

Evening Overview

- 5:10** Event Begins with Board Judging in the Atrium
- 6:05** Board Closing Remarks: Drew Anderson
- 6:15** Speech Opening Remarks: Eric Goldstein and Drew Anderson in the Auditorium
- 6:20** Student Speech Presentations
- 7:15** Closing Remarks: Summer Xavier
- 7:25** Awards Ceremony: Drew Anderson & Jessica Leader

One World Education & the Challenge

One World Education's mission is to transform students into writers with voice, knowledge, and purpose. One World serves 5,000 middle school, high school, and adult learners annually at 35–40 DC schools through in-school and afterschool programs.

One World's afterschool program, the One World Academy, helps middle school students improve their research and writing skills to prepare them 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. The Academy meets downtown at UNCF as well as at the Friendship Southeast PCS hub. In tonight's showcase, students from both academies present their social justice research findings and solutions to their communities while competing for scholarship awards.

Speech Judges

Margot Berkey
DC Public Schools

Kyle Dargan
American Univesity

Jorge Membreño
DC Action

Lois Nembhard
HumanitiesDC

Raymond Weeden
Thurgood Marshall PCS

Mark Weinberger
Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education

Rashida Young
Education Forward DC

Mary Kay Zuravleff
Author

Board Judges

Ahmed Al-Salem
Bank of America

Sara Arndt
Benjamin Banneker

Chris Asis
NIH Federal Credit Union

Tony Ayala
Lourie Center for Children's Social and Emotional Wellness

Sue Bell
Hattie M. Strong Foundation

Erika Bryant
Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom PCS

Valeria Camacho
Bank of America

Vincent Dorris, Jr.
Bank of America

Lee Lee
Bank of America

Michael Lentskevich
Bank of America

Tara Libert
Free Minds Book Club

Ronni Lodato
Physician

Nicole Muryn Clement
Bank of America

Dessie Nash
Bank of America

Srini Raghunathan
Bank of America

Michael Robbins
Learning Pathmakers

Angela Stepancic
228 Accelerator

Elisa Tellez Perez
Bank of America

One World Education Team

Drew Anderson, Student Success Manager

Matia Buggs, Teacher Leader

David Coleman, Teacher Leader

Caleb Franklin, Teacher Leader

Eric Goldstein, CEO & Founder

Jessie Grosshart, Senior Program Manager

Cameron Hawkins, Senior Grants Manager

Demetria Jackson, Site Lead

Noriana Jakopin, Site Lead

Jessica Leader, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

William McMurtry, Teacher Leader

Leith Mondry, Director of Operations

Monique Newman, Teaching & Learning Specialist

Rose Ole-Kuyan, Development Manager

Sheldon Pinder, Teacher Leader

Adele Reed, Teacher Leader

Hayleigh Santra, Grants Manager

Nekole Smith, Teacher Leader

Chalia Wells, Teacher Leader

Erika White, Teacher Leader

Summer Xavier, Deputy Director

One World Academy Participating Schools

Capital City PCS
Creative Minds PCS
DC International PCS
DC Prep Edgewater PCS
E.L. Haynes PCS
Friendship Southeast PCS

Ingenuity Prep PCS
Jefferson Middle School
Perry Street Prep PCS
Social Justice School PCS
Washington Latin 2nd St PCS
Washington Latin Cooper PCS

Students: Board Presentations

Lola Adams*
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 7
Racism in America

Iseoluwa Apollon
DC Prep Edgewood PCS
Grade 6
Food Deserts

Kalleigh Bagwell*
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 6
Global Warming

Robert Cavanagh*
E.L. Haynes PCS
Grade 8
AI and Cheating

Sophia Davis
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 8
Gun Violence

Carter Eddings
E.L. Haynes PCS
Grade 8
Priced Out of the Pitch

Myrna Feysel
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 8
Gun Violence in the U.S.

Skailer Freeman
Washington Latin Cooper PCS
Grade 7
Food Deserts in Alabama

Violet Hardy*
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 6
Global Inflation

Kaylee Homes
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 5
Child Abuse

Theo Kandik*
Washington Latin Cooper PCS
Grade 7
Death Penalty

Ikraam Nguo
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 7
Syrian War

Miles Pappas
Washington Latin Cooper PCS
Grade 7
Gun Violence

Amira Perry
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 6
Child Trafficking

Victor Romero-Bonilla*
DC International
Grade 8
Microaggressions in Society

Emilio Rosales-Flores
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 7
Endangered Species

Arianna Teasley
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 5
Preventing Drug Addiction

Tsion Tsegaye*
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
Impact of Social Media on Youth

Kaiyavah Tyson-El
Jefferson Middle School
Grade 7
Climate Change & Migration Patterns

Alexis Ukaegbu
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 8
Affordable Housing

Lesja Williams
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 6
Virtual Education

Students: Speech Presentations

Sekhet Ani
Creative Minds PCS
Grade 7
Inflation in America

Ian Apollon*
DC Prep Edgewood
Grade 5
Health Impact of Cigarette Smoking

Daniel Burrow*
Washington Latin Cooper PCS
Grade 7
Pollution in the Anacostia River

Malaysia Byrd*
Friendship Southeast
Grade 7
Domestic Violence in Relationships

Santino Hebert*
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 7
Poverty

Brielle Holton*
Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 6
Unemployment in DC

Jaleah Nelson*
Perry Street Prep
Grade 8
Grooming & Sexual Abuse

Natalie Padre*
E.L. Haynes PCS
Grade 8
Adult Literacy

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

Students: Speech Presentations continued

R'Juror Douglas*

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 8

Exploitation of Children on Social Media

Simone Eddings

E.L. Haynes PCS

Grade 8

Respect in the Workplace

Mahir Feysel*

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 6

Middle School Stress

Amir Ford*

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 5

School Only Impacts Academic Intelligence

Santana Green

Washinton Latin Cooper PCS

Grade 7

Diabetes Medication

Khloe Reeder

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 8

Human Trafficking

Troy Richards Jr.

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 7

Protection Against Gun Violence in Schools

Ja'Cyan Taylor

Ingenuity Prep PCS

Grade 8

Climate Change: Paris Agreement

Kaiyah Tyson-El*

Jefferson Middle School

Grade 7

Displacement of Long-Time DC Residents

Laila Ukaegbu

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 8

Taxation Without Representation

Gabriel Underdue*

Social Justice School

Grade 8

Gun Violence Involving Young Adults

Students Not Presenting This Evening

Isabella DeSouza

Washington Latin Cooper PCS

Grade 7

DC Statehood

Chris Maldonado

Capital City PCS

Grade 8

Immigration

J'Zyra McFadden

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 6

Carjackings in Orlando

Teron McNeil, Jr.*

Social Justice School

Grade 8

Teen Poverty

Addison Oxlaj

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 6

Israel & Palestine

Janae Poindexter*

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 8

Child Abuse

Sophia Robinson DuVall

Washington Latin 2nd St PCS

Grade 7

Domestic Violence

Kaiden Rucker

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 5

Air Pollution

Isabelle Vann*

Washington Latin Cooper PCS

Grade 7

Coral Reef Bleaching

Cameron Wade

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 6

Racism in the Workplace

Nyri Hume Williams

Washington Latin Cooper PCS

Grade 8

Student Mental Health

Ryin Hume Williams

Washington Latin Cooper PCS

Grade 7

Cell Phones in School

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