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San Francisco's 7th Challenge a Huge Success

The 7th Annual World Affairs Challenge took place on Saturday, March 14, at San Francisco State University. In attendance were 450 youths, a record breaking 210 volunteers, and hundreds of additional parents and guests there to support the students.

Of the Challenge's four events, one of the favorites was the Formal Presentation. Teams spent the majority of their preparation time over the last few months developing these 15-minute presentations on subtopics of the overall theme of "Human Migration." Topics ranged from Brain Drain to Human Trafficking to Visa Distribution, and many more. In addition to learning content knowledge, the students had a chance to practice presentation skills and strategies they will use throughout their lives.



Volunteer judges are a crucial component of the event and represent a broad range of professions and points of view. However, all share an interest in hearing what students think about important global issues. For students, having adult community members judge their work is an amazing opportunity that affirms the value of their opinions and their critical thinking.

Comics & *Immigration and Identity* in San Francisco

San Francisco educator Eric Chow is part of the Global Youth Media and Arts Program and he has an exciting vision for his ELL and Journalism students at Burton High School. With the support of World Savvy, Mr. Chow is finding new ways of teaching students to tell their stories and this year has decided to explore the theme of *Immigration and Identity* through one of his personal interests - comics!

Program Associate Katina Papson introduced Eric to Bay Area cartoonist, illustrator and independent art teacher, Betsy Streeter. Betsy generously volunteered to work with Eric, Katina and the students to learn how to tell their incredible stories of migration through comics.

With Katina and Eric addressing students' emerging global perspectives, and Betsy teaching storytelling and comic making methods, the details of each student's story began to take form. Betsy encouraged students to reflect carefully on specific moments that took place along their migration journey and to record those details.

Memorable details included the movie students watched on the plane to America, or what they were doing when they found out they were leaving their home country – or even what color their suitcase was! Albeit simple, these details helped make the students' stories come alive, both for them and for the viewers of their work. Eric, feeling better prepared to move forward on the project with his students, said, "I wanted to say Thank You again for coming out to Burton yesterday! We really enjoyed the demonstration and talk about how to create a storyboard and use images to tell a story."



Through this World Savvy community connection and collaboration with Mrs. Streeter, MAP educator Eric Chow and his students were given the perfect tools for fashioning a creative new exploration of *Immigration and Identity*.

Global Youth Media and Arts Program - Jam in NYC

On Saturday, March 7, more than 100 students and teachers from New York's five boroughs gathered for World Savvy's Jam Session in Brooklyn Heights. The day is part of the Global Youth Media and Arts Program and began with a rousing performance by Senegalese hip-hop artist Baay Musa, who rapped about his own experience as an African immigrant, his struggles and his determination to succeed. Students carried Musa's inspirational message into small breakout workshops where they explored *Immigration and Identity* with professional filmmakers, dancers, theater-artists and musicians. Workshops ranged from personal identity exploration through Indian music and dance to spoken-word reflections on the borders that young people encounter in their own lives.

After two hours, groups returned to the auditorium full of nervous energy and excited to share their creative projects. Teachers exclaimed with pride as some of their shyest students broke out of their shells and took center stage, revealing aspects of their cultures, rallying against stereotypes and articulating their own American dreams.

On World Savvy surveys, 100% of participants said that the Jam Session gave them a better understanding of *Immigration and Identity* than they had had before and that the Jam helped

them see how *Immigration and Identity* effects them, their communities and the world. Students also shared more personal feedback; one World Savvy Columbian-American teen wrote, "I learned today that there is no limit to what we can do!"

World Savvy salutes the wonderful energy and creativity of these New York students and teachers and looks forward to a fabulous Festival in May!

On Saturday, March 21, students and teachers in the San Francisco Global Youth Media and Arts Program participated in their own Jam Session for a similar experience. This story will be coming in our Summer Newsletter.

Whether you are in New York or San Francisco, please visit the final exhibitions of the Global Youth Media and Art Program:

Global Youth Media and Arts Festival - NYC

What: Opening Celebration

When: May 29, 6 – 8:00pm

Where: NYU's Commons Gallery
34 Stuyvesant Street, Barney Building

Global Youth Media and Arts Festival - SF

What: Opening Celebration

When: May 9, 6 – 9:00pm

Where: Zeum, 221 4th Street @ Howard

RESULTS! - San Francisco's 7th Challenge

BEST TEAM OVERALL

High School:

- 1st: Bellarmine College Preparatory - Bells2K9
- 2nd: Santa Cruz Waldorf High School - Santa Cruz Waldorf High School
- 3rd: Wilcox High School - Sets on the Move
- 4th: New Technology High School - The Yay Area Thunder Gigi Jets and (Edgar the Walrus)
- 5th: New Technology High School - Brsmck9

Middle School:

- 1st: International School of Monterey - Team Rainbow
- 2nd: International School of Monterey - The Wash Ups
- 3rd: Mill Valley Middle School - Team #2
- 4th: Mill Valley Middle School - Team #3
- 5th: River School - Creamy Delight

BEST FORMAL PRESENTATION

High School:

- 1st: Bellarmine College Preparatory - Bells2K9
- 2nd: New Technology High School - The Yay Area Thunder Gigi Jets and (Edgar the Walrus)
- 3rd: Santa Cruz Waldorf High School - Santa Cruz Waldorf High School

Middle School:

- 1st: Roots International Academy - Roots World Savvy Team
- 2nd: Lee Mathson Middle School - Jaguars
- 3rd: International School of Monterey - Team Rainbow

MOST CREATIVE PRESENTATION

High School:

- 1st Santa Cruz Waldorf High School - Santa Cruz Waldorf High School
- 2nd New Technology High School - The Yay Area Thunder Gigi Jets and (Edgar the Walrus)
- 3rd Bellarmine College Preparatory - Bells2K9

