



O, Miami, and MAC Promote Youth Cultural Exchange Through Writing

MIAMI (May 12, 2021) - O, Miami, the Mexican American Council, Inc. (MAC) and “En el Semáforo Se Aprende”, join forces to create cultural bonds between youth from Mexico and the United States through poetry.

Over the month of April, students exchanged letters to learn about their common interests and shared details about their hometowns. Now in its final phase, poems and letters from the students will be combined to create a final poem that will be presented as a song and composed by the Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory.

“Poetry comes to life through the O, Miami Festival and we are so blessed to have their partnership and support. We are creating bridges of communication and understanding through ‘Privilege to Learn’. The positive impact will have ripple effects on our youth and in our community,” said Edward Garza, CEO of the Mexican American Council.

“Through this cultural exchange, each participant will gain a deeper understanding of themselves, their home, and make a new friend. Our students are writers, musicians, and thinkers with powerful voices. They all deserve to have their creativity amplified. We believe in poetry’s power to inspire change and become a tool for empathy and connection,” said Melody Santiago Cummings, managing director of O, Miami.

All three nonprofit organizations were brought together by a common goal, to promote art and writing. This monthly exchange of correspondence created a unique experience for students by utilizing their writing skills, while advocating education and cultural values.

About Mexican American Council

The Mexican American Council is nonprofit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to ensure that every farmworker child is provided access to a quality education, the arts, and technology for a brighter future in South Florida. MAC headquarters are in Homestead, FL. For more information, visit www.mexamcouncil.org.

About O, Miami

O, Miami builds community through literature. We produce a poetry festival, a publishing imprint, an educational program, a podcast, and other initiatives that expand access to literature in Miami and rethink the role of the literary arts in society. For more information, visit www.omiami.org.