

# 2025 Fall Challenge

Monday, December 15, 2025 5:30-7:30pm

### **Evening Overview**

5:30 Event Begins with Board Judging in the Atrium

6:00 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 & Summer Xavier

# 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 and our Friendship Southeast PCS and Statesmen Academy hubs. In tonight's showcase, students from two academies present their social justice research findings and solutions to their communities while competing for scholarship awards.

## Speech Judges

Lisa Brooks Brandon Johnson Social Justice School Acorn Outdoor Learning

Abdu'l-Karim Ewing-Boyd Jessica Sutter Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education EdPro Consulting

**Tope Folarin** Mark Weinberger

Institute for Policy Studies Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education Donna Hemans Rashida Young

# **Board Judges**

Education Forward DC

Liza Achilles Philip Pulliam Author Bank of America Arianna Ashton Grace Quinn

Capital City PCS Bank of America

Leslie Brooks Caren Roushkolb Afterschool Alliance Kiwanis DC

Sarah Cole Shanna Samson Social Justice School Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education

Susan Coll **Courtney Sexton** Author The Inner Loop **Paul Goldberg** Stacey Simmons

Author Kiwanis DC Rebecca Lemos Otero Jordan Smith HumanitiesDC Bank of America

**Gregory Luce** Latrice Stevenson Washington Unbound Bridges PCS **Nicole Travers** Katie Morton

Kiwanis DC DC Charter School Alliance **Nicole Muryn Clement** Mary Kay Zuravleff

Bank of America Author Kinjal Nana

# One World Education Team

Emmanuel Antwi, Teacher Leader Leith Mondry, Director of Operations Matia Buggs, Teacher Leader Tyrell Dale, Teacher Leader

Drew Anderson, Student Success Manager

Caleb Franklin, Teacher Leader Leah Garden, Teacher Leader

Kiwanis DC

DC Writers Room

Eric Goldstein, CEO & Founder Jessie Grosshart, Senior Program Manager

Cameron Hawkins, Senior Grants Manager

Demetria Jackson, Site Lead

Noriana Jakopin, Site Lead

Monique Newman, Teaching & Learning Specialist

Sheldon Pinder, Teacher Leader Adele Reed, Teacher Leader

Hayleigh Santra, Grants Manager Nekole Smith, Teacher Leader

Erika White, Teacher Leader Summer Xavier, Deputy Director Edwin Zhao, Teacher Leader

#### One World Academy Participating Schools

Alice Deal Middle School Capitol Hill Montessori Center City NOMA Creative Minds PCS DC International PCS

