



2017 Utah NAME Conference

Saturday, February 25, 2017 | Glendale Middle School, SLC, UT

6th-12th Grade Student Art Contest Prompt

Theme

Building Bridges: Engaging Our Communities and Families for Student Success

Theme Vision

Multicultural Education scholars and practitioners have made great progress in helping educators become aware of, understand the importance of, and develop the skills related to asset based approaches to education; especially for historically marginalized populations. Such progress is manifested in research on Culturally Relevant Pedagogy & Teaching, Funds of Knowledge, Community Cultural Wealth, and a host of other lenses that seek to build on the rich cultures, knowledge, and experiences of diverse students. However, greater attention needs to be given to the ways communities and families are recognized as critical contributors in the ecology of student learning. Far too often, community, family, and cultural resources are not valued and are underutilized by educators. Utah NAME strongly believes in and advocates for an increase in sophistication and frequency of school partnerships with family and community. Now, more than ever, we need educators who are bridge builders—people who are willing to recognize more holistic, community approaches to education.

Art Contest Prompt

Families and communities affect who we are and what we stand for more than we know. As you think about the influence of your family and communities on “who” you are today, we invite you to create a piece of visual art that addresses the following prompt:

- **How has your family and/or community helped you to become the person or student you are today?**

As you create your work of art, please consider the following additional primers to help your thinking. Do not feel like you have to address the items below. They are meant to simply help you think about the prompt question above.

- Visually represent your sense of family and community.
- Show how you and your family define success.

- Capture ways families and communities could be brought in to the schooling process.
- Depict ways you have been enriched by your families and communities.
- Please make a personal connection to the conference theme.

Also, as you create your work of art, please note the following parameters for submission of the art.

- The art submission must be a scan or photo of the original artwork.
- Visual art pieces include any of the following:
 - Photograph / rendered photograph
 - Digital Art
 - Illustration (pencil, charcoal, colored pencil, marker)
 - Painting (acrylic, oil, watercolor, spray paint)
 - Sculpture (3-D piece including textiles, weavings, baskets)
- You will need to submit a 150-word artist statement describing your art piece.

Submission Deadline

Please submit (via email) the photo or scan of the art piece as well as the 150-word artist statement by Monday, January 30, 2017 to Dr. Kyle Reyes at kyle.reyes@uvu.edu. Questions can also be directed to Dr. Reyes.