

Isaac Coyle Jazz Bass

Isaac played with a number of Allstar Jazz bands in high school and even toured to Japan. He is now attending Berklee School of Music with a full scholarship and plays gigs around the Bay Area and Boston.



Kiana Hu Violin, Voice, Steel Pan

Kiana is currently studying classics at Stanford University. In her free time, she sings with Stanford O-Tone East Asian Acapella group and plays with Cardinal Calypso Steelpan Band.



Jett Lim *Jazz Trombone*

In high school, Jett was selected for several Allstar Jazz bands, playing at Carnegie Hall and touring Europe. Jett is now attending the Peabody Institute Jazz Program at Johns Hopkins University.



Quetzalli Muñoz Son de la Tierra

A student at UC Berkeley, Quetzalli is the first in her family to attend college. She is focusing on pre-med with dreams of going into the field of global surgery.



Rune Simmons Capoeira

Rune began his studies at the Center at age 5. With an interest in economics and cognitive science, Rune is attending UC Berkeley and received a \$12.5k Ahlsten Scholarship for academics and service.



Alyssa Villanueva Theater

Born in Belize, and raised in Richmond, Alyssa draws on Kriol as a second language in her dramatic writing. She recently graduated from the prestigious theater program at The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.



Ainsley Walker Dance

As a dedicated leader in dance classes at the Center as well as an honors student in math and science, Ainsley is poised for success. She is attending Barnard College on a full scholarship.



Paloma Wood Voice, Theater

Growing up in both Napa and Richmond, two very different communities, Paloma learned a lot about inequity and is a social justice activist. She is now attending Howard University.



Jonathan York *Voice, Piano*

Through his lessons at the Center Jonathan honed his skills as a performer and leader – one with a clear artistic and personal voice. He now attends UC Riverside.



Alexandra Mendoza Voice and Dance

Alex is currently a Nursing student at University of San Francisco. She also continues to make her voice heard through sharing music, podcasts, and poetry online.



Noemi Gomez Son de la Tierra

Noemi credits her Center family with supporting her eating disorder recovery. She runs a blog to share her recovery process to inspire and support others. She is currently working in event planning with Winslow & Associates.



Ashley Dominguez *Piano, percussion*

Ashley attends UC Berkeley where she is majoring in International Relations and minoring in Gender/ Women's Studies. She is doing research on the health impacts of the Chevron oil refinery in Richmond.



Heaven Robinson Theater, Dance

Heaven grew up in Richmond and got involved in the Center through a local community Center. She is currently a full-time student at CSU Los Angeles.



Side 2 Side Theater, Comedy

Side 2 Side is a comedian. She has a one-woman show, and has worked with artists such as Patti La Belle, Eddie Griffin and Mikki Howard and also teaches comedy workshops.



Maria Fernanda Figueroa Theater/ Musical Theater

Maria studied Musical Theater and Spanish at CSU Chico, where she appeared in several theater productions. She is currently an administrator at a social services nonprofit and is working toward becoming a certified medical interpreter.



Arturo Armendaris-Ibarria Son de la Tierra, Steel Pans

Arturo grew up at the Center. He had two Associates degrees by the time he finished high school and is currently a behavioral technician for children with autism



Jayla Hernandez Percussion

Jayla is a talented and dedicated drummer. She started attending San Francisco Conservatory of Music in fall 2020 to continue studying percussion.



Jennifer Jimenez Dance

Jennifer has a BA in Child & Adolescent Development with a concentration in Youth and Out of School Work. She works with Richmond Promise helping high school seniors apply and transition to college.



Jonathan Valenzuela Theater, Dance

After benefiting from attending summer enrichment programs, Jonathan founded "Support for Summer," a Center project to help other high school students get scholarships to attend summer programs. He is attending UCLA, studying Public Affairs and Global Studies.



Alejandra Covarrubias Dance

Alejandra was on a semi-professional cycling team and traveled the country for races. She credits East Bay Center dance classes with teaching her how to move her body for all types of motion.



Julia (Mendoza) Ocampo Dance, Singing, Piano, Acting

Julia received her Bachelor's of Science in Recreation, Park, and Tourism administration, with plans to pursue her Masters in Human Resources while raising her 2-year-old daughter.



Mayra Figueroa Dance

Mayra graduated from Dominican University with a B.S. in Nursing science and is now a registered nurse. She received mentorship from another Center alum to pursue her career in nursing.