

The  
Crazy  
Ones

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“Here’s to the crazy ones.  
The misfits. The rebels.  
The troublemakers. The  
round pegs in the square  
holes. The ones who see  
things differently. They’re  
not fond of rules. And they  
have no respect for the  
status quo. You can quote  
them, disagree with them,  
glorify or vilify them. About  
the only thing you can’t do  
is ignore them...”

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The earth is round and it revolves around the sun. Crazy, right? It was a few centuries ago ... not any more.

Inventing a cancer detection test out of paper. Creating a radio station out of garbage. Building an arcade out of cardboard. Crazy, right? It was a few years ago ... not any more.

Who are the “crazy” ones? They are the ones who follow their hearts, the ones who dare to believe dreams are real, the ones who make the impossible, possible. They go where no one has gone before— not without fear but despite fear.

What does it take to be crazy: innovation, imagination, isolation? Is it inherent or can it be learned?

This is a revolution of crazy: the teens who don't just point out problems and talk about ideas, they do something. Just ask 16-year-old Jack Andraka who invented a cancer detection test out of paper, or 14-year-old Kelvin Doe who created a radio station out of garbage, or, 10-year-old Caine Monroy who created an arcade out of cardboard.

It's their time, your time, our time, NOW. Get crazy, be crazy, think crazy and unlock a whole new world of possibilities. Are you crazy?

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## CONFERENCE GUIDE

### 1. LEND US YOUR BRAIN

You are about to be hit by a blizzard of incoming ideas. Your mind will be zapped, pinged, prodded, and teased. But to benefit from TED's brand of brain therapy, you need to shut down the competition. Forget about work and school for a few hours. Forget about your email. Silence your phone. Experience what is happening on stage, on screen and around you.

### 2. SEE EVERY TALK

The best moments seem to happen when you least expect them. TEDxTeen is not about what you already know. It is about how what you know connects to everything else. So be a part of it all. Bump into things you may not know. If you pick only the talks you think you will like, you've missed the experience.

### 3. TALK TO THE SPEAKERS

The conference time is limited, so we don't have time for long speaker introductions. We have included each speaker's bio in this program, relevant links to their work and additional information so you can take it all in after the conference. Attendees at TEDxTeen have the advantage—you can strike up a live conversation with them during the breaks. And we encourage you to do so! As you listen to their talks, write down questions, comments and ideas you want to talk about or ask them.

### 4. BREAKS ARE IMPORTANT

Your TEDxTeen experience is not limited to the auditorium. The TED brand is about "Ideas Worth Spreading." To get the most out of your conference, soak up the information during the talks and then use the breaks to discuss the information with fellow attendees, and let the conversation continue to further push the ideas. Use the three words on everyone's name badges as conversation starters! Engage in our Social Spaces activities and Breakout Sessions. Eat your food fast. Use the bathroom quickly. Keep your brain stimulated between sessions.

### 5. THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES

TEDxTeen is a one day conference. But today is not a finale—it is the beginning. The talks you saw today will live online following the conference at TEDxTeen.com and we encourage you to blog them, tweet them, share them, chat them and push them out around the globe. TEDxTeen is not just a conference, it is a community. Being here today you have first hand access and knowledge to amazing information and stories coming in from around the globe about teens who are doing extraordinary things, who have extraordinary ideas, who need your help to keep their conversations alive and who look to you for your ideas and contributions. Join in the community, contribute to the conversation and come together to tell the story of TEDxTeen to the world.

### 6. TEDxTEEN TECH PROTOCOL

The Scholastic Auditorium is WiFi enabled, and the network password will be on your name badge. You are welcome to use your laptop during breaks in the open areas and we encourage you to tweet and share the information from the conference. However, we ask that attendees refrain from laptop use during the sessions. You need to focus, and keyboards are distracting. If you want to use your laptop during sessions please take a seat in the simulcast areas. Use this program to write notes. Turn your cell phones, BlackBerries and iPhones to silent. Do not check them during sessions. If you must do so, please wait until the breaks. Video is prohibited during the sessions though feel free to record conversations during the breaks. Photography is permitted during the sessions and breaks, but please no flash photography, and keep the clicking noises during sessions to a minimum. Following the conference we hope you will share your photos with our online community.

