

**The School for the Visual Arts and Humanities** is a new pilot high school at the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools complex in the Los Angeles Unified School District where students complete visual arts coursework through all four years, including Introduction to Art, Drawing, Painting, AP Studio Art and Graphic Design. The school is grounded in a college- and career-preparatory, social justice approach to education. The school wishes to thank the Ford Foundation and California Community Foundation for their generous sponsorship, the Educare after-school program for conducting courses to prepare for the exhibition, the Craft and Folk Art Museum, and the Department of Education for graciously hosting our exhibition. Your support means so much to our students, school, and community. Visit the school at <http://www.rfkcommunityschools.org/>.

**The Elevated Thought Foundation's Creative. Community. Change.** (C3) programs focus on urban youths between the ages of 12 and 18. C3 encourages these students to examine societal issues, specifically the ones they see in and around their community, and pushes them to explore new ideas through discussion and debate, poetry, and various visual art mediums. Marquis Victor: *co-founder and president*; Alex J. Brien: *co-founder and executive art director*; Lester Sydney: *co-founder and vice president*; David Christopher: *lead art teacher and artist manager*; and Karen Kravchuk: *Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence education director*. Elevated Thought would like to thank The Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence, Mass. for their support. Visit the foundation at <http://www.elevatedthought.org/>.

**The U.S. Department of Education's Student Art Exhibit Program**, now in its 11th year under the direction of the Office of Communications and Outreach and the Office of Innovation and Improvement, features visual and performing arts created by students in U.S. and international schools. The program provides students and teachers an opportunity to display creative work from the classroom in a highly public place that honors their work as an effective path to learning and knowledge for all. The works also provide Department employees and visitors with both a beautiful environment and the means to be in touch with the Department's principal customers—students.

The program features two exhibits at all times throughout the year: The winners of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are exhibited for a year beginning every August; another exhibit, rotated every two to three months, accommodates the many educators who want to exhibit their students' work. Exhibits are currently booked through 2018. To schedule a visit to the exhibits or an exhibit contact Jacquelyn Zimmermann at 202- 401-0762 or at [jacquelyn.zimmermann@ed.gov](mailto:jacquelyn.zimmermann@ed.gov). Visit the Student Art Exhibit Program at <http://www.ed.gov/student-art-exhibit/>.



## Student Art Exhibit Opening of The Learner Project And Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Thursday, May 15, 2014  
At 11 a.m.

Lyndon Baines Johnson Education  
Building Auditorium  
U.S. Department of Education

At the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools  
in the Los Angeles Unified School District

And Special Guests

*elevated thought*  
Of Lawrence, Mass.



Presented By  
**U.S. Department of Education**  
Office of Communications and  
Outreach and Office of Innovation and  
Improvement  
**The School for the Visual Arts and  
Humanities With the Elevated Thought  
Foundation**

**The Learner Project, Led by Teachers  
Linda Yaron and Roxana Dueñas  
with Manuel Chan Pool of the  
Educare Foundation**

**Restricted Growth**, Rubi Torres, age 17, grade 12

**Visualize your Future with Education**,

Maricruz Martinez, age 17, grade 12

**Cerebral Process**, Javier Garcia, age 18, grade 12

**Dream**, Joy Carla Esteban, age 17, grade 12

**Share to Learn. Learn to Share**,

Ethan DongHyuk

Shin, age 18,

grade 12

**Learning Culture**,

Nadine Apilado,

age 17, grade 12

**Unlock Your World**,

Maria Urquilla,

age 17, grade 12

**The Rays of Creativity**

**Shine Upon Us**, Juan Silverio, age 18, grade 12

**Financial Strains**, Evelyn Anaya, age 18, grade 12

**Super Scholars**, Iris Hernandez, age 17, grade 12

**Lifelong Learner**, Marilyn Padilla, age 17, grade 12

**Detachment**, Julian Ubaldo, age 17, grade 12

**Freedom of Education**, Gezmyne Uy, age 18,

grade 12

**Symbolic Portraiture, Led by  
Art Teacher Eric Garcia**

**Symbolic Portrait of Nadine Apilado**,

Ernest Entsie, age 15, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Emmanuel de Leon**,

Juan Martinez, age 14, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Francisco Santa Maria**,

Brian Aguilar, age 14, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Juan Silverio**,

Alex Ibarra, age 16, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Angie Choe**,

Christian Saban, age 16, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Cristine Lopez**,

Maria Garcia, age 15, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Elena Maldonado**,

Maria Garcia, age 15, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Juhee Lee**,

