



KOLLAB YOUTH TEEN SUMMIT EVENT REPORT

A DAY OF SOCIAL EMOTIONAL AWARENESS & CAREER EXPLORATION



GRAND CENTRAL AIR TERMINAL GLENDALE, CA

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Hosted by

— Spectrum Anchor
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- The Teen Summit event held on January 28th, at the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, was attended by approximately 200 youths ages 13 to 19.
- The youth were greeted by keynote speaker, Academy Award winning actor and director Regina King, who provided insight to concepts and philosophies that served her well in such a competitive industry.
- The youth were focused on her message and held signs to show her where they were from in Los Angeles County such as Compton, East LA, South LA, Norwalk, Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita, Temple City, LA Harbor, and more.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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- *Regina King was given the Kollab Youth "Champion of Youth" award "for your steadfast support of our Kollab Youth by focusing on economic and income mobility to change lives and create a better world." We thank Ms. King, for being a catalyst for advancing meaningful and equitable systemic change, making sure successful futures are within the reach for under invested and under resourced youth. Her support for our program creates equitable exposure for different career opportunities that many of our youth never believed they could have.*
- *Tyler Ohaya who has gone through the Kollab Youth program three times spoke from his heart to Ms. King about how the program changed his life and provided him the confidence to pursue his dreams with tools he needed.*
- *Ava Arutyunyan, has also gone through the Kollab Youth program three times, spoke to Ms. King about how the program helped her, being a first-generation college student with applications, selection of a university, and with her skills for employment.*



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TYLER & AVA SPEAK FROM THE HEART

- Saturday was an unusual day just waking up super early and knowing that in an hours' time I would be speaking to one of my idols. It was a big learning experience for me because it helped me learn that no matter where you end up starting is always the biggest step you can take. Meeting people and making yourself known, showing your face, to make your dreams come try. Opening up yourself to more opportunities and sharing your talents and visions even amongst a small group of people can change your dreams into a reality.



YOUTH COMMENTS on PRESENTATION

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Video feedback from our Kollab Youth Leaders Teen Council, Fernanda P. & Halee S. about the inspiration of our Keynote Speaker Regina King:

WHAT PEOPLE SAID

"My inspiration comes from seeing youth realize their potential and seek opportunities that are seldom accessible to them. The Kollab Youth Teen Summit was truly the experience that our youth found as such an event. I was honored to welcome youth from the greater Los Angeles region. I had conversations with many teens, who stated that they want more knowledge for their career paths and this event provided that." - Lance Holliday |
Kollab Youth Recruiter & Program Director

"It was a pleasure to get to meet so many young people across LA County, and learn about their career dreams and goals. I appreciated the opportunity to share my career and educational experiences with the youth, and encourage others to sign up as mentors with Kollab, or to volunteer to help Kollab at their annual Teen Summit." Monica Banken, Children, Family Services, and Economic and Workforce Development Deputy, Supervisor Kathryn Barger

"I'm so glad to have been invited to be part of such a successful Teen Summit with Kollab Youth! It not only was a blast to be a part of but so important to bring the teens together for a day of learning, bonding, career guidance, and spreading the word about this amazing program. It's important to me to share my story of growing up with not the easiest childhood of being bullied but that you can accomplish your dreams no matter the circumstances."

-Presley Aronson, Director, Producer, CEO of PAE-Presley Aronson Enterprise

"It was wonderful to be in a room with so many young people. They were so engaged in programming and so insightful on how they were going to use the mental health tools we provided. We had a great time and hope we get to work with Kollab again!" - Sarah Young Sheppard, CEO/Founder of Social & Emotional Initiative

"Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the Kollab Youth speed mentoring program. It was truly a pleasure chatting with so many different students, hearing about their interests, and answering some questions. This was a great reminder that small actions can make a big difference. My favorite part of my time with them was hearing their key takeaways from the mentors. I am excited to see if any of them follow up with me in the future. I know everyone has a different path and being a small part of their career journey was a humbling experience." - Ryan Zervakos, Account Director, LinkedIn Talent Solutions

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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLNESS CONVERSATION & ENGAGEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL FITNESS

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The morning session had ABC7 reporter Eric Resendiz and Social & Emotional Founder and CEO Sarah Young Sheppard of SEWI (Social & Emotional Wellness Initiative), discussing tools for youth to navigate challenges and how self-doubt that can impede them from realizing their dreams of being a better person. They also highlighted that mental health is not merely the absence of disease or a mental health disorder, and that it included emotional well-being, psychological well-being, social well-being, and being able to:

- Navigate successfully the complexities of life,
- Develop fulfilling relationships,
- Adapt to change,
- Utilize appropriate coping mechanisms to achieve well-being without discrimination,
- Realize their potential,
- Have their needs met, and
- Develop skills that help them navigate the different environments they inhabit

ANTI-BULLYING

The youth were also treated to a special presentation by Presley Aronson, a country music artist and storyteller.

Aronson formed his own production company at age 14.

As CEO of Presley Aronson Enterprise (PAE), he oversees multiple units, production managers, and crew, as well as mentors, interns.

Presley shared how he turned his life around after being severely bullied as a child and provided tips for the youth to have self-confidence and practice kindness to all as you never know what someone might be going through. Bottom of Form



SPEED MENTORING

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Speed Mentoring was impactful for the youth to learn about personal journeys, 32 different industries, from over 40 industry leaders, and the various careers they offer, including the skills and education required.

Pet Industry - MIPP

Fashion Industry

Ventura Medical Association

Music Industry

Entertainment, (writing, acting)

Toy Industry

Sony - Animation Spidyverse

SoCal Gas

Health care providence

BOS Barger /Board Member

X Prize

FCC/UCLA Professor of Law

Radnet Medical Imaging

Tech Sales

Linked In

EDD

HTA

Burbank Fire Department

Wells Fargo

Kids Museum

Esports/Gaming

Spectrum News

JPL NASA

EDD Student Assistant

X Prize

Disney Project Manager/
Events

LAPD

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LADWP

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- A few highlights:
- Remotely Me/Kollab Kwiz - Based on neuroscience for youth to understand their personal brand, strengths, passion, interest and aptitudes. They also provided the opportunity for attendees to make robots, practicing their STEM skills.
- Hospitality Training Academy - The hospitality and leisure industry had the highest number of people leaving their jobs among the major industries in October 2022, at 5.5%, the BLS says. This was a great way for our youth to discover ways to earn income while learning skills that are transferable.
- Ventura County Medical Association- Shared with youth about the various careers in their industries of focus.
- LADWP - Provided information regarding scholarships, internships, and the various types of occupations currently available.
- SoCalGas - Offered opportunities for youths to learn about the natural gas industry, types of jobs, philosophy, and culture of SoCalGas.

SPECIAL PRIZES & GIFTS

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YOUTH PRIZES

- 2 Tablets
- 2 \$50.00 gift cards
- 8 Magic Castle Tickets
- 6 \$25.00 gift cards
- 15 Squishies
- 25 Disney posters
- 200 Wakanda Activity kits
- 200 ABC7 draw string back packs stuffed with sunglasses, journals, pens, etc.



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Justine Gonzalez from Wells Fargo (Vice President Philanthropy & Community Impact), received the impact award for their financial literacy program for our youth to obtain economic mobility for when they begin earning money through their paid internships and apprenticeships.

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Kollab Chair Teresa Samaniego from ABC7 (Vice President Diversity & Community Affairs), the award was provided for being a Kollab Youth founder and supporter. ABC7 not only provides financial support but mentoring, master classes and guidance on the program.



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