### 7. RESTROOMS

There are restrooms located in the lobby outside the auditorium as well as on the 2nd floor, outside the Resource Center.

Top to Bottom:  
Scenes from previous  
TEDx events; TEDxKalamata,  
TEDxTeen 2013 and TEDxAtlanta



# TEDxTeen Village

Things to do during the breaks!

## SOCIAL SPACES

*Located in the Upper Lobby at the top of the escalator*

### Finish

Come check out the Finish app, the task management system for procrastinators that won the 2013 Apple Design Award. You'll also be able to catch an exclusive sneak peek of the iPad version, being released soon!

### Kano Computers

Kano is the first computer that anyone can make, like Lego. Come by the Kano stand to build one yourself! Plug, play, code, and create—games, music, movies, and more. After raising \$1.5 million on Kickstarter, the Kano kit is making its prototype debut at TEDxTeen. Don't miss it!

### The Bumbys

A few TEDxTeen attendees were selected at random to get "A Fair and Honest Appraisal of Your Appearance" by anonymous performance artists Gill and Jill Bumby. If you were one of the lucky ones (check your badges!), come catch a glimpse of how strangers perceive you when The Bumbys write you a funny, typewritten story that's yours to keep. If not, come check them out and see what they have to say about your friends!

### We Are Family Foundation & prinkshop

Pick up a cool TEDxTeen t-shirt, designed by prinkshop, and get inspired from watching our past TEDxTeen talks!!

### TEDxTeen Audition

Audition to be a speaker at the next TEDxTeen conference!

### THINK Global School

Drop by the THINK Global School booth to learn about life at the world's first traveling high school and represent yourself on our interactive map.

### Don't forget to eat!

*Upper Lobby, Bloggers Alley & in 6th Floor Breakouts*

Whole Foods is providing delicious lunch & snacks to refuel!

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

*6th Floor—check your badge!  
Lunches and snacks will be served at your Breakouts*

### Building Community to Change the World

Hosted by: Thiel Fellowship

The Thiel Fellowship gathers some of the world's most creative and motivated young people, and helps them bring their most ambitious ideas and projects to life. In this session we'll talk about how the Thiel Fellowship created a powerful community of young visionaries, and discuss how you can change the world by building an intentional community around your project.

### Cook for Kids

Hosted by: Whole Foods

Whole Foods Market is partnering with Wellness In the Schools (WITS) to facilitate a hands-on cooking activity for teens. Wellness in the Schools inspires healthy eating, environmental awareness and fitness as a way of life for kids in public schools. Work with an experienced chef to create a delicious dish in a matter of minutes and learn more about the importance of food and wellness programs.

### Wear What You Care About

Hosted by: prinkshop

Learn how to create an advocacy campaign for your passion using graphics and the power of silk-screen. Customize your own TEDxTeen/ "The Crazy Ones" t-shirt with prinkshop and take it home.

### Everyone Can Make Amazing Things

Hosted by: Kickstarter

Whether you're new to Kickstarter or just want to learn more, this workshop will be an in depth look at bringing a Kickstarter project to life. Learn how to structure a project, what kind of rewards work best, and other helpful tips.

### How to Get Your Story Across Using Film

A Conversation Moderated by: Jamal Joseph

Jamal Joseph is a writer, director, documentary filmmaker, professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of the Arts, and Founder & Artistic Director

of Academy Award-nominated IMPACT Repertory Theatre. Jamal, a former Black Panther Party member, is the Co-Founder of The International Black Panther Film Festival, and has been recognized with numerous awards for his work.

### How to Get Noticed

A Conversation Moderated by: Farah Pandith

Farah Pandith is Former Special Representative to Muslim Communities, US State Department. Farah was appointed the first-ever Special Representative to Muslim Communities in 2009 by then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Farah has since then traveled to more than 80 countries and launched youth-focused initiatives including Generation Change, Viral Peace and Hours Against Hate (a campaign that was a partner with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games).

## BLOGGERS ALLEY / UPPER LOBBY

### Simulcast Area

Blog and tweet from your computer here! This is also where food will be served during the breaks.

