites change.

TMA's (Teen Mural Assistants)

Core

Alondra Gomez
Alondra Sanchez
Angel Ayala
Cristina Gutierrez
Darryl Davis
Eddie Gage
Francisco Ochoa
Javier Juarez
Ketzalzin Cruz
Keyana Spencer
Pablo Vazquez
Paloma Valencia
Perla Valencia
Rosamia Morales-Valdez
Susan Vunga
Yeli Osegeura
Yolanda Mendoza

Leadership Team

Ariana Sanchez
Brando Wilkerson
Christian Salinas
Daniela Gomez
Idris Rasheed
Imelda Rodriguez
Kyle Carter
Lawrence VanHook
Ramon Godinez

MMAP Staff

Adrian Johnson
Angie Cesena
Aria Florant
Britt Jensen
Brittany Margot
Demetric Sanders
Isaiah Phillips
Jose Valle
Kyle Tana
Lauren Camarillo
Martin Godinez
Michaela Raiques
Patrick Davenport
Sarah Woodward
Yetunde Olagbaju

Lead Artists

Isaiah Phillips
Lauren Camarillo
Laura Nagle
Sarah Woodward
Scape Martinez

Contributing Artists

Daniel Nava
D'dra White
Troy Davis
Zaid Vargas



PARTICIPANTS

Mural Cohort

SALUTES

Research Volunteers

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East Palo Alto High School

Thank you for sharing your campus and for the momentum and enthusiasm your staff and students bring to our collaboration.

East Palo Alto City Hall

Thank you for welcoming us at City Hall and for your continued commitment and to youth development programming in East Palo Alto.

MMAAP Artists

Thank you to all the lead and contributing artists for your artistic vision. your talent, support, guidance and encouragement are invaluable.

MMAAP Family

Thank you to all the MMAAP family for joining us today. Special thanks to MMAAP Board President Doug Overman for your commitment to MMAAP.

MMAAP Supporters

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Stanford University

Thank you for your continued support in bringing in new faces and talent to our organization through our collaboration community work studies.



Speak up, speak out
Stand for what you believe in
Stand proud!
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Alondra Gomez
Teen Lyricist
East Palo Alto Academy, Class of 2016



Eddie Gage and Perla Valencia
Teen Mural Assistants at Design Workshop
Eastside College Preparatory, Class of 2016
Summit Preparatory Charter High School, Class of 2016

