

The **MY HERO** Project - a **FREE** project-based learning resource

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MY HERO joins hands with educators and students around the world to promote global storytelling through connective technologies about heroes who have made a difference in their communities. Bridging time, distance and the digital divide, **MY HERO** is committed to media literacy, cross-cultural communication, and to giving students the tools for self-expression to share their own inspiring hero stories.

myhero.com/resources

MY HERO has created lesson plans for you and your students to make your own videos. Several multimedia resources are available to you to integrate this interactive project into your classroom.

Global Storytelling

Global Arts Exchange Grant awarded to MY HERO

The MY HERO Project launched an International Arts Exchange with support from The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. Under the artistic direction of Skip Blumberg, internationally acclaimed video artist and curator of the *U.S. Express* video anthology, MY HERO conducted a digital arts workshop December 9-16 in Laguna Beach and Los Angeles for artists and educators from Belarus, Macedonia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Senegal and Jordan. The weeklong workshop was centered on the theme of heroism. The artists/educators were provided with materials to develop MY HERO projects in their communities. Over the next year and a half, the MY HERO team will travel to partnering countries to conduct outreach and multimedia production workshops.



Video artist Skip Blumberg and educator Cheikh Seck from Dakar, Senegal.

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The MY HERO Report DVD

myhero.com/report



This half-hour program highlights young people sharing stories about those working to make a positive difference in their world. Use this DVD

in your classroom to encourage your students to become MY HERO reporters.

Slater Meets Her Environmental Hero

A student reporter journeys to Catalina to interview Jean-Michel Cousteau in this 20-minute DVD.



2006 Short Film Festival Winners

myