

2023 High School Challenge

Friday, December 1, 2023 5:30pm-7:30pm

Evening Overview

5:30 Event Begins with Board Judging in the Atrium

6:05 Opening Remarks in the Auditorium: Sekou Biddle, Vice President of Advocacy, **UNCF**

6:10 Student Stage Presentations

7:10 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Shontia L. Lowe, Executive Director, Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes, Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education

Larry Joseph Anderson Scholarship Award Presentation: Drew Anderson 7:15

7:20 Awards Ceremony: Drew Anderson & Jessie Grosshart

One World Education & the Challenge

One World Education's mission is to transform students into writers with voice, knowledge, and purpose. Each year, the organization serves 5,000 middle school, high school, and adult learners at 35 DC schools through in-school and afterschool programs.

One World's afterschool program, the One World Academy, helps middle and high school students to improve their research and writing skills so they are ready for high school, college, and beyond. Students work with One World's highest-performing teachers and mentors in an afterschool experience that is relevant, supportive, and challenging. Each Academy culminates with a citywide event called the One World Challenge, where students present their work to community members.

Stage & Board Judges

William "Bill" Brown

UNCF

Chiara Frechette

Spur Local

Erin Palmer

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner

Linda Paris

Communications Consultant

Bathsheba Philpott

Development Consultant

Mark Weinberger

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Participating Schools

Benjamin Banneker High School Calvin Coolidge High School DC International Public Charter School IDEA Public Charter School McKinley Tech High School School Without Walls High School Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School

Washington Latin Public Charter School

One World Education Team

Drew Anderson, Student Success Manager

Kaleb Banks, Teacher Leader

Desiree Caldwell, Teacher Leader

Corey Carroll, Teacher Leader

Michaela Cleveland, Teacher Leader

Eric Goldstein, Chief Executive Officer

Jessie Grosshart, Afterschool Program Manager

Cameron Hawkins, Senior Grants Manager Summer Xavier, Deputy Director

Christine Miller

Board Judges

Kanitra Cobbs

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner

Department of Health and Human Services

Marc Mondry

Verizon Global Technology Solutions

Rene Redwood

Redwood Enterprise

Samantha Wechsler

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

Mary Williams

UNCF

Biko Kujifi, Teacher Leader

Jessica Leader, Director of Curriculum &

Instruction

Dave McGloin, Director of Impact &

Communications

Leith Mondry, Director of Operations

Lyric Simms, In-School Program Manager

Latrice Stevenson, Teacher Leader

Students: Board Presentations

Amari Ataiyero

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 9

School Racism

Tiffany Catarino*

DC International PCS

Grade 11

Mental Health for US Students

Aron Fikremariam

DC International PCS

Grade 12

Sexism & Wage Inequality

Leslie Gonzalez*

DC International PCS

Grade 11

Mental Health in Teens

Allen Guzman*

DC International PCS

Grade 10

LGBTQ+ Bullying

Kamari Hunter Mayes

DC International PCS

Grade 10

Juvenile Justice System

Guadalupe Lopez*

DC International PCS

Grade 11

Parental Pressure

Audrina Quigley

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 10

Marijuana Arrests & Race

José Romero-Bonilla

DC International PCS

Grade 10

Animal Testing

Alexander Elias Campos

IDEA PCS

Grade 10

Video Games

Anabella Contreras

DC International PCS

Grade 10

Support Programs for Immigrants

Bitanya Fikremariam*

DC International PCS

Grade 10

Cost of College

Stephanie Gonzalez*

DC International PCS

Grade 10

Academic Struggle for Immigrant Students

A'Niyah Hall

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 10

Neglecting Hawaii

Madison Jackson*

DC International PCS

Grade 9

Mental Illness Stigmas in Teens

Jorge Lopez*

DC International PCS

Grade 12

Gun Violence & Neighborhood Watch

Katie Quintanilla

DC International PCS

Grade 10

Animal Cruelty

Amy Vasquez-Reyes

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 10

Biases in Healthcare

Students: Stage Presentations

Quisan Adams*

DC International PCS

Grade 12

Post-Pandemic Gun Violence in DC

Jevon Arrington*

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 10

Social Media & Body Image

Braylon Bowens

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 10

Gun Violence in DC

Nataly Carrillo-Hernandez

DC International PCS

Grade 12

Police Brutality

Isabella Gonzalez Amaya

Washington Latin PCS

Grade 10

Family Trauma & Mental Health

Aliyah Ibikunle*

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 10

School-to-Prison Pipeline

Kelly Ajanel-Tzoc*

DC International PCS

Grade 9

Immigrant Rights

Vivien Birch*

Benjamin Banneker HS

Grade 10

Sexual Harrassment

Cristopher Carranza*

DC International PCS

Grade 11

Right to Repair Laws

Melvin Douglas*

DC International PCS

Grade 11

Mental Health in the Black Community

Makayla Humphrey*

Calvin Coolidge HS

Grade 9

Gun Violence in DC

McKinley Tech HS

Grade 10

Eric James*

Gun Violence

^{*}These students will also be having their written essays judged.

Students: Stage Presentations Continued

Phoebe Luecke*

Benjamin Banneker HS Grade 10

DC Statehood

Fikre Mengiste

DC International PCS Grade 10 Climate Change

Luisa Orellana-Castillo*

Benjamin Banneker HS Grade 10 The SNAP Benefits Cuts **Ebenezer Zelalem Mengiste**

DC International PCS Grade 12 Xenophobia

Felicia Ogundimu*

School Without Walls HS Grade 10 Affirmative Action

Maniya Smith*

Calvin Coolidge HS Grade 9

Mental Health in the Black Community

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