Middle School:

- 1st Lee Mathson Middle School - Jaguars
- 2nd Roots International Academy - Roots World Savvy Team
- 3rd River School - Creamy Delight

BEST QUIZ

High School:

- 1st Shabab Hussain 48/50
- 2nd Hubert Chin 47/50
- 3rd Alexis Noronha 46/50
- 4th Sashank Srinivasan 45/50
- 5th Shoana Bandyadnuey, Elyanah Posner, Albert Al, Leland Au & Phillip Yakushev 44/50

Middle School:

- 1st Matthew Reiser 44/50
- 2nd Aaron Starr 42/50
- 3rd Jack Brown 40/50
- 4th Misha Polovneff & Sam Andereson 39/50

BEST COLLABORATIVE QUESTION TEAM

High School:

- 1st #26: Alexis Noronha, Bellarmine College Preparatory; Angie Gonzales, Mercy High School; John Ohan, New Technology High; Madison Moore, New Technology High; Karen Muniz, New Technology High; Brandon Muela, New Technology High; Sidra Speaker, Santa Cruz Waldorf High; Amisha Patel, Wilcox High School
- 2nd #23: Shabab Hussain, Bellarmine College

Preparatory; Tiffany Ventenilla, Mercy High School; Luke Floyd, New Technology High; Diego Sahagun, New Technology High; Blake Pemelton, New Technology High; Diana Camacho, New Technology High; Sayaka Taguchi, Wilcox High School

3rd #17: Alexandra Minnick, Mercy High School; Sage Bauer, New Technology High; Taynon Geraldizo, New Technology High; Elyanah Posner, New Technology High; Arturo Moreno, New Technology High; William Fry, New Technology High; Brian Tran, Wilcox High School

Middle School:

1st #19: Eliya Baron-Lopez, International School of Monterey; Sean Burns, International School of Monterey; Zoe Deoudes, International School of Monterey; Salvador Basulto, Lee Mathson Middle School; Felipe Cortez, Lee Mathson Middle School; Chloe Hoeber, Mill Valley Middle School; Nate Stonecipher, River School; Annie Budash, River School; Skyler Atkinson, River School

2nd #20: Kelsey Nielson, Harvest Middle School; Natalie Constable, International School of Monterey; James Welsh, International School of Monterey; Skye-Marie Jensen, International School of Monterey; Luis Cachu, Lee Mathson Middle School; Sam Alderson, Mill Valley Middle School; Spencer Reiser, River School; David Shubin, River School

3rd #18: Russell Hungridge, International School of Monterey; Katie Allen, International School of Monterey; Julia Ruiz, Lee Mathson Middle School; Leo Alonso Cabrara, Lee Mathson Middle School; Leo Thomas, Mill Valley Middle School; Alexis Hadjiyiann, River School; Jazmin Ortiz, River School; Shawn Kara, River School

BEST DISCOVERY POSTER

High School:

1st New Technology High School - The Yay Area Thunder Gigi Jets and (Edgar the Walrus)

2nd New Technology High School - The Concession Stand

3rd Washington High School - Green Gorillas

Middle School:

1st River School - The Snipers

2nd International School of Monterey - Team Rainbow

3rd River School - PeacePeeps

Minnesota's 1st World Affairs Challenge

Students from 14 schools in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area are preparing for Minnesota's 1st Annual World Affairs Challenge, which will take place on April 25 at Macalester College.

*"I want to go to the World Affairs Challenge because I want to learn about **speaking skills** and how to be a **global citizen**."*

- Scholarship Applicant

Many of these students are immigrants or refugees and will be drawing on their own experiences to support their research

on the annual theme of "Human Migration."

Others are tackling this issue for the first time and exploring topics including the impact of the drug trade on population movement and how natural disasters affect migration.

This year's World Affairs Challenge also coincides with Global Youth Service Day, an annual global event that highlights and celebrates the contributions of

youth to their communities through volunteer service. World Savvy will be making a special effort to help students find service opportunities to connect what they are learning about global

human migration to their local community.

If you are interested in volunteering as a judge, proctor or general volunteer, please contact Charmagne

*"I am interested in learning more about **research skills** and **critical thinking**..."*

Critical thinking is a good thing to know because I'll use it throughout my life and in my future career."

- Scholarship Applicant

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How to Help World Savvy Grow?

Join the Savvy Sustainers

The Savvy Sustainers are a core group of individuals who make monthly gifts, thereby enabling World Savvy to plan effectively for the future, by understanding where and when support is available in the year to come.

- It's automatic and hassle free;
- You join a special community that is dedicated to global education;
- You'll receive regular updates about World Savvy and global education.

In addition:

- Donors giving \$20 or more per month for a year will receive an annual subscription to the World Savvy Monitor.
- Donors giving \$50 or more per month for a year will receive an annual subscription to the World Savvy Monitor and one ticket to the World Savvy Annual Gala.

Recent Grants

Join the foundations and corporations supporting World Savvy in building programs to develop students' skills and prepare them for their future as global citizens.

- **Taproot Foundation** awards World Savvy a \$50,000 Human Resources Capacity Assessment Service Grant to increase its capacity to serve youth and teachers.
- **TPG** becomes the inaugural corporate sponsor for the World Savvy Monitor with a \$10,000 sponsorship and receives subscriptions to benefit all employees.
- **Laird Norton Family Foundation** awards World Savvy a \$10,000 grant to support the Global Youth Media and Arts Program, enabling youth to use art and media as tools for self-expression, dialogue, and community engagement.

Meet Other World Savvy Funders:

<http://worldsavvy.org/contribute/donate-funders.php>

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