### Whole Foods Breakfast

9:00am–10:15am: Whole Foods welcomes you to Scholastic with a delicious breakfast to kick off the day!

# Schedule Of Events

## Session 1

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**9:00am**

(Doors Open)

**TEDxTeen guests arrive**

**9:00am–10:15am**

(Lower Lobby, Upper Lobby)

**The Conversation begins**

Meet, talk, think, share, explore, eat a delicious breakfast by Whole Foods and prepare!

**10:15am**

(Auditorium Doors Open)

**Livestream**

Join us online at TEDxTeen.com

**10:30am–12:00pm**

(Auditorium and TEDxTeen.com)

**Chris Anderson**

What Is TED/TEDx?

Special Surprise Performance

**Tim Doner**

Breaking the Language Barrier

**Marah Zahalka**

Follow Your Drive

**The Bumbys**

How to Look at Strangers

**Sana Amanat**

Myths, Misfits & Masks

**12:00pm–1:00pm**

(Upper Lobby, Lower Lobby)

Breakout Sessions)

**BREAK:** Meet, talk, think, share, eat, explore, engage and check out our awesome Social Spaces and Breakout Sessions

Exclusive speaker and partner interviews on TEDxTeen.com

## Session 2

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**1:00pm–2:30pm**

(Auditorium and TEDxTeen.com)

An Exclusive Interview with **Unlocking the Truth**

**Marian Bechtel**

Banjoes, Landmines & Saying Yes

**Alex Klein**

Codes We Live By

**Ryan Orbuch**

Still Not Finished

**Lil Buck**

Special Performance

**2:30pm–3:30pm**

(Upper Lobby, Lower Lobby)

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## Session 3

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**3:30pm–5:00pm**

(Auditorium and TEDxTeen.com)

**William LeGate**

Coding Your Own Future

**Mark van der Heijden**

How a Piece of Cardboard Sent Me Around the World

**Kajmere Houchins**

Opportunity, Just What the Doctor Ordered

**GZA and Science Genius**

The Genius of Science

**Victoria Rogers**

Make Amazing Things

**5:00pm–5:45pm**

(Upper Lobby, Lower Lobby)

**Before You Depart:**

Meet, talk, think, share, explore and engage

Exclusive speaker and partner interviews on TEDxTeen.com

The conversation continues online at

**TEDxTeen.com, @tedxteen,**

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## NileRodgers Host

Nile Rodgers is a multiple Grammy Award winning musician, composer, arranger, guitarist and co-founder of the band CHIC. Additionally, Nile is considered one of the most influential producers in the history of popular music and has produced some of the biggest hits in the careers of Madonna, David Bowie, Duran Duran, Diana Ross and, most currently, Daft Punk, among other artists.

With Nile's iconic stature as a true "hit maker," he has brought the world such classic songs as "Dance, Dance, Dance," "Everybody Dance," "I Want Your Love," "Le Freak (Aw Freak Out)," "Good Times," "We Are Family," "I'm Coming Out," "Like A Virgin," and "Let's Dance," among others. Most recently, Nile won 3 Grammy Awards for his work with Daft Punk on their global hit album *RANDOM ACCESS MEMORIES*, as well as their massive hit single, "Get Lucky."

In tandem with Nile's illustrious music career, he is also the Founder and Chairman of the We Are Family Foundation, a New York City based not-for-profit organization dedicated to the vision of a global family through programs that inspire and educate the next generation about respect, understanding and cultural diversity—while amplifying youth efforts to solve some of our biggest global problems.

### Find more about me here:

[NileRodgers.com](http://NileRodgers.com)  
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[WeAreFamilyFoundation.org](http://WeAreFamilyFoundation.org)

## QTip Host

Legendary music innovator Q-Tip rose to prominence as one of the founders of the group A Tribe Called Quest, whose genre-bending influences permanently altered hip-hop's musical lexicon. In 1998, Q-Tip released his first solo album, *Amplified*, marking the beginning of a critically acclaimed solo career. Revered by artists of all genres, Q-Tip's long list of collaborators includes some of the most influential artists, past and present.

