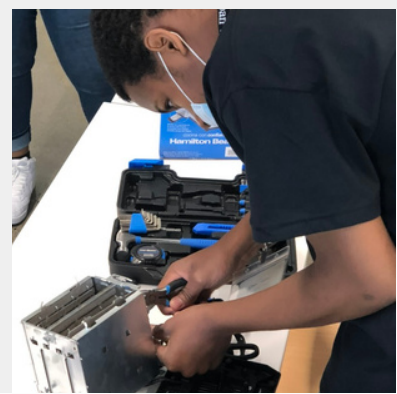
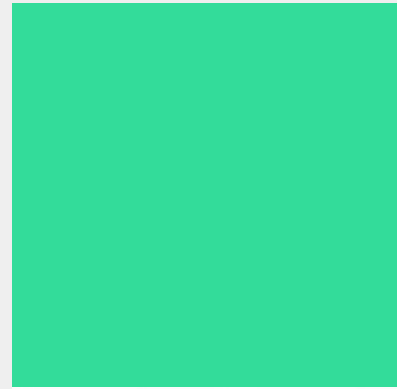
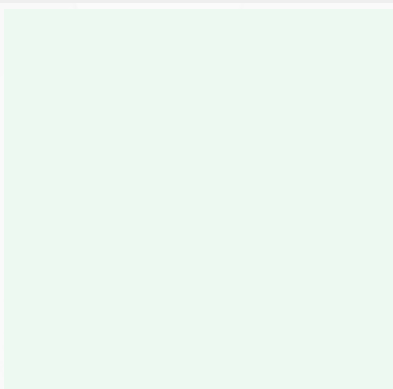




# Impact Report 2023



# iUrban Teen's MLK Celebration 2023

## Event Overview:

The 13th annual breakfast celebration, themed "Believe," honored the enduring legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event featured renowned guest speakers and a special performance by the Grammy Award-winning a cappella group, Take 6. The gathering provided a platform for inspiration, reflection, and community engagement.

## Key Highlights:

**Musical Tribute:** Take 6 delivered a joyous musical tribute, serenading our founder Deena Pierott and captivating attendees with their harmonious melodies. **Distinguished Speakers:** Reverend Matthew Hennessee, Mayor Anne Mcenerny-Ogle, Pastor Joyce Smith, and Reverend Robert Kemp shared insightful perspectives on Dr. King's legacy and the ongoing pursuit of social justice.

**Compass Award:** Congratulations to Dr. Snell, recipient of the Compass Award, recognizing their distinguished career in elevating the education experience for students. The award honors individuals or organizations that embody equity as their guiding principle, advocating for marginalized voices and fostering a beloved community.

## Gratitude and Acknowledgments:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all contributors and supporters who played a pivotal role in curating a successful and memorable celebration. Your dedication to our scholars' dreams and aspirations is deeply appreciated, and your commitment to equity and advocacy continues to inspire our work.

## Conclusion:

The MLK Celebration 2023 served as a powerful reminder of the enduring impact of Dr. King's legacy and the importance of collective action in advancing social justice and equity. As we conclude another year, iUrban Teen remains committed to our mission of empowering youth and building inclusive communities for generations to come.



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# iUrban Teen Los Angeles STEM Summit 2023

It was Lights, Camera, and iUrban Teen Action in Los Angeles! In partnership with TRIO-Upward Bound and Gear Up, iUrban Teen kicked off 2023 with a phenomenal, jam-packed STEM Summit at Cal State Dominguez Hills. This report provides an overview of the event and its outcomes.

## Event Overview:

The STEM Summit welcomed more than 129 students, showcasing a vibrant atmosphere of learning and exploration. Attendees engaged in a variety of tech enrichment workshops and ideation sessions conducted by iUrban Teen and Blue Origin.

## Highlights:

- **Attendance:** Over 129 students participated in the event, reflecting a strong interest in STEM education and career pathways.
- **Workshops:** Interactive tech enrichment workshops provided hands-on learning experiences, fostering creativity and innovation among attendees.
- **Ideation Sessions:** Collaborative sessions led by iUrban Teen and Blue Origin encouraged students to explore and develop innovative ideas in STEM fields.
- **Parent Engagement:** A robust leadership discussion for parents explored career opportunities in tech for iUrban Teen students, enhancing parental support and involvement.

## Partnership Impact:

The collaboration between iUrban Teen, TRIO-Upward Bound, and Gear Up proved instrumental in creating a dynamic and impactful event. By leveraging resources and expertise, the partners successfully facilitated a memorable STEM Summit experience for students and parents alike.

## Conclusion:

The iUrban Teen STEM Summit 2023 at Cal State Dominguez Hills was a resounding success, highlighting the organization's commitment to empowering youth in STEM education and career development. Through engaging workshops, collaborative sessions, and parental involvement, the event provided valuable opportunities for learning, exploration, and inspiration.

## Next Steps:

Building on the success of the STEM Summit, iUrban Teen aims to continue expanding its reach and impact, empowering even more youth with the skills and opportunities needed to thrive in the ever-evolving world of technology and innovation.



# Impact of the iUrban Teen Future Teachers Pathway Fellowship Program 2023

## Introduction:

The iUrban Teen Future Teachers Pathway Fellowship Program aims to cultivate the next generation of educators by providing hands-on classroom experience, training, and support to aspiring teachers. This report highlights the impact of the program in 2023.

## Key Statistics:

- Total Fellows Completed: 13
- Fellows Completing 2 Rounds: 5
- Fellows Who Passed Para Exam: 1 (Yet to Secure Employment)

## Schools Participating:

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|-------------------|----------------|
| - Ogen            | - Truman       |
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| - Sara J Anderson | - King         |
| - Walnut Grove    |                |

## Principal & Teachers Feedback:

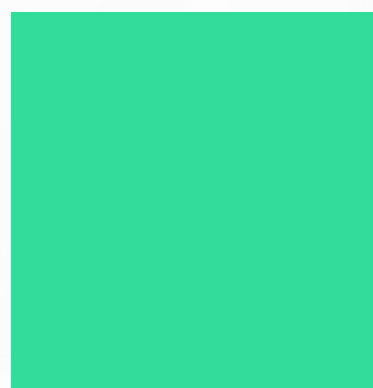
- Principals and teachers expressed appreciation for the additional support provided by fellows in the classrooms.
- They commended the thorough training provided to fellows before their classroom placement.
- There was a desire expressed for more fellows to participate in the program to meet the increasing demand for classroom support.

## Fellow Feedback:

- Fellows discovered their passion for teaching through their experience in the classrooms.
- They gained insight into the differences between the roles of paras and teachers.
- Working with students across different grade levels was highlighted as a valuable experience.
- Fellows appreciated the meaningful relationships they built with students during their time in the program.

## Conclusion:

The iUrban Teen Future Teachers Pathway Fellowship Program continues to make a positive impact on both fellows and the schools they serve. Aspiring educators gain invaluable experience and insight into the teaching profession, while schools benefit from additional classroom support and a pipeline of enthusiastic future teachers. Moving forward, efforts will be made to expand the program and address the growing demand from schools and aspiring educators alike.





# iUrban Teen Dallas Tech Program Shines Bright in 2023: A Year of Recognition and Impact

In 2023, iUrban Teen's Dallas Tech Program garnered significant recognition as it was featured on NBC's Carter in the Classroom's Highlighter segment. The program's standout event, the Dallas STEM Summit presented by Microsoft and Google, provided students and families with an immersive experience exploring diverse career pathways in STEM fields.

A highlight of the summit was the engaging challenge where students were tasked with building the tallest spaghetti tower capable of holding the weight of a jumbo marshmallow. This hands-on activity not only tested architectural design and engineering skills but also sparked creativity and problem-solving abilities among participants.

NBC5 DFW's Education reporter, Wayne Carter, spotlighted iUrban Teen's programs as a unique and impactful initiative within the district, emphasizing its role in helping children succeed. Special recognition was extended to the iUrban Teen Council for their efforts in organizing the summit, along with gratitude to Keith Kloucek-Hummel for capturing memorable event footage.

Overall, the recognition from NBC Dallas and the success of the Dallas STEM Summit underscored the significant impact of iUrban Teen's programs in empowering youth, fostering academic excellence, and promoting career readiness in STEM disciplines.

