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Your Time For Creative Empowerment, Inc. 2017 Self-Empowering Workshop Testimonials

"This event encouraged me to go after what I love - which is singing. The speeches from all of the graduates were very inspiring to me - to do better each day. When I leave here today, I will remember some of the different words of encouragement like ...learning from my mistakes."

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"Today really opened my eyes to the opportunities that I have been exposed to and to keep in mind that I have to be appreciative of everything that I have. Everybody has a story and the ones I've heard today were very raw and touching. They've made me realize that it's not where you're from, but where you're going. It is also okay to make mistakes, but LEARN from them and move forward."

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"This year's workshop exemplified what Your Time for Creative Empowerment's mission is about. Well Done!"

"This program has been very empowering to me. The speakers have been nothing but inspirational to me. Because of this program, I have found a mentor or someone that I will reach out to afterwards to help me pursue my aspiring career."

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" Today's impact on my life - To be grateful for all the blessings in my life. This meeting has encouraged me to go to college. I learned about FAFSA which is financial aid. Technology is a benefit of today that helps so much."

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"Informative! Empowering! Impressive! Thank God for your perseverance, vision etc.!"

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" Congratulations! The ceremony was very interesting and important because we learned a lot of from the teenagers."

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"Loved the event! I learned so much and I'm grateful to have been a part of it."

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"Thank you again for your vision. We cannot wait for next year!!! My eldest girl will be a senior in September...has been beneficial to be part of this process, hearing from those her age and learning from their experiences."

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"The greatest impact was how Steven Vasquez was able to succeed amidst all the barriers he had to overcome being an Immigrant. I pray he accomplishes all that God has for him." "This information was so valuable. I hope that the organization can record the next event and upload it online. I appreciate the panel discussion, and I loved the diversity of information we received. Also, the food was great!...overall GREAT PROGRAM. I hope I can be more involved next year"

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"All the presenters were great especially the D.A, I liked how transparent she was about how she got to find her passion, Steven was great he empowered me to want to help more people and to not take anything in my life for granted because there are other people in this world that wish they could have the opportunities I have.

The retired police officer gave me more information about how to react and talk to a police officer when approached, the financial aid presenter really helped me because I'll be going to college in 3 years and it's good to have an early exposure to such things so my parents and I will be well prepared when I am ready to go to college."

"This was a great experience. I am only sorry that my children were not here to see such intellectuals, successful, empowered young people. I will most definitely go home and give my children an earful of what I experienced today. Great job everyone!"

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"I find this workshop to be very informative and inspirational. I feel that everyone can take something away with them from information that was learned. Thank you for exposing the children to the tools for success."

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"I must tell you that the event was a great success. The information given by the District Attorney and the retired police officer were very important to everyone in the room not just the students. It is very necessary to know how to conduct ourselves as we go about our daily lives.

I am so proud of the young medical student - well focused and well-rounded. The financial aid adviser also did a very good job in informing parents and students how to navigate finances for college education. To get all that information in one place is truly a blessing.

What can I say about Steven. He truly touched my heart and I am very proud of his achievements and his plan for his future."

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"I would have kind of liked to see more younger children coming to these meetings/programs because it is very informative."

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"Good performance! Child & Parent dialogue very important."

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"Today was excellent, however I strongly believe that the size of the audience is too small. There are so many young people who could benefit from this. This is a great thing, but lacks publicity. It needs to be more exposed. God bless you Mrs. Cole-Lacy."

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"Today was extremely informative and applicable to my life as a current college student. All the speakers were amazing and credible..."



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