

2019 SPRING NEWSLETTER



Pullum Center Students Celebrate MLK Jr. Day

On Martin Luther King Day the Jazz Band and Dance Team marched and performed in the 2 ½ mile parade, the nation's biggest celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. The parade included more than 150 floats, bands, equestrian units, dance and martial arts ensembles and other groups. More than 3,000 people were involved and over 20,000 packed the



sidewalks to see it. The parade was televised to the Los Angeles market.



Band members prepare for the march



Dance team in action



Dance team prepares to march

Later in the day, five of our students boarded the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus to record their original song celebrating the life of Martin Luther King and to be filmed by ABC TV7 for broadcast on the local news that evening. The words to the rap song were written by Charlee Blue, one of our very talented new voices. A copy of the video can be seen on our website. Pullum Center has a long-standing, special relationship with the John Lennon Bus and they visit the center nearly every year to give our

Announcing the musical "Moana"

Announcing the Pullum Center production of the musical "Moana" featuring the elementary and middle school students from our performing arts classes. The musical will be presented in four shows from Friday to Sunday, May 10th to 12th. We are still negotiating with possible venues. Ticket information and location will be posted on our website.

Attend our 2nd Annual Gala

SECOND ANNUAL GALA

Honoring Rickey Minor

Wednesday Evening

May 1, 2019

Catalina Jazz Club

6725 Sunset Blvd

Hollywood, CA

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Fernando Pullum at the MLK Parade with State Senator Steven Bradford

Senator Bradford invited the Jazz Band to play at the Gardena Jazz Festival last

students experience with producing original music in a professional setting.



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summer in front of 10,000 people.

Ronnie Heard and Christopher Powe Receive Scholarships

In early February two of our students, Ronnie Heard and Christopher Powe were awarded the The John & Alice Coltrane Foundation full merit/need-based scholarships to attend the Shea Welsh Institute of Jazz for their achievement on the saxophone.



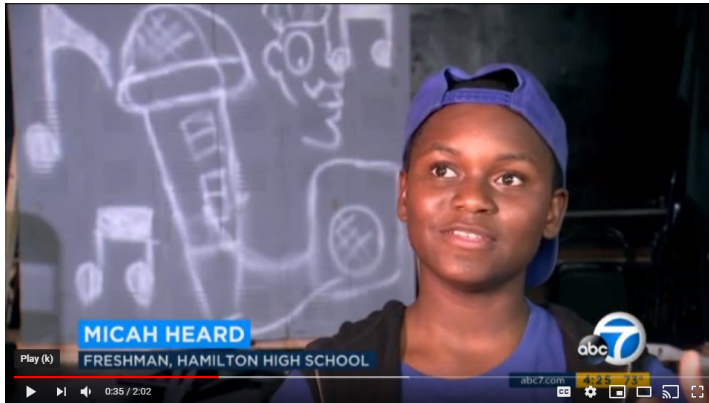
Guest Lecture by J.B. Dyas



At the end of January, J.B. Dyas, Ph.D., Education and Curriculum Development Director of the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz at UCLA, held an intensive workshop for the Junior and Senior Jazz Bands. As a result, three of our students (Ronnie Heard (Sax), Christopher Powe (Sax), Cesar Gandara (Guitar)) were selected for the Herbie Hancock Institute/LAUSD All-City

Micah Heard featured as a 'cool kid' on KABC

At the beginning of the school year in September, our 14 year-old percussionist, Micah Heard, appeared on a 2-minute "Cool Kids" segment for ABC TV-7. In the video Micah demonstrates his formidable music skills and talks about the keys to success in life. He says that "PACE" is his guiding principal – "A Positive Attitude Changes Everything" - and that "music is the way to go. Our band members are not doing drugs, drinking or joining gangs. We're doing something to bring joy to others and helping out the community." Micah's greatest joy comes from playing music for others and assisting Pullum Center's community service programs. Micah is planning on graduating from high school with a 3.0 average and attending Berklee College of Music in Boston.



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Jazz Band is Creating a New Album

Our Jazz Band is currently working with the professionals at Jackson Browne's recording studio to lay down tracks for their new CD. Aloe Blacc will be singing on three tracks. The release of CD is expected by June. The progress the Jazz Band has made in the last year is remarkable. They now sound like a professional group.



Jazz Band, one of the most elite high school honor jazz ensembles in the country, comprising the best musicians in the Los Angeles Unified School District. The members of this prestigious group will work with nationally renowned jazz artists and educators, study jazz improvisation, and will perform at the International Playboy Jazz Festival at the Hollywood Bowl.

Places we have been performing this school year:

Leimert Park Labor Day Festival

6th Annual Classy Jazz Affair

The Big Mama Jama Jam-a-Thon at the Musicians Institute

American Music Awards on national ABC TV

National Association of Music Manufacturers Event

A + D Architecture & Design Museum, Los Angeles

Bridging the Gap for Youth Annual Event

Los Angeles Convention Center

Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Shopping Plaza

Los Angeles Mayor's Masquerade Ball for the United Negro College Fund

Pullum Center Earns Guidestar's Platinum Seal

Pullum Center Students Give Back



Pullum Center students prepare to distribute lunch bags they have prepared for the homeless in Leimart Park. March 23, 2019



Our Marcus Garvey School Drama Class performs at Good Shepherd Seniors Community on March 21, 2019 with instructor Dorene Nelson.



Pullum Center Drama Class performs at Good Shepherd Seniors Community. March 28, 2019



Pullum Center's Guidestar profile has earned the highest Seal of Transparency--a level only approximately 6,000 non-profit organizations have reached to date. All key organizational and financial information is now available on our profile. By providing up-to-date information, Pullum Center is giving current and potential supporters an insight into our work, and make educated philanthropic decisions.

Fernando Pullum Recognized as a Community Leader by California Senate

Fernando Pullum was honored with the 2019 Community Leader Award by California Senate at the *Inaugural Gala for Bridging the Gap for Youth* non-profit organization.

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