**See the segment [HERE](#):**

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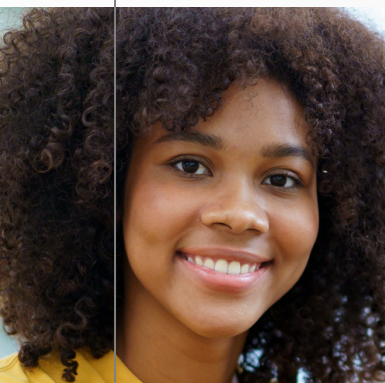
# Reflecting on a Collaborative Journey: iUrban Teen and NAACP's Impact through ACT-SO

## Introduction:

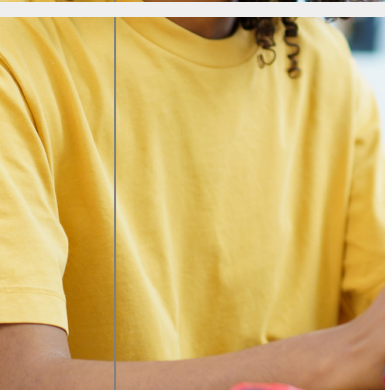
As we reflect on the collaborative efforts between iUrban Teen and the NAACP Vancouver Branch, it's evident that our shared commitment to empowering African-American youth has yielded significant results. In particular, the introduction of the ACT-SO program stands as a testament to our dedication to fostering excellence in STEM education and youth achievement. This retrospective report examines the journey of ACT-SO and highlights its impact on students and the community.

## Conclusion:

The collaborative efforts between iUrban Teen and NAACP Vancouver Branch have brought about tangible outcomes through the ACT-SO program, empowering African American youth to excel in STEM and beyond. As we look ahead, let us continue to build upon this foundation of success, nurturing the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.



**NAACP**  
*Vancouver Branch*



# Reflecting on iUrban Teen's Houston Expansion: Empowering Youth Through STEAM Innovation

Looking back at the milestone event of iUrban STEM+Arts Houston, it's evident that March 25th, 2023, marked a significant moment in our organization's journey. With the expansion into Houston, Texas, we brought a wealth of unique opportunities in STEAM to the vibrant community of teens of color in the Houston Metro area.

A standout feature of our Houston expansion was our partnership with SEISMIQUE, an interactive art museum offering a blend of art and technology experiences. From immersive exhibits to dazzling displays of light and sound, SEISMIQUE provided a platform for students to explore the intersection of creativity and innovation.

## Conclusion:

With each iUrban Teen hub across the United States, including Houston, offering tailored programming in the world of technology, we continue to empower youth to unlock their potential and thrive in the digital age. Looking ahead, we remain committed to fostering a culture of curiosity, creativity, and excellence in STEAM education, one city at a time.







# Give Big Unleashing Genius 2023 - Thank you!

In the Spring of 2023, the iUrban Teen community joined forces to support our scholars by raising essential funds. Despite navigating through challenging economic times, our community displayed remarkable generosity and kindness, making sacrifices to ensure the success of our fundraising efforts.

We extended our deepest gratitude to each and every individual who contributed to our cause. Their generosity directly impacted the lives of our deserving students by providing much-needed scholarships to support their educational journeys.

It's important to acknowledge the significant financial barriers that many of our students face when pursuing higher education. With the average total cost of attending a four-year college standing at \$35,551 per year, the support garnered through our fundraising efforts is invaluable in alleviating this burden.

## **Conclusion:**

Moving forward, our commitment to supporting iUrban Teen families remains steadfast. We will continue to uphold our mission with unwavering determination, ensuring that every student has access to the resources they need to succeed. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support.

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# iUrban Teen: Making Waves with Winning Agenda and Exciting STEM + Arts Offerings

In a whirlwind of excitement, iUrban Teen took center stage on local morning shows across the Pacific Northwest, from KOIN6 to Fox13, showcasing our winning agenda and the exciting developments ahead. As we geared up for a blockbuster summer of learning and fun, we were thrilled to announce new STEM offerings that inspired and empowered our youth. Our renowned iMusic program continues to pave the way for careers in TV, film production, theater arts, and beyond, opening doors to endless possibilities.



iURBAN TEEN  
**on TV!**

## Celebrating Achievements and Looking Forward

# 2023 - Advancing Social Justice and Equity in Tech Education

In 2023, iUrban Teen experienced a year of significant growth and innovation, marked by our unwavering commitment to advancing social justice and equity in tech education. A pivotal moment came when our esteemed founder, Deena Pierott, was honored with the prestigious Civil Rights Award from the League of Minority Voters. This recognition not only celebrated Deena's tireless efforts but also underscored our organization's dedication to promoting equity, inclusion, and social justice in every aspect of our work. Through groundbreaking initiatives and inspiring partnerships, we continued to strive towards a future where all youth have equal access to opportunities in STEM, empowering them to thrive in a diverse and inclusive tech industry.



