



ARENA STAGE'S FINAL REPORT TO FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST DC – 2018/19 PROGRAMS

Camp Arena Stage

Arena Stage's 2018/19 programming began in the summer of 2018 with Camp Arena Stage a multi-arts day camp that provides a safe, fun, and friendly environment for young people from diverse socioeconomic and racial backgrounds to explore their passions. Campers create art together through classes in music, theater, dance, filmmaking, and sign language, among other artistic activities. A total of 323 students ages 8-15 attended either the two-week or four-week session. Each summer Arena offers scholarships for those whose families cannot otherwise afford tuition to attend. In 2018, 26 students received full scholarships to the four-week session, amounting to \$40,450 that was subsidized for these young artists.

In 2018, Friends of Southwest DC generously contributed \$3,200 to fully fund scholarships for two students from Southwest DC to attend the four-week session at Camp Arena Stage. Below are details about these two campers.

Scholarship camper #1, a rising eighth grader, had the best attendance of her Voices of Now ensemble. She enjoyed camp so much we had trouble convincing her to leave at the end of each day! She was all about collaboration in her Movie Magic class and successfully produced a short film. Her talents shone bright in her Fashion Design class where she learned to sew a beautiful bright blue summer top. She performed a monologue in front of the entire camp and explored her love of writing in Mystery Writing class.

Scholarship camper #2 was a rising 7th grader. She found out she was moving at the end of the school year and Friends of Southwest's generous support gave her one last, memorable summer with her friends in D.C. She took two sewing classes and made a lined messenger bag with custom pockets. She also enjoyed singing in her Solo Voice class and learned design techniques in her Digital Design class. A highlight of her time at camp was being the lead singer for the rock band.