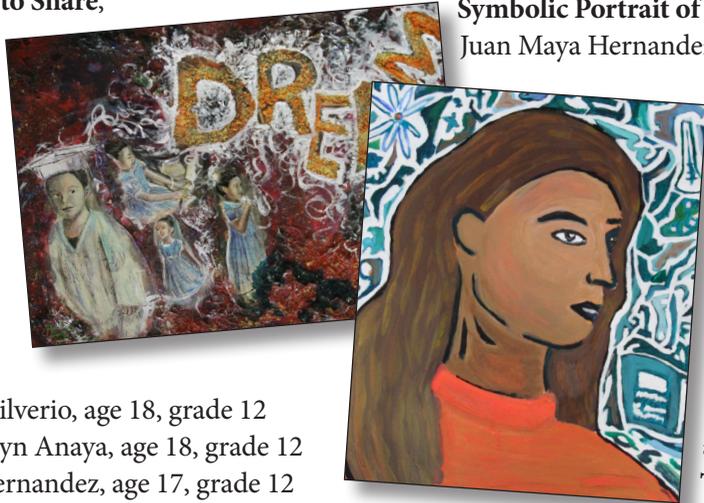
Sin Young Choi, age 15, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Jasmin Garcia**,

Guissel Garcia, age 14, grade 9

**Symbolic Portrait of Angela Corro**,

Juan Maya Hernandez, age 14, grade 9



**Led by Art  
Teacher Janet  
Yoo and the Craft  
and Folk Art  
Museum**

**Transition**,

Nery Carreto,

age 16, grade 10

**Transition**, Arturo

Cruz, age 17, grade 10

**Transition**, Jinlin Han, age 18, 10th grade

**Quality of Education**, Daniela Acevedo, age 17,

grade 12

**The Key to Success**, Roger Martinez, age 18, grade 12

**Untitled**, Angela Bisco, age 17, grade 11

**Untitled**, Jocelyn Barrios Lopez, age 18, grade 12

**Knowledge is Life**, William Moralez, age 18, grade 12

**The Tree of Growth**, Jose Lopez, age 18, grade 12

**Brick in the Wall**, Edlin Carillo, age 18, grade 12

**Actions Teach Lessons**, Karla Sanchez, age 19, grade 12

**Metaphysical Gravity**, Oscar Umana, age 16, grade 11

**Art and  
Technology,  
Led by  
Graphic  
Design  
Teacher Mel  
Horan**



**Discovery**,

Charles

Mendoza, age 18, grade 12

**Direction**, Sandra Matus, age 17, grade 12

**Unity**, You Lee Lim, age 18, grade 12

**Pain**, Ethan DongHyuk Shin, age 18, grade 12

**Darkness to Light**, Ethan DongHyuk Shin, age 18,  
grade 12

**Pursuit**, Edlin Carillo, age 17, grade 12

**Perseverance**, Mario Garcia, age 18, grade 12

**Negative Space**, Gaby Toapanta, age 18, grade 12

**Where You Come From**, Laura Arevalo, age 17,  
grade 12

**Dominance**, Jacquelin Tomas, age 17, grade 11

**Resilience**, Christian Perez, age 18, grade 12

**Branches**, Josue Morales, age 17, grade 12

**A Journey of a Thousand Miles**, Jose Alfaro,  
age 18, grade 12

**Gandhi Project**, Adrian Guerrero, age 16, grade 11

**Connection**, Sandra Matus, age 17, grade 12

**Rays**, Adrian Guerrero, age 16, grade 11

**Roots**, Rawaa Alimohamed, age 16, grade 11

**Discovery**, Oscar Umana, age 16, grade 11

**Wings**, Angela Corro, age 18, grade 12

**Thirds**, Luis Cortes-Garcia, age 17, grade 12

**Vision**, Jennifer Hurtado, age 18, grade 12

**Support**, Angela Choe, age 18, grade 12

**Power**, Byankarubi Torres, age 17, grade 12

**Challenge**, Daniela Roldan, age 17, grade 11

**Intellectual**, Nancy Ayala, age 17, grade 12

**Formal**, Christopher Pineda, age 17, grade 11

**Change**, Romwell Lim, age 19, grade 12

## Program

### Welcome

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications  
and Outreach*

U.S. Department of Education

**Massie Ritsch**

### Remarks

*School for the Visual Arts and Humanities  
Teacher and 2010 Washington Teaching  
Ambassador Fellow*

**Linda Yaron**

*Elevated Thought Foundation*

*Co-founder and President*

**Marquis Victor**

### Student Videos

“What It Means to Be a Learner”

### Student Statements on Learning and Performance Discussion

*School for the Visual Arts and Humanities:  
12th-graders Evelyn Anaya, Nadine Apilado,  
Joy Carla Esteban, Javier Garcia, Maricruz  
Martinez, Marilyn Padilla, Ethan Shin, Juan  
Silverio, Rubi Torres, Julian Ubaldo, Maria  
Urquilla, and Gezmyne Uy*

*Elevated Thought Foundation: Jalen Aquino  
- 7th grade, Lidyanette Gonzalez - 8th grade,  
Arelese Silva – sophomore, Jailene Garcia –  
sophomore, Minzaliz Rodriguez – sophomore  
and Tina Thu - senior*

### Closing Remarks

*School for the Visual Arts and Humanities  
Principal*

**Eftihia Danellis**