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## St. HOPE Takes on The Big Apple

By Ventura Rodriguez

On January 15th, 2008, on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the New York State Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the charter school application for St. HOPE Leadership Academy. The school, which will open with 150 students in grades 5 and 6, is scheduled to be located in the central Harlem community of New York City. The school's approval officially signals St. HOPE's expansion of its educational model to communities throughout the United States. Almost two years ago a group of approximately 300 parents asked St. HOPE to bring its educational model to the Harlem community. As the founding principal, I am now charged with ensuring the key components are in place for the first day of school - August 13th, 2008. This includes refining the curriculum and assessment systems, hiring a talented and committed staff and enrolling students to fill the school's 150 seats. The following months will be busy, but I am fueled by my passion for, and commitment to, providing a high quality educational option for the children of Harlem.



Sac High students in Harlem, NY last summer



PS7 students Lykai & Kiarah

## A Message from St. HOPE's Executive Director

By Rick Maya

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone throughout the "St. HOPE Family" for making me feel welcome and a part of the team. The past six weeks have been enlightening, inspiring, and fun! What makes St. HOPE so exciting is the notion of knowing that every single day we are making a difference and positively impacting those whom we serve- our kids. Over the past several months we had much to celebrate and much to be proud of. From opening a new preschool in September to charter renewal in May and December, these are all significant accomplishments everyone should be very proud of. What I have noticed the most over the past six weeks is that these accomplishments would have never been achieved without the hard work and

dedication of our entire staff. From the work that Cristin Fiorelli and her team at

Triumph do everyday to the outstanding results that are being achieved at PS7 and Sac High; these are all excellent examples of why we as a team need to always put our kids first and foremost in front of every business decision we ever make. Finally, I would like to thank all our parents who have children attending one of our schools. Thank you for selecting St. HOPE Public Schools and for the trust and confidence you have in our staff to ensure your child receives the best level of education in the entire Sacramento Region.

## PS7 Students Receive A Lesson in Art and Music

By Wendi Everett

Students from PS7 Middle School spent three weeks in their art elective class learning about artist Peter Wayne Lewis' work, abstract art in general and classical music. They learned about how music and art complement one another as well as inspire each other. Students were introduced to classical music, in particular, Beethoven. The Sacramento Philharmonic's Executive Director, Marc Feldman, spent a day with students sharing the life of Beethoven, his work and personal obstacles, and, most importantly, his artistic perseverance. As a culminating project, local artist David Lobenberg provided a watercolor workshop with students as they painted their own abstract works while listening to classical music. These wonderful images were on display at the Philharmonic concert, *Bravo Beethoven*, this past Saturday evening. Students were invited to attend the concert as well as represent their work in the lobby. The philharmonic donated front row seats to the students, families, and teachers who participated in the project. Many patrons were delighted in the student work and gave a wonderful round of applause as the students were publicly acknowledged for their work. Student artwork will be on display in 40 Acres' *Young @ Art Gallery* in conjunction with the Peter Wayne Lewis exhibition.



PS7 student Kamarri Dates proudly displays her artwork

## underground books Welcomes Local Author

Local author **Gary Dumas** will autograph copies of his book *Introducing The New You.....From the Inside Out* on **Saturday, January 26, 2-4 pm**. *Introducing The New You* is an easy-to-read book that will inspire anyone who is truly ready to pursue a life of fulfillment. On **Friday, February 1, 6-8 pm, Donna Hill**, National best-selling author of *Wicked Ways* will discuss and autograph her book. She has more than fifty published titles to her credit, three of which were adapted for television. Ms. Hill has been featured in *Essence* and *Black Enterprise*. For more information, contact Mother Rose at [gwest@underground-books.com](mailto:gwest@underground-books.com).

## Support St. HOPE

Are you looking for a way to financially support St. HOPE? Log on to <http://www.active.com/donate/sthope> and make a 100% tax-deductible contribution with your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card. Offline donations can be sent to 3400 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Sacramento, CA 95817. Your generosity will enable us to further our goal of ensuring that all children have a better future. Questions about donations? Call (916) 649-7900.

## Sac High Tutors Wanted

Sac High is currently seeking energetic and dedicated tutors to assist students who are struggling with core subjects to develop the skills necessary for academic success. We believe all students can learn and your support will help them achieve. If your organization is interested in helping a student in need succeed, please email your resume and cover letter to [maban@sachigh.org](mailto:maban@sachigh.org). Accepted applicants will receive an invitation to participate in our training day. For more information, please contact Myisha Aban at [maban@sachigh.org](mailto:maban@sachigh.org) or call (916) 649-7723.

## Join the St. HOPE Team

Interested in joining the St. HOPE Team? Check us out at [www.sthope.org](http://www.sthope.org) or email Lara Knight at [lknight@sthope.org](mailto:lknight@sthope.org) for more information about current job openings.

## Sac High Students Get Involved in Presidential Race

On January 8th, seven Sac High students got the chance to attend a Senator Barack Obama event and volunteer their time to help get out the vote. The event held at Obama's Sacramento headquarters attracted nearly fifty people who listened to campaign managers rally for Obama's presidential campaign. For two hours, Sac High students spent their time phone banking, reminding voters to get out to the polls on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The students were so excited at the opportunity to be a part of such a monumental event in our history. Kudos to Sac High for getting involved in this year's presidential campaign!

## Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!

You're invited to attend Sac High's Open House. The open house will take place on Saturday, February 9th from 12:00-2:00pm at Sac High. During the open house, students and their families will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet principals and teachers, and hear testimonies from current Sac High students. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (916) 649-7910 or visit us on the web at [www.sthopepublicschools.org](http://www.sthopepublicschools.org).

## Guild Update

The Guild Theater in conjunction with 40 Acres Art Gallery is proud to present the following upcoming events:

- **Sunday, February 17, 2pm**  
Special Film Screening: *Banished* (NR)  
Free
- **Saturday, March 8, 2pm**  
Abstract Art in the U.S. – A Panel Discussion  
Free

Interested in booking the Guild Theater for conferences, lectures, concerts, or movies? Visit us at [www.guildtheater.com](http://www.guildtheater.com) for more information on rates and availability.

## In the News

January 21, 2008: Some unhappy as school takes shape  
<http://www.sacbee.com/education/story/649783.html>

January 17, 2008: Girl's Basketball Notes: Unsportsmanshiplike conduct?  
<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/641146.html>

January 16, 2008: St. HOPE Ok'd to Open School in New York City  
<http://www.sacbee.com/education/story/638047.html>