TULSA CHANGEMAKERS

A Program of Leadership Tulsa



"You can make changes. Doesn't matter how old or young." Dra'zone, 10



Our vision is a future where Tulsa is a model city for youth-driven impact. The youth are core catalysts for impact in their communities, and communities are actively engaged in identifying, developing, and empowering youth as leaders. Tulsa is consistently cultivating highly effective community leaders eager to empower successive generations.

Year 1 (2017-18): Middle and High School Cohorts

12 Changemakers, grades 5th-7th, from Springdale Elementary, Collegiate Hall Charter School, Hawthorne Elementary, Gilcrease Elementary, Bell Elementary, and Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences

and

7 Changemakers, grades 8th-10th, from Nathan Hale High School, Tulsa MET High School, Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences, Tulsa Legacy Charter School, and Nathan Hale Junior High



The Changemakers reflected on and shared their own experiences and insights...



... listened to their families, schools, and communities for strengths, challenges, and opportunities



... learned about political advocacy and community organizing, non-profit impact, and for-profit social enterprises



... and are initiating community impact projects on school food, education, unequal pay between men and women, drug addiction, racism, bullying, arts in schools, teen pregnancy, gun violence, homelessness, and food insecurity



... a highlight includes Robert, who has responded to bullying by launching Bell S.M.I.L.E.S (Supportive Moments in Lives of Every Student), creating a schoolwide system for recognizing positive behavior

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