



# Voices in Action: National Youth Summit Agenda

## Friday, February 25, 2011

5:00 pm to 8:00pm

### Registration

Omni Shoreham Hotel (west registration desk)  
2500 Calvert Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
Phone: (202) 234-0700  
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## Saturday, February 26, 2011

7:30 to 9:00

### Registration – Edutainment

DJ Jessie System  
Ballou Majestic Marching Knights

9:00 to 9:10

**Opening Performance: 2020 Vision, Presented by Adobe Youth Voices**

9:10 to 9:25

### Welcome and Purpose of the Summit

- Alberto Retana, Director of Community Outreach, U.S. Department of Education
- Martha Moorehouse, Chair, Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs
- Kalpen Modi, White House Office of Public Engagement

9:25 to 9:30

**Poetry Slam, *Guerilla Arts Ink Entertainment***

9:30 to 9:45

**Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan**

9:45 to 10:15

### National Landscape and Overview of the Tour Findings

- Holly Bullard, U.S. Department of Education
- Decker Ngongang, Vice President, Mobilize.org

10:15 to 10:20

**Michael de la Rocha, *Cultural Activist***

10:35 to 11:40

### Deep Dive Breakouts: Connecting Policy to Lived Experience

- *Effective Teaching and Learning—Cramton Auditorium, Balcony*
  - Brad Jupp, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Education
  - Greg Schmidt, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Policy Evaluation and Program Development, United States Department of Education
- *Closing the Information Gap on College—Cramton Auditorium, Lower Level, Multipurpose Room*
  - Leigh Arsenault, Policy Advisor, Office of the Undersecretary, United States Department of Education
  - Greg Darnieder, Senior Advisor on College Access, Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Education
- *Creating Safe and Supportive Schools: Cramton Auditorium, Lower Level, Outside Lobby*



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- *Kristen Harper, Policy Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office for Safe and Drug Free Schools, United States Department of Education*
  - *Stephen Chen, Executive Director, Equity and Excellence Commission, Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education*
- *Bringing it Home: Parent and Family Engagement--- Changing the School Climate—School of Business, Classroom 16*
  - *Jon Vaupel, Policy Advisor, Office of Policy Evaluation and Program Development, United States Department of Education*
  - *Laura Jimenez, Special Assistant, Office for Elementary and Secondary Education, United States Department of Education*
- *Mentoring Our Youth, Building Stronger Communities—School of Business, Classroom 17*
  - *Larkin Tackett, Deputy Director of Promise Neighborhoods, Office of Innovation and Improvement, United States Department of Education*
  - *Michael Robbins, Senior Advisor for Non-Profit Partnership, White House Initiative on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, United States Department of Education*
  - *Nicole Gallant, Director of Learn and Serve America and Strategic Education Advisor, Corporation for Community and National Service*
- *Listening Session with Rural Students on President Obama’s 2020 College Completion Goal—School of Business, Classroom 18*
  - *John White, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Outreach, United States Department of Education*
  - *Laurie Calvert, Teaching Ambassador Fellow, United States Department of Education*
- *Transitioning to High School, Getting Ready for College: Middle School Students Session—School of Business Auditorium*
  - *Kim Morton, Office of Communications and Outreach, United States Department of Education*
  - *Tim Tuten, Office of Communications and Outreach, United States Department of Education*
  - *Leah Raphael, Teaching Ambassador Fellow, United States Department of Education*
- *Dialogue with Adult Practitioners Session I—Cramton Auditorium*
  - *Peter Cunningham, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Outreach, United States Department of Education*
  - *Michael Skolnik, Political Director, Russell Simmons*
  - *Erica Williams, Deputy Director of Progress 2050, Center for American Progress*

**11:40 to 12:40**

## **Lunch and Edutainment**

DJ Priest, Atlanta, Georgia

Guerilla Arts Ink Entertainment, Albus Cavus, Street Muralist

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12:45 to 1:45

**Education Policy Panel**, Facilitated by Alberto Retana, Director of Community Outreach, United States Department of Education

- *Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President, White House*
- *Russlynn Ali, Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education*
- *Greg Darnieder, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Education*
- *Brad Jupp, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Education*

2:00-3:00

**Youth Innovation, Responsibility and Action Breakouts**

- **Tapping the Power of Student Voice to Accelerate Teacher Effectiveness and Student Engagement- Project VOYCE** --- Cramton Auditorium, Lower Level, Outside Lobby  
Youth Presenters:  
Samantha Lobato, Career Education Center Middle College of Denver  
Sir Martin, Manual High School, Denver  
Noemy Rodriguez, Bruce Randolph School, Denver  
Shelby Gonzales Parker, Colorado State Council for Educator Effectiveness
- **Step Up Your A-GAME: Baltimore's Youth Led Attendance Initiative**---Cramton Auditorium, Balcony  
Youth Presenters:  
Aaron Atkins, Coppin Academy  
Melanie McCray, Coppin Academy  
Jermard Bryant Goes, Achievement Academy at Harbor City.  
Destiny McKennon, Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical Senior High School.
- **From Freshman Year to College Completion: A Youth Led Model for Setting Students on the Path to College**-- School of Business, Classroom 17  
Youth Presenters:  
Pierre Williams, Dyett High School, Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO)  
Jason MacMillan, Dyett High School, KOCO  
Melissa Salinas, Kelly High School, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council (BPNC)  
Elizabeth Tellez, Kelly High School, BPNC
- **Picture Equality: Documentary Youth Photography to Create Change**—Cramton Auditorium, Lower Level, Multipurpose Room
- **Jump In Instead of Dropping Out, Rockford Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)**-- School of Business, Classroom 16  
Youth Presenters:  
Aaron Gesmer, Auburn High School  
Demarkus English, Christian Life High School  
Lashay Hamilton, Auburn High School  
Patrick Schiller, Auburn High School  
Noe Delgado, Jefferson High School  
Andrew Ruplin, Auburn High School



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- **Re-defining College Readiness Through Place Based Learning, Llano Grande Center** -- *School of Business, Classroom 18*  
Youth Presenters  
Kayla Garza, Edcouch-Elsa High School  
  
Cesar Guerrero, Edcouch-Elsa High School  
Gina Silva, Edcouch-Elsa High School  
Ray Uribe, Edcouch-Elsa High School
- **Flipping the Script on School Violence**-- *School of Business Auditorium*  
Youth Presenters:  
Eric Yates, West Philadelphia High School Graduate  
Candace Carter, SAYRE High School Graduate
- **Dialogue with Adult Practitioners Session II**—Cramton Auditorium  
*Facilitators:*  
*Michael Skolnik, Political Director, Russell Simmons*  
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3:00 to 3:10

Asheru, Hip Hop Artist

3:10 to 4:50

Bringing the Change Home: Closing Session, Cramton Auditorium

4:50 to 6:00

Voices in Action Resource & College Fair, Cramton Auditorium, Lower Level