Friendship Southeast PCS Ingenuity Prep

Students: Board Presentations

Lola Adams\* Creative Minds PCS

Grade 8 Food Insecurity

Akil Artis\*

Friendship Southeast

Grade 7 NIL in College Sports

Nathan Banks Jefferson Academy

Grade 7 Cost of College

Adekoya Bayo-Solarin\*

Center City NOMA

Grade 7

Youth Mental Health

Jeffrey Gabriel Bucoy \*

Ingenuity Prep

Grade 8 Domestic Violence

Mahir Feysel \*

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 7

Gun Violence

Myrna Feysel Creative Minds PCS

Grade 8

Teen Homicide in America

Violet Hardy\*

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 7

Depletion of Federal Funds

Trinity Henderson \*

Ingenuity Prep

Grade 8

Student Mental Health

**Brielle Holton \*** 

Friendship Southeast Grade 7

Child Abuse

Dange Jackson <sup>3</sup>

Jefferson Academy

Stuart Hobson Middle School Washington Latin 2<sup>nd</sup> St PCS

Washington Latin Cooper PCS

Watkins Elementary School

Alice Deal Middle School

Grado 8 Internalized Racism

Davion Johnson

Friendship Southeast Grade 8

Video Games & Youth Attention Spans

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School

**DonKor Lee** 

Center City NOMA Grade 8

Cost of College

Amira F Perry-Burton Friendship Southeast

Grade 7

Refugee Crisis

Skylar Randolph \*

Creative Minds PCS Grade 6

Autism Bullying & Discrimination

Ma'syi Richardson

Friendship Southeast

Grade 5

TikTok Distracting Students

Wynter Sligh

Washington Latin Cooper Campus

Grade 7

Cyberbullying

**Zubair Sultan** Alice Deal Middle School

Grade 6

Immigration

Eve Trujillo \*

Washington Latin Cooper Campus

Grade 6

US Neglect of Native American Reservations

Cairo Villatoro

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 6

Abolishing Pay-to-Play Soccer

Nicva Williams \*

Ingenuity Prep Grade 8

Ameenah Huggins\*

Dangers of Walking Barefoot

Washington Latin Cooper Campus

Nunaki El Khaleem Huggins \* Washington Latin Cooper Campus

# Students: Speech Presentations

Sekhet Ani \* Creative Minds PCS

Grade 8 Child Abuse

Dawit Asua

Capitol Hill Montessori

Grade 5

Polluted Water in DC

**Daniel Burrow** Grade 8

Washington Latin Cooper PCS

Military Takeover of DC

Madison Campbell \* Center City NOMA

Grade 8

Autism Bullying Prevention

Keyla Lloclle Pacco \*

Grade 6

Grade 8 Child Illiteracy

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School Grade 7

ICE Detainments

Homelessness in DC

Yacelee Capellán Martinez \* Creative Minds PCS

Grade 7

Children's Digital Privacy

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

#### Students: Speech Presentations continued

#### Torrie Chavis

Alice Deal Middle School Grade 8

Police Brutality

### Alethea Chingos \*

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School Grade 7

Affordable Childcare in DC

#### Damonte Cook

Friendship Southeast PCS Grade 7

Bias Against Black Male Students

#### Jonah Ehimika

Washington Latin Cooper Campus

Grade 5

Racism Against Immigrants

#### Reign Ennis\*

Creative Minds PCS Grade 6

Solving Police Brutality

# A'Zareah Grier \*

Ingenuity Prep Grade 8

Child Abuse

# Parker Matthews \*

Friendship Southeast

Grade 7 Brain Rot

#### Ella-Rose Smith \*

Watkins Elementary School Grade 5

Gender Pay Gap

#### Cameron Wade

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 7

Binge Watching

#### Caleb Williams

Stuart Hobson Middle School

Grade 6

Youth Suicide

### Lesja Williams

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 7 Stigma of Mental Health

#### Jaliyah Young-Carswell

Center City NOMA

Grade 7

Sexual Assault

# Students Not Presenting This Evening

#### Eliceo Allen

Watkins Elementary School Grade 5

Global Warming

# Marcel Allen \*

Watkins Elementary School

Grade 5

Water Pollution

#### Charl'e Austin Center City NOMA

Grade 7

Gun Violence

#### Samajay Basil

Center City NOMA

Grade 8 Children's Online Safety

### Malaysia Byrd \*

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 8

Human Trafficking

# **Noah Carter**

Creative Minds

Grade 6 Take Care of the Earth

# Rasheed Coleman \*

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 8

Economic Instability in DC

#### Shavon Davis

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 6

Pitbull Bans in the US

# Serenity Dawson

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 6 Sexual Assault

# Chloe Dixie \*

DC International

Grade 8

Gun Violence

### Michelle Fuentes Ardon

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 6

Fish Shortage in Japan

#### Tyrone Henderson \*

Ingenuity Prep

Grade 8

Paying Students to Attend School

#### Joe Patterson

Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 7

Bullying in School

# Caleb Pearson

Center City NOMA

Grade 7

Ageism

# **Emmanuel Reeder**

Creative Minds

Grade 7 Littering

#### Da'Khari Richardson Friendship Southeast PCS

Grade 7

Homeless DC Teens

# Sophia Robinson DuVall

Washington Latin 2<sup>nd</sup> St PCS

Grade 8

Domestic Violence

#### Josephine Simone

Creative Minds PCS

Grade 7

Heavy Metals Causing Cancer

# Kodi Sligh

Center City NOMA Grade 5

Kidnapping

# John-Anthony Smith

Watkins Elementary School Grade 5

Car Pollution

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#### Students Not Presenting This Evening continued

#### Skäiler Freeman

Washington Latin Cooper Campus Grade 8 Youth Drug Abuse

#### Amir Ford \*

Friendship Southeast PCS Grade 6 Child Abuse

#### Liam Williams

Watkins Elementary School Grade 5 Homelessness

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