

November 23, 2016

Arts & Culture Program

Check out our latest events!

- Young Artists at Strathmore (YAA) production of "The Wizard of Oz"
- The Music Center at Strathmore presents: Black Violin
- Montgomery College Media Arts Gallery/Arts Institute presents "Boys on the Road"

Young Artists of America at Strathmore (YAA) production of "The Wizard of Oz"

Our ACES students from Northwood High School (Brad Pabian, ACES Academic Coach), were welcomed graciously to YAA's production of "The Wizard of Oz" on October 29, 2016 at University of Maryland's Clarice Center. Prior to the production, they had a chance to meet the magnificent Robert Aubry Davis, guest narrator of the production, and WETA Television and radio personality! And, following, they were "blown away" by the stellar performance of the high school vocalists and

instrumentalists from the YAA cast and orchestra. Bravi to all the student performers for their excellence, and to Maestro Kris Sanz, and Artistic Director, Rolando Sanz for their grand musical talents, mentorship and leadership!

The empowering and positive force of music, which truly enhances the listener's scope and perspective when questioning things, was mirrored in a statement from Samuel Penate, one of our ACES students who attended the performance:

"It was so nice because I actually understood it this time. When I first came to this country I saw the movie but since I could not understand it because I did not know English it was very emotional for me being able to understand it this time"

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



The Music Center at Strathmore presents: Black Violin

The ACES high school students/families from Kennedy High School, (Monica Burgos, ACES Academic Coach) were graciously welcomed to the performance by "Black Violin" on Saturday, November 12, 2016, thanks to the generosity of the dynamic staff at The Music Center at Strathmore, specifically, Eliot Pfanstiehl (CEO), Monica Jeffries Hazangeles (President) and Alaina Sadick Goss, VP, Marketing and Communications.

Our students had the chance to experience the genius and creativity of this dynamic violin duo, Kevin "Kev Marcus" Sylvester and Wilner "Will" Baptiste. The students were dazzled by their "over the top" expertise not only as classical musicians, but their ability to improvise and offer a modern mix of hip-hop, rock and R&B. To hear them in the magnificent Strathmore Concert Hall made the evening truly unforgettable for our students.

We are so thankful for the free tickets from our Strathmore family for our ACES students.



ACES students and Ms. Burgos, ACES Academic Coach at the "Black Violin" performance; Saturday, November 12, 2016.



Montgomery College Media Arts Gallery/Arts Institute presents "Boys on the Road", an exhibit of photographs by John Hoover and Brian V. Jones

On Thursday evening, November 17, 2016, our ACES high school students from Rockville High School, (Jeanette E. Rojas, ACES Academic Coach) were graciously welcomed to the thought provoking and intriguing photograph exhibit by John Hoover, Instructional Lab Coordinator, and Brian Jones, Professor and Coordinator of Photography, both in the Department of Media Arts & Technology at Montgomery College (MC).

The students were welcome to a private showing of the exquisite photographs, thanks to the gracious welcome by David Phillips, Director of MC's Arts Institute. Both Mr. Phillips and Mr. Jones were present to welcome the students personally, and shared powerful insights into the photograph exhibit, as well as career options in the visual and performing arts. The students were given a tour of the Department of Media Arts & Technology, and addressed many questions that the students had about class offerings and college options. The students also had the chance to enjoy a special reception in their honor.



ACES students, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Jones and Ms. DiMedio-Marrazzo at "Boys on the Road"; November 17th, 2016

