



Young Poets Frighten Elders with Sheer Talent

Page 15's High Schoolers Express Themselves and Provide Hope for the Future

During the 2010 spring break vacation, 18 students from 7 Orlando high schools converged upon the Orlando Magic Teen Shack for Page's 15 first ever **Slam Camp**.

With the help of hosts Shawn Welcome, Blu Bailey, and other local poets, each student perfected one original poem to perform at the City View Café on the last day of camp. Each camper also took home a t-shirt and a chapbook anthology of all the campers' poems.

The quality of thought and skill displayed by these teens was absolutely stunning. Many of

the adults who attended the final performance were left speechless. The remainder of the audience was reduced to baffled animal grunts.

Upon composing themselves, spectators spoke of the immense talent, thought and energy exhibited by all the participating poets. Those adults who had previously held cynical views regarding the future generation recanted.

Page 15 sends out a special thank you to the City of Orlando for making Slam Camp possible. And another huge thanks to hosts Shawn and

Words of praise from a Slam Camp participant:

How are you guys doing? Speaking on behalf of the Slam Camp crew, we greatly appreciate all that you guys did to make the Slam possible.

Thank you for coming up with such a great idea, thank you for all of the supplies, the food, the t-shirts, the book, everything.

It all really does mean a lot to us and you guys made that possible. We can't wait until next year. Please take care and keep in touch!

HOW TO WRITE A RANDOM POEM

Have your young poet create a poem using ALL of the following random words:

top hat, banana, heat, school bus, vagabond, midnight, pond, jazz, social, violet, dive

and ... GO!

Blu for bringing the best out in the kids.

Check out photos and video footage of the camp on the Page 15 website! 🎧



My Tien D.
Evans High School
Junior Class
President

Willie S., 10th grade; Evans H.S.

NEW BEGINNINGS

After eight years as Orlando's independent bookstore, the Urban Think! Bookstore has closed its doors. It has left as its legacy the Urban Think Foundation.

Currently, the Foundation is working to re-imagine the space as a vehicle to support community, creativity and its flagship program, Page 15. In the meantime, the Page 15 Young Writers Camp will continue to be held in the former bookstore space.



{ RETURN OF THE YOUNG WRITERS SUMMER CAMP



OUR CAMPS allow students to think creatively outside the pressures of school and find their voice through writing; to walk away not only feeling enthusiastic about books, but a part of the creative process.

This summer Page 15 will hold its 3rd annual Young Writers Camp in the former Urban Think! Bookstore space for five weeks in June and July.

Each child participating in these free, week-long camps are selected not only for creativity but financial need as well. Our students and their families live and attend school in some of Orlando's most economically challenged areas and many would not otherwise have the resources to send their child to summer camp.

Due to the camp's popularity over the past two years, we're aiming to sponsor 75 students this year!

SPONSOR A SCRIBE
www.page15.org/scribe