

The Kaneko Organization - Artist Therman Statom - Omaha Westside High School Presents

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## Mission Statement

We exist to empower marginalized communities within our schools, and to increase the visablity and importance of their work.

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# Goals

Our future goals include expanding our philosophy and programming as far and wide as possible. Improving and enriching the lives of marginalized students.

We continue to learn from these amazing students every day. Our hope is to share our experiences and to encourage programming develop where is does not truly exist.





# Connect with us!

Our programming is made possible through The KANEKO Organization, Artist Therman Statom, Art Teacher Erin Lunsford, Omaha Westside High School, as well private donors and community support.

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Reach out anytime, we would love to connect, problem solve, share ideas, successes, and celebrations! You can reach us at our website, Facebook or Instagram.



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# What we know to be true.

We are not experts.

The idea of an adapted art program is far from new. But the question that we kept coming back to is “HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?” That is where it all began.

What I can share with you today, is our real time experience, and what we thought that we knew, was far less than what we were about to learn from our students.

Listen.

Give voice and choice.

The adults in the room need to leave preconceived expectations at the door. This has proven to be the most challenging part of our journey. The students and their creative process must come first.

The experience, and how we empower these students is what matters most. The process is the priority and the product records a moment in time.



Student work. May 2021. Art For ME exhibit @ the KANEKO organization;