Q-Tip recently appeared in The Gap's 2013 Holiday Ad Campaign with legendary civil rights activist and entertainer Harry Belafonte under the anti-violence slogan, #MakeLove.

## MoniqueColeman Online Host

Monique is most recognized from Disney's *High School Musical*. However, her most significant role came in 2010 when she was appointed the first United Nations Youth Champion for the International Year of Youth. She initiated a tour across 24 countries in six months to raise awareness about issues facing youth. Monique has continued to advocate for young people, focusing on girls education, violence against women, and peace building. Monique is Founder and CEO of GimmeMo.com, a multi-platform community amplifying youth voices and supporting organizations making the world a better place. She will soon appear as Girl Robin in the anticipated *Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List*.



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“If you’re ready to give away what’s most precious to you, you may be amazed at what the world gives back.”

- Chris Anderson, TED

# Session 1

**TimDoner**

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**MarahZahalka**

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**TheBumbys**

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**SanaAmanat**



## TimDoner

Tim is a senior at the Dalton School in New York City who has studied over 20 languages. His interest started at the age of 13, after several years of French and Latin, when he began learning Hebrew and soon moved on to more obscure tongues such as Pashto, Ojibwe and Swahili. As he describes it, his goal is not to achieve fluency in each, but rather to learn about foreign history and culture through the medium of language. He spends much of his time perfecting his linguistic skills in different neighborhoods around the city, and to date his YouTube channel has received over 3 million hits. Tim has been interviewed (in English, Mandarin, Arabic and Farsi, among others) for media outlets such as The New York Times, the BBC, The Today Show, Reuters and The Economist. He is starting his freshman year at Harvard next year and plans to study linguistics.

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## MarahZahalka

Marah Zahalka is from Jenin, a city in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. She spent her youth under curfew and tight military control during the second Palestinian uprising. Because of the intense political situation, she knew it would take incredible determination to achieve her dreams. Marah loves cars. When she was 17 years old, a family friend took her to an autocross race and let her take his car for a spin around the track. From that moment, she was hooked! She went on to become the youngest member of the Speed Sisters, the Middle East's first all-women race car driving team. Today, Marah holds the title of "Fastest Woman in Palestine." Learn more about her race against the odds in the forthcoming documentary, *Speed Sisters*.



**Find more about me here:**

[speedsisters.tv](https://speedsisters.tv)



## The Bumbys

The Bumbys are anonymous performance artists who provide “A Fair and Honest Appraisal of Your Appearance” using nothing more than analog typewriters and charming wit. They first performed in a Brooklyn subway station as a social experiment in 2008; since then, they’ve performed nationally and internationally on behalf of Whitney Museum of American Art, Microsoft, Bad Robot, Art of Elysium, *Vogue*, MTV and Berklee College of Music, to name a few. They’ve written for *New York Magazine*, been commissioned for multiple art residencies, and been profiled by CBS News and publications including *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The LA Times*, *ELLE* and *Vogue Italia*.

Experiencing a performance by The Bumbys is as simple as it sounds: participants stand in front of The Bumbys while they type out a personalized narrative that playfully describes how each individual’s appearance is read by the world. Instead of snarky takedowns, appraisals by The Bumbys are warm and funny; they believe it’s most interesting to look for the good in people, and then to help them see it, too.

Founded on an outlandish idea, The Bumbys are all about living in the present, letting go and taking creative risks; they are champions of the idea that you can find an authentic and sustainable meeting point between art and commerce.

*While The Bumbys will be taking the stage at TEDxTeen for an exclusive performance, as they are anonymous and do not speak in public, their creative director, Viranda Tantula, will be bringing their talk to life.*

Find more about us here:  
[thebumbys.com](http://thebumbys.com)

## Sana Amanat

Sana Amanat has been in the publishing industry for the past nine years. Currently, she is an Editor at Marvel Entertainment, developing and managing creative content for the company’s various publishing lines. Her notable credits include the critically-acclaimed Ultimate Comics Spider-Man a.k.a. Miles Morales, the first African-American and Latino Spider-Man, as well as the breakout hit *Captain Marvel*, a series that changed the image of the female super hero. Most recently, she co-created the first solo series to feature a Muslim female super hero, Ms. Marvel, which gained worldwide media attention, sparking excitement and dialogue about identity and the Muslim-American struggle. She also serves as a Young Leaders Committee board member at Seeds of Peace, an organization that promotes the empowerment of youth in regions of conflict.



