

Evening Overview

- 5:30** Event Begins with Board Judging in the Atrium
- 6:00** Board Closing Remarks: Drew Anderson
- 6:15** Speech Opening Remarks: Drew Anderson in the Auditorium
- 6:20** Student Speech Presentations
- 7:15** Closing Remarks: Eric Goldstein
- 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 College Prep Academy hubs. In tonight's showcase, students from all three academies present their social justice research findings and solutions to their communities while competing for scholarship awards.

Speech Judges

Melissa Alshab*George Preston Marshall Fund***Leslie Brooks***Afterschool Alliance***Lynsey Jeffries***Higher Achievement***Kinjal Nana***Kiwanis DC***Scott Rechler***LearnServe***Nicole Travers***DC Charter School Alliance***Mark Weinberger***Learn24***Ben Williams***State Board of Education*

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One World Academy Participating Schools

Alice Deal Middle School
Capital City PCS
Creative Minds PCS
DC International PCS
Friendship Southeast PCS
Inspired Teaching Demonstration School

Jefferson Academy
Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Academy
Two Rivers PCS
Washington Latin 2nd St PCS
Statesman College Prep Academy

Students: Board Presentations

Jeremiah V. Barnes

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
Impact of Cyberbullying

Jace Bridges

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 5
Effects of Video Games on Mental Health

Kai Clemmons*

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 5
Mental Effects of Homelessness

John Davis

Washington Latin 2nd St PCS
Grade 6
Deaths Caused by ICE

Elizabeth Dawson

Alice Deal Middle School
Grade 8
Drug Use in Native American Communities

Gabriel Edwards*

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
Gun Violence

Amir Ford

Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 6
Homework and Mental Health

Zinnia Johnson

Washington Latin 2nd St PCS
Grade 5
Climate Change

Afran Kasim*

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 8
Healthcare and Low Income Communities

Camila Meza-Henriquez

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 5
Bullying

Ikraam Nguo

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 8
Mental Health

Chibuikwe Ohiri*

Two Rivers PCS
Grade 8
Impact of Police and ICE Brutality

Ramon Rich, Jr.

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 5
Racist Cops

Emilio Rosales-Flores *

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 8
Crimes in DC

Greg Smith*

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 7
Effects of Social Media

Jacob Teye

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 5
Racist Comments and Slurs

Harlem Williams

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
The Wrong ICE is Melting

Amir Wood

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
Bullying of Children with Disabilities

Students: Speech Presentations

Ariel Awe*

Two Rivers PCS
Grade 6
Discrimination Against Women

Nathan Banks*

Jefferson Academy
Grade 7
Homelessness

Amanuel Belete

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 8
Bullying Effects on Student Learning

Brendon Brown*

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
False Imprisonment of Black Males in DC

Kaeden Burke*

Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 6
Illegal Gun Modifications in DC

Malachi Jackson*

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
Police Brutality in DC

Davion Johnson*

Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 8
Energy Use at AI Data Centers

Keyla Lloclle Pacco *

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 7
AI Use in Schools

Kevin Meza-Henriquez

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
Drunk Driving

Biosah Mokwunye*

Washington Latin 2nd St PCS
Grade 6
Price Increase for Sports Programs

Students: Speech Presentations continued

Torrie Chavis*

Alice Deal Middle School
Grade 8
Aging out of Foster Care

Leo Clemmons

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 5
The Price of Houses

Breylin Fleming

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 7
Mass Incarceration of Black People in DC

Jodie Malaysia Gray

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
Trafficking

Amar Gibson*

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
Hazards of Littering on the Environment

Oluwadunmininu "Treasure" Sodimu*

Two Rivers PCS
Grade 6
Discrimination Against Black Girls in Schools

Tara Swaminathan*

Alice Deal Middle School
Grade 7
ICE and Mental Health

Greyson Totten

DC International
Grade 6
Panhandling

Cruz Watts*

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
Plastic Pollution

Jonathan White, Jr.

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
The Hazard of Water Fountains

Students Not Presenting This Evening

Kylee Byrd

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
Gun Violence

Autumn Cuffey

Capital City PCS
Grade 7
Climate Change

Tyler Dawson

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 7
Historical Erasure of Black History in DC

Tytan Ermias*

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 8
International Conflict Effect on DC

Sire'Armani Fortune

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
Effects of Homework on Children

Martez Gordon

Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 8
Voter Disenfranchisement

Angelique Lopez Jorge

Capital City PCS
Grade 8
Mental Health

Flavien Jeremy Kamno

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
Equitable Access to Water

Zoe Lopes

Washington Latin 2nd St PCS
Grade 5
Black & Immigrant Contributions to the US

Sophia Martinez

Capital City PCS
Grade 8
Violence in DMV Schools

Akuchi Ohiri

Two Rivers PCS
Grade 6
Is ICE Good For Our Community?

Jeremias Ortiz

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
ICE Not Using Warrants

Jordy Cruz Ortiz*

Creative Minds PCS
Grade 6
Effects of School Stress on Mental Health

Nolan Oyedele

Washington Latin 2nd St PCS
Grade 6
Gun Violence in DC

Ishmael Paige

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 7
Illegal ICE Searches

Da'Kahri Richardson

Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 7
Government Accountability

Kaiden Rucker

Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 5
Colorism

Hunter Seaton

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 7
Gun Violence in DC

Joel Simmons

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
Banning Books in Schools

Mario Tello

Capital City PCS
Grade 7
ICE Affecting Neighborhoods

Oumer Temam*

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Grade 5
Littering

Michael Thomas III

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 6
How Games Affect Mental Health

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

Quintus Williams

Friendship Southeast PCS
Grade 8
HBCU Access to Housing and Funding

Saint Youngblood

Statesman College Prep Academy
Grade 7
Sports in Schools

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