



DMAB Community Art Center

DON'T MISS A BEAT (DMAB)



QUALITY EDUCATION

OVERVIEW

Founded by Ulysses Owens, Jr., a multi-Grammy award winning artist, and his family, Don't Miss A Beat (DMAB) cultivates the minds of underserved BIPOC children through arts education and initiatives that foster character and leadership development, academic excellence, and community involvement. Their programs blend music, art, academic achievement, and civic engagement to inspire and enlighten socioeconomically disadvantaged children and teens in the Riverside, Brooklyn, and Woodstock communities who otherwise would not have access to opportunities to pursue arts education, advancement in academics, and quality social-emotional learning initiatives.

COMMUNITY GOALS

Goal 7: Quality Education

Goal 5: Equitable and Shared Prosperity



CHALLENGE

To enlighten and activate kids through musical theater production and community engagement and to serve as a bridge to a better life for underserved families.



INNOVATION

Exposure to the arts improves a child's lifelong outcomes. Arts education increases the likelihood of graduating from high school, attending and finishing college, and makes students more likely to register to vote. DMAB's experiential education programs immerse poverty-level youth in learning experiences with high caliber artists, cultivating key artistic skills and developing confidence. In October 2010, DMAB was selected by the City of Jacksonville to be "in residence" and provide programming for underserved youth year-round at the J.S. Johnson Community Center in Jacksonville. Since then, they've served over 5,000 youth and adults in the Jacksonville area and have expanded their services to the E.B. Ford Center at Woodstock Park. They have fully transformed this location into a community art campus that is composed of the DMAB Community Art Center and The Movement House, which serves as the first dance studio in our community.

PARTNERS

- Bank of America
- City of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department
- Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville
- Douglas Anderson School of the Arts
- FL Department of Cultural Affairs
- FL State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)
- Florida Blue
- Kids Hope Alliance
- LaVilla School of the Arts
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Players by the Sea
- Sulzbacher Center
- University of North Florida (UNF)
- VyStar Credit Union