

2014 Game Changers Teen Leadership Events

Prior to the big event, we had the Captains Dinner at Macayo's Desert Sky with teen leaders and adult mentors. The Teen Leadership Conference took place February 1st at Grand Canyon University. The teens began the day with breakfast and a keynote address by Miss Arizona 2013, Arlin Guadian. They then attended two sets of breakout sessions of their choice. Lunch was served and followed by two additional sets of breakout sessions. Sessions included such topics as Healthy Relationships, Man Up!, Education and Lifestyle and Living an Abundant Life.

Evaluations from the event teen participants procured the following quotes:

"The speakers were very influential and inspired me to help others"
"I am going to use my voice to change my community and help others"
"The Game Changers Conference was "Fantastic!"
"I am going to Man Up! and take responsibility in my life"
"Education is an investment in my life"
"I learned I am not a product of my environment"

The final portion of the event is another Teen Captain mentoring dinner March 6th, followed by all the participating youth coming together with additional groups for Global Youth Service Day, and giving back to the community in a variety of service projects.



Our event sponsors and a picture from our Teen Captains dinner with teens and the adult mentors including last year's keynote speaker, Mike Watts, along with MRC Board Members, Claude Mattox, Eric Solomon and Wendy Carlos. Also as mentors were two of our Jacori Rufus Memorial College Scholarship winners: Jackie Cortez and Sahian Garcia.



Day of big conference registration at Grand Canyon University and our opening keynote speaker, 2013 Miss Arizona USA Arlin Guadian, who works in community outreach for GCU, where she is also working on her Masters Degree.

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Some of our breakout sessions, including on the right features our MAPPs Chair, Vania Guevara, from Councilman Valenzuela's office.



Some of our breakout sessions, including on the right features our Urban Art instructor, Ruben Hernandez, from Abundant Life Center.



On the left was part of the opening ceremony after registration and breakfast. On the right is a few of the hundreds of leadership books we gave away from our Literacy Program.