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# Student Spotlight: Celebrating Lana Journet's Success at Miss Teen Lancaster Pageant

In 2023, iUrban Teen had a star moment as Lana Journet showcased her talents and achievements at the Miss Teen Lancaster Pageant. Not only did Lana win the People's Choice Award, but she also secured the Miss Enterprise Award, demonstrating her outstanding leadership and entrepreneurial spirit. During the pageant, Lana eloquently reflected on her experiences with iUrban Teen, highlighting the organization's transformative impact on her life. As we celebrate Lana's success, we are reminded of the immense potential and talent within the iUrban Teen community. Congratulations, Lana! Your achievements inspire us all, and together, iUrban Teens continue to change the world for the better.



Congratulations  
*Lana Journet!*



# Exploring Environmental STEM: iUrban Teen's Adventures Unveiled!

## Harvesting Success!

In a sun-filled day of hands-on learning, iUrban Teen participants engaged in the vibrant atmosphere of local gardens alongside Mudbone Grown Farm, a black-owned enterprise dedicated to fostering community connections and workplace-based educational experiences. This invaluable collaboration provided our students with an introduction to promising careers in agriculture, highlighting the diverse opportunities and significant income potential available in this field, especially with the integration of technology. Through this experience, our teens gained not only practical skills but also a deeper understanding of how they can contribute to and sustain community capacity through innovative agricultural practices.

## Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: iUrban Teen's Journey with the Black Farmers Collective

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# STEM Expedition: Exploring Broadcast Media with KOMO TV

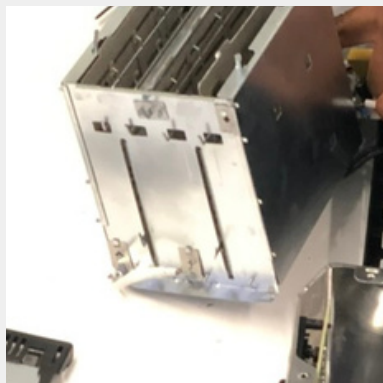
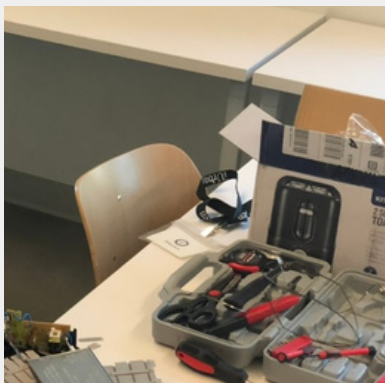
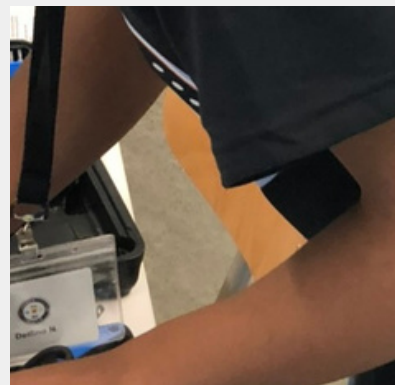
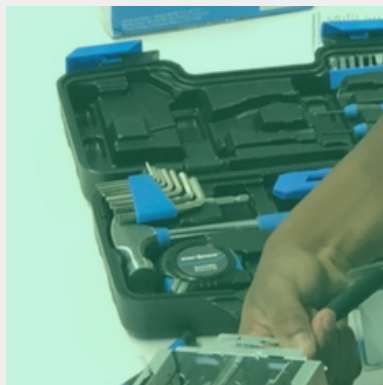
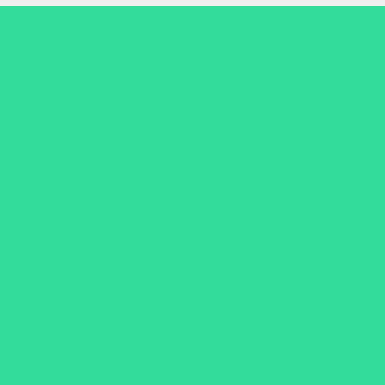
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# Building Tomorrow's Workforce: The Impact of iUrban Teen's iBuild Program

iUrban Teen's iBuild program is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the evolving landscape of advanced manufacturing and supply chain management. Through engaging workshops and immersive STEM tours facilitated in collaboration with Union Pacific, students gained invaluable insights into career pathways within modern manufacturing. From exploring cutting-edge technologies like automation and robotics to delving into the complexities of global supply chains, participants were empowered to envision their futures in this dynamic industry. A highlight of the program was the "Toaster Takedown" workshop, where students dissected a toaster to analyze various aspects of manufacturing, from supply chain logistics to environmental impact. As the manufacturing sector continues to grow, iUrban Teen remains committed to providing students with the tools they need to succeed in the workforce of tomorrow.



# Celebrating Excellence: Introducing iUrban Teen's 2023 Scholars

We are thrilled to introduce iUrban Teen's exceptional scholars for the year 2023. Thanks to the generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund, we have been able to support the academic endeavors of eight outstanding individuals. Join us in congratulating Jordan, Alyssa, Joelle, Osai, Muayid, Imara, Marissa, and Kai as they embark on their educational journeys. Your support has made a profound impact on their lives, and we can't wait to see the incredible achievements they will accomplish. Here's to a future filled with boundless opportunities and success!





# Empowering Futures: iUrban Teen and Mighty Media's Impactful STEM + Arts Tour

In collaboration with Mighty Media, iUrban Teen orchestrated a dynamic STEM + Arts Tour, offering students firsthand experience within the production realm. Program Manager Shanon Kosen reflects on the profound impact witnessed among our teens, noting their heightened understanding and enthusiasm towards media and technology careers. The tour not only shed light on new career avenues but also facilitated valuable networking opportunities and career guidance for aspiring production crews. As we look ahead, this transformative experience serves as a testament to the boundless opportunities awaiting our youth in the world of film and media. Be sure to seize the chance when it returns!





# Exploring the Cosmos: iSpace 2023 Ignites Futures in Space Exploration

iUrban Teen proudly presented iSpace 2023, our flagship STEM event hailed as a transformative journey into the cosmos. In collaboration with esteemed partners Blue Origin and NASA, we welcomed aspiring young space explorers to an immersive day of discovery and innovation. From captivating tech presentations by industry leaders to hands-on workshops, attendees were inspired to pursue careers in the space industry. Our students showcased their creativity in an art challenge, envisioning constellations through artistic expression. With a universe of career opportunities awaiting, iSpace Summit illuminated the path for mechanical engineers, chemical engineers, computer scientists, and more to unlock the mysteries of the universe. As we reflect on this unforgettable experience, we're excited for the boundless possibilities that lie ahead for our students in this vast and limitless world of space exploration.



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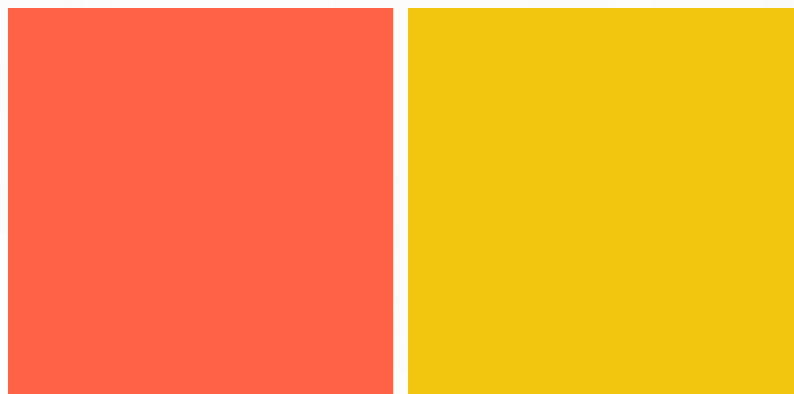
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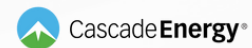
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