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You Make College a Reality for More Teens

Kelly Juarez (Ryman '14) remembers how Ryman Arts changed her path to college. "At first I thought being an artist plus a first generation [college-goer] would make it impossible. I worried so much about getting into a university and financing. It wasn't until I entered Ryman Arts that I discovered there was support and that I wouldn't be alone in college."

Now, "I love being here," she says of being a student at California State University, Long Beach.

A centerpiece of the college-going culture is College Day, which includes portfolio reviews with representatives from colleges across the country, parent sessions, financial aid workshops, even a frank "students-only" session with alumni about college life.

Ryman Arts College Day 2016 at Otis College of Art and Design.

Now the challenge is to catch those in danger of falling through the cracks—perhaps by not following through on complex application forms, or facing outside obstacles that prevent them from getting to that first day of college in the fall. Thanks to the Angell Foundation and your support, we have engaged a professional college counselor to address this challenge.

Ryman Arts' college counselor, Jessica Pashkow states, "Self-doubt can hold a talented young person back. Ryman Arts offers a safe space for students to ask questions freely, to seek help without judgement and to get the real assistance they need in searching for colleges that are the right fit for them - academically, financially, artistically and socially." Jessica is working closely with a group of seniors and will track their progress through their first semester of college.

Each year, almost all Ryman Arts students are accepted to college; that in itself is a huge success. Now with your help, we are replacing self-doubt with more tools for all our graduates to succeed in college.

In 2016, Ryman Arts...

BUILT relationships with 25 community leaders that make up the Ryman Arts Leadership Council.

CELEBRATED 177 new graduates from the program in May with 95% of these students matriculating to college in Fall 2016.

PAVED career paths for alumni through internships at BRC Imagination Arts, Walt Disney Imagineering, and Ryman Arts.

CREATED access through its first Application Day event in Fullerton- a drawing workshop targeting 8th–11th grade students and their teachers interested in learning more about or applying to the program.

FOSTERED community with its seventh year presenting The Big Draw LA, Southern California's largest free drawing festival. Over 3000 people came to Grand Park in Downtown LA for the flagship event, "Make Your Mark in the Park," led by Ryman Arts students and teaching artists.

You will make the difference in 2017

Transform lives through art

Thanks to you, and other amazing donors like you,

YOU EDUCATED 600 artistic youth, equipping them with real art skills and solid work habits.

YOU TURNED around a young artist who didn't know her work deserved to be framed in a public exhibition.

YOU GAVE enthusiastic teens the chance to share their love of art with families and elders alike at The Big Draw LA.

YOU HELPED a smart but struggling young man decide he could, and would, go to college to pursue his dream.

YOU ENCOURAGED a family to support their young artist at a parent workshop on college planning and show their pride alongside grandparents and siblings cheering at graduation.

WITH YOUR HELP, Ryman Arts also reached out to over 3,400 potential applicants in low income high schools around the region, inviting them to apply to be part of this extraordinary community of artists **next year.**

Indeed, more talented and motivated youth are applying than ever before. They deserve a chance to get a top quality art education and a boost towards college as long as they are willing to work hard.

Without your involvement, these kids won't get that chance.

WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER. We can't keep this going in 2017 without your involvement. Please support Ryman Arts with a generous gift now.

Thank you,

Diane

Diane Brigham, *Executive Director*

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Ryman Arts honors the memory of legendary Disney artist Herbert Ryman, and the vision of Lucille Ryman Carroll, by providing high school artists with college-level training in essential skills for art and life.

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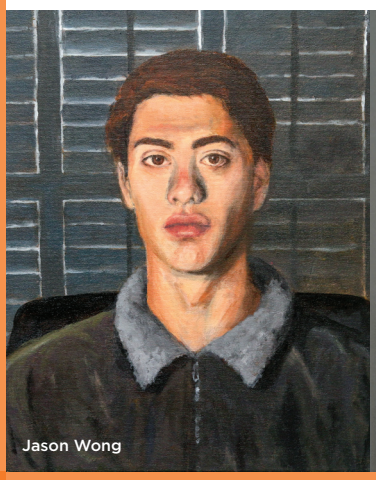
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Dates to Remember...

December 1: Opening of Back to School, Ryman Arts Alumni Exhibition at RAWsalt Gallery, Laguna Beach

December 3: 5–8 pm Artists' Reception Back to School, Ryman Arts Alumni Exhibition at RAWsalt Gallery

January 28: Spring Semester Begins at California State University, Fullerton

January 31: Closing of Back to School, Ryman Arts Alumni Exhibition at RAWsalt Gallery

February: Spring Semester Begins at Otis College of Art & Design

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