




HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION PROGRAM



The World As It Could Be  
Is Within Reach  
Rite of Passage Program  
At  
Arroyo High School

**CULMINATING PRESENTATION**

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Arroyo High School  
15701 Lorenzo Avenue  
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

***The World As It Could Be is Within Reach***  
***A Rite-of-Passage to Welcome, Initiate, and***  
***Celebrate Youth***  
***As Vital Members of Our Community***

This Rite of Passage was developed in 2014 to initiate youth as valuable contributors in our community. Originally the program was created through the collaboration of REACH Ashland Youth Center, Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League (DSAL), and its program *The World As It Could Be* Human Rights Education Program (TWAICB). In January 2017, Arroyo High School began offering this class under the leadership of Jorja Santillan.

The youth have been meeting every Tuesday since September, learning about and reflecting on the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as how recreation, education, the arts, career and health are critical elements of a healthy community. In addition, they also focus their efforts on a Community Action Project where they identify human rights issues and work collaboratively to enact change.

Tonight the youth will express their ideas about what they have learned, how it applies in their lives, and beyond in their community using performance arts. Thank you for joining us and being an essential part of this event recognizing them for their commitment, growth, and accomplishments.

**The Culminating Presentation Program**

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| 6:00 | Arrival and seating of attendees  |
| 6:10 | Welcome and Introduction          |
| 6:20 | Culminating Presentation          |
| 6:45 | Commendations & Key Note Address  |
| 7:00 | Reception with food and beverages |
| 7:30 | Close of Event                    |

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE THE  
RITE OF PASSAGE PROGRAM POSSIBLE**

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Sandy Sohcot

Ellen Sebastian Chang

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**CULMINATING PRESENTATION**

**Welcoming:**

Jorja Santillan, Lead Teacher

**Guest Speaker:**

Ellen Sebastian Chang

Creative Director,

*The World As It Could Be* Program

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