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“Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go.”

- T.S. Eliot

# Session 2

Unlocking**theTruth**

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Marian**Bechtel**

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Alex**Klein**

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Ryan**Orbuch**

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Lil**Buck**



## UnlockingtheTruth

Unlocking the Truth is a young metal band from Brooklyn, New York, who write and create their own lyrics and music. The band members are Malcolm Brickhouse (guitar), Jarad Dawkins (drums) and Alec Atkins (bass).

**Find more about us here:**  
[unlockingthetruthband.com](http://unlockingthetruthband.com)  
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Photo by Phil Knotts

In March 2012, Unlocking the Truth competed on Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater and made it to the Show-Off Round, and afterward they began performing at festivals around New York City and in Times Square.

One of the band's biggest breaks came last August. They were invited to perform at the AfroPunk Festival in New York and next at the Fun, Fun, Fun Festival in Austin, Texas.

What's really exciting is that Unlocking the Truth is playing at this year's Coachella Music & Arts Festival (the youngest band ever) and they're playing SXSW.

The band recently appeared in a Beats by Dr. Dre and Pharrell commercial, they were featured in the December issue of *New York Magazine* as the "15th Reason To Love New York" and they're being reviewed all over the internet.

Unlocking the Truth has created enough music to complete at least 3 CDs. In fact, they're scheduled to record their first album this spring.

Unlocking the Truth's goal is to become one of the world's best metal bands, and with their music, they want people to know that they could do what they want, no matter who they are, or what people say. Just be free as you want to be!

## MarianBechtel

Marian Bechtel is a sophomore at Bryn Mawr College studying geology, physics, and gender studies. At age 13, Marian had her eyes opened to the horrors of land mines. She met a group of international scientists working on a device that utilized holographic radar to detect buried land mines (RASCAN), and was inspired by their work. The one weakness in their device, they said, was that it was rendered useless in wet environments.

One day while playing the piano, Marian noticed that the strings on a nearby banjo resonated when she played certain notes or chords. This gave her an idea—she realized that using acoustic or seismic waves to excite a buried land mine could allow for its detection, even in wet soils. Thus, she joined her newfound passion for humanitarian de-mining with her love of music, and embarked on a long scientific journey, going through three different projects to further this idea, and eventually creating a simple prototype of an acoustic detection device on the frame of a scrap metal detector.

Marian's research projects took her across the country to many science fairs, including Intel ISEF and I-SWEEEP, and even around the world, to the Royal Society's 250th Summer Science Exhibition in London. Marian was a 2011 Davidson Fellow, and a finalist in the 2012 Intel Science Talent Search, where she was awarded the Glenn T. Seaborg award for passion in communicating science to the public. She was also featured in the August 2012 issue of *Popular Science Magazine* as one of their Top 10 High School Inventors.

Marian published her work in the Summer 2013 issue of the *Journal of ERW and Mine Action*.



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## Alex Klein

Alex is a dilettante. He likes writing, designing and Neolithic cave painting. He couldn't cut it as an economist or *Newsweek* journalist—so now he makes computers.

Alex is the co-founder of Kano, where he helped create the first computer kit that anyone can make—simple as Legos, teaches code, gives you superpowers. Kano raised \$1.5 million in 30 days on Kickstarter, making it the most successful learning product ever to be funded by the crowd. Backers from over 40 countries brought Kano to life, and the open-source computer kit has since been built and reimaged by young people around the world, from Seattle to Sierra Leone. Alex is Kano's Chief Product Officer and storyteller.

Alex's writing on society, technology, cults and communists has appeared in *Newsweek*, *New York Magazine*, *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *The Times of London*, BuzzFeed, and inside the backpacks of girls he liked back in middle-school. He loves words that play and images that stay, in the mind and over time. He also did graphic design for the Lincoln Center, and been kicked off several improv stages in and around it.

Other than backing up Q-Tip and the GZA at this wonderful conference, Alex is most proud of his fifty viewings of the original *Matrix* at age 12. Take the red pill. Wu Tang is forever.

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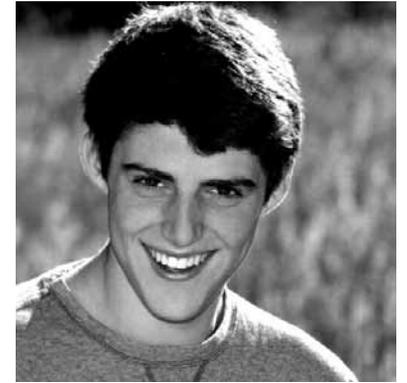
## Ryan Orbuch

Ryan Orbuch is a senior at Boulder High School in Boulder, Colorado. He is the Founder of Basil Ltd. as well as Co-Creator and Lead Designer of the best-selling application Finish for iPhone, which received an Apple Design Award in 2013. The award recognizes apps that raise the bar in design, technology and innovation.

Inspired by the rampant stress and procrastination during his sophomore year finals week, Ryan designed Finish as a unique and streamlined task manager. Known as “the to-do list for procrastinators,” Finish prioritizes tasks based on short, mid and long-term timeframes. Finish has been covered on TechCrunch, Forbes, CNET, The Huffington Post, and more. Additionally, Ryan has been featured nationally on Bloomberg TV and Fox News as an expert on teens and technology.

Ryan was the first high school student hired at Techstars Boulder, one of the world's top startup accelerators. Techstars provides to selected startups seed funding and intensive mentorship from accomplished entrepreneurs.

Ryan is also deeply passionate about education reform. Within that vast landscape, Ryan is particularly interested in designing technology and leveraging network effects to enable human behavior to hit unprecedented scale. While Finish is an initial project to understand how to influence teenage motivation via software mechanics, Ryan is actively investigating how student inspiration and motivation can be harnessed and directly enhanced in ways never before possible.



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## LilBuck

Charles “Lil Buck” Riley was born May 25, 1988, in Chicago, IL. While still a small child, he moved with his family to Memphis, TN, where he spent the majority of his youth and adolescence. While growing up in Memphis, Lil Buck was introduced to an urban street dance style called “Memphis Jookin.” Always loving to dance, Lil Buck became a great local dancer, involved in groups such as Subculture Royalty and studying ballet at New Ballet Ensemble. At 17, after hooking up with local rapper/producer, Jai Armmer, he appeared in several personal dance videos to be featured on YouTube and a locally produced Jookin DVD series called *Memphis Jookin, Vol. 1, 2 and more.* After he surpassed all that Memphis could offer, Lil Buck moved to Los Angeles when he was 19 to pursue a career. Since then, the sky has been the limit. He’s worked on projects with Janelle Monáe, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, performed with Madonna during her Super Bowl XLVI halftime show and later joined her MDNA Tour. In 2011, Damian Woetzel met Lil Buck and paired him with Yo-Yo Ma in a performance of *The Dying Swan* that went viral on YouTube after director Spike Jonze used his cell phone to record an interpretive performance. He has been named Artist in Residence at the 2011 Vail International Dance Festival and has continued to work with Yo-Yo Ma for performances at the 2011 U.S.-China Forum on the Arts and Culture in Beijing.

Lil Buck just wrapped up a 9-month contract in the Cirque du Soleil show “Michael Jackson: One,” in Las Vegas. And now, in 2014, he is scheduled to be all over the place showing his skills for the world to see.

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...Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.”

- Steve Jobs

# Session 3

**WilliamLeGate**

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**MarkvanderHeijden**

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**KajmereHouchins**

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**GZA&ScienceGenius**

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**VictoriaRogers**



## WilliamLeGate

William LeGate is a 19-year-old entrepreneur, programmer, and Thiel Fellow. He created an iOS app development company, Imagination Research Labs, at age 14 after teaching himself Objective C from online Stanford courses. Since then, he's gone on to create over a dozen apps which have received over 5 million downloads, are used by 1 in 12 U.S. teenagers, have been featured in *The New York Times*, and have peaked at the second most downloaded spot in the entire App Store, above billion dollar brands' apps such as Facebook and Google. He was recently awarded the Thiel Fellowship which gives 20 people under 20 years of age a cash grant of \$100,000 to drop out of school to pursue their passion, and Business Insider named him as one of the top "25 most impressive kids graduating from high school this year."

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[Fake-A-Text APP in the iTunes Store](#)

## MarkvanderHeijden

Mark originates from the south of Holland, a quaint country known for tulips, cheese, clogs and coffee shops. For the past seven years, Mark has been submerged in the Amsterdam ad scene—a place he has always felt at home. From his day job as a creative copywriter, to his night job as an advertising instructor at the JUNIOR\* Academy, to his hobbies as board member of Dutch Young Creatives and co-founder of Creatives, Cocktails & Dreams, there is not a corner of the ad world Mark has left unexplored.

In order to break down the borders of his comfort zone, Mark began a project that would test not only his boundaries, but also the boundaries of convention in the field of communication. In January 2014, Mark waved goodbye to his job(s), tossed his home into a backpack, and hit the world as a wandering intern. In exchange for food and lodgings, Mark helps agencies, brands and charities by providing new perspectives and creative solutions for communication challenges big and small. He kicked off his work/life tour in Thailand, with Amnesty International and the McCann Worldgroup, and is currently continuing through Asia. Though his adventure has only just begun, media attention from Adweek and other international blogs has landed him with hundreds of offers from organizations spanning the globe.



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## Kajmere Houchins

By all accounts, Kajmere Houchins' "story" was never meant to extend past her 6th birthday. At the age of fourteen, this dynamic three-time cancer survivor has beaten the odds. Diagnosed in 2005 with Stage IV Neuroblastoma, Kajmere was hanging on for life, looking to carve her own path. Her survival and subsequent diagnosis of AML in 2008 put Kajmere back in fighting mode on a journey of self-discovery, walking on faith and trying things she never thought possible.

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Six years cancer-free, Kajmere's life has taken on many twists and turns into places she never intended, with results she never imagined! Kajmere's bright light and desire to teach young people how to step outside of their circumstances to imagine the impossible as possible led her to found The Powercave, a website designed to empower and motivate teens to become active participants in their own lives and communities. She is a board member for the Seattle Young People Project and she works to advocate for youth in an effective manner. Kajmere is the president of Stop Bullying World Wide, an anti-bullying group she founded. Sharing her story of illness, survival and making the impossible possible, Kajmere speaks at schools regarding bullying. In November 2013, Kajmere changed Washington State law to allow students to participate in anti-bullying policy making. Having a heart for the youth of her generation, Kajmere collects items for homeless teens in her area and has helped start a clothing closet at her school. Her work continues.

## GZA & Science Genius

GZA is a founding member of the seminal hip hop group, the Wu-Tang Clan, and co-founder of SCIENCE GENIUS with Christopher Emdin of Teachers College. The program seeks to engage high school students in science using hip hop. The pilot program met with great success in terms of recognition and results: participating schools saw an increase in regents exams scores and 15-25% in attendance. When asked who was his favorite Wu Tang member, Mayor Elect of New York City, Bill DiBlasio, said "GZA. Not only is he a great lyricist, but I also admire his work to engage African American and Latino students in the sciences."

GZA appeared alongside RZA in Jim Jarmusch's film *Coffee & Cigarettes*, opposite Bill Murray. The two also appeared on the *Chappelle Show* in the now legendary skits "Wu Tang Financial" and "Racial Draft."

GZA has lectured at Harvard, Oxford, USC, MIT, NYU, Cornell, and JPL/NASA. In his travels, he has met with myriad scientists to seek inspiration for his forthcoming album entitled *DARK MATTER*, which will be released Spring 2014. The project is a natural extension of his longtime fascination with the cosmos. "I will take a quantum leap and discuss the universe while taking us on a journey through deep space. Traveling at light speed from the galactic center of one galaxy to the farthest corners of another. I hope my listeners will enjoy this cosmic adventure within a world of colossal planets, gas giants, meteorites, comets, and asteroids in the most extreme conditions."



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