

March 12, 2017

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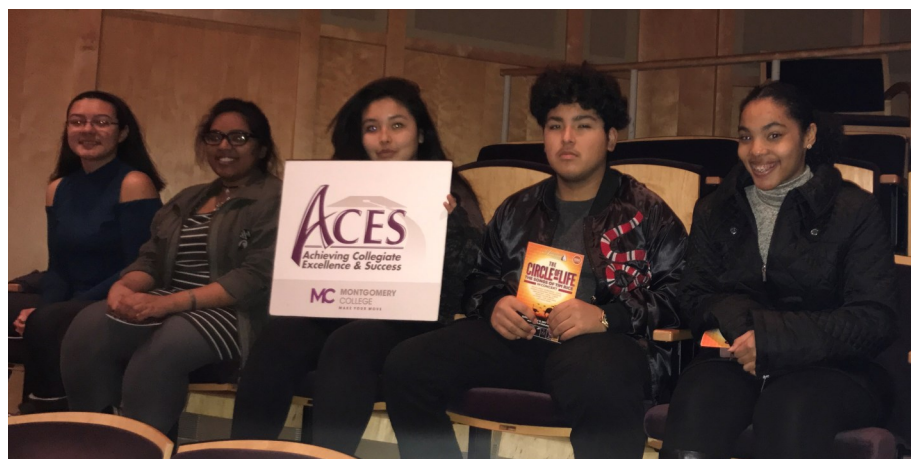


On March 12, 2017, our ACES students resumed their cultural experiences by attending The Young Artists of America at Strathmore's (YAA) world premiere production of "The Circle of Life, The Songs of Tim Rice in Concert" at the magnificent Music Center at Strathmore. ACES students from Einstein High School, along with their wonderful Academic Coach, Amani Dadzie witnessed this musical theater extravaganza, all focused on the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Benny Andersson & Bjorn Ulvaeus, Alan Menken, and Sir Elton John, AND the lyrics of Sir Tim Rice. Our YAA high school performers, all from Montgomery County/DC metropolitan schools, went beyond in bringing an excellence to their performance. This production was unique in the grand form of collaboration, including — Walt Whitman High School Chorus (Jeffrey H. Davidson, director), Studio Dans (Dana Keane, Artistic Director) and Weber Method Academy (Lilla Weber, Director). The production was devised and Directed exquisitely by Hugh Wooldridge, and produced by the amazing Rolando Sanz. The orchestra was conducted magnificently by Kristofer Sanz. Our ACES students had the chance also to hear the legendary Adam Pascal, who was the original "Roger Davis" in the Broadway and London Productions of Rent, and the original "Radames" in Broadway's Aida.

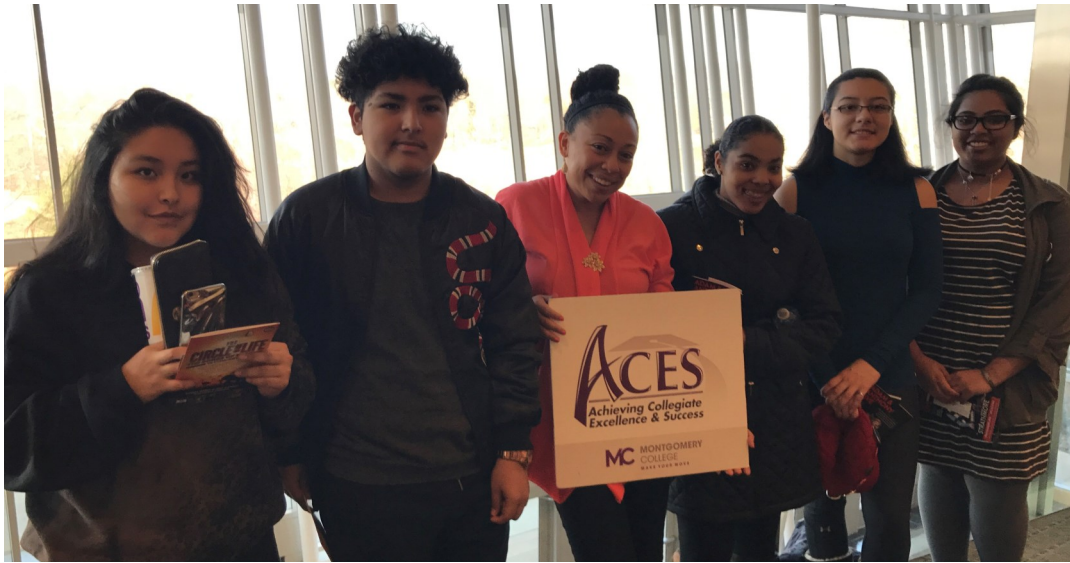
The goal of all music/musical theater productions is to present a "life-changing experience"...and this specific production of the Circle of Life hopefully was, in the words of the production's Director, Hugh Wooldridge, a creative example of celebration the audience's very own "Circle of Life".

We are so thankful to the YAA family for their gracious gift of the free tickets for our ACES students!

For more information about YAA: <http://www.youngartistsamerica.org>



ACES students and friends patiently awaiting the start of the show at the Music Center at Strathmore



ACES students and friends with ACES Academic Coach, Amani Dadzie (Center)



ACES Arts and Culture Coordinator, Gina DiMedio Marrazza (left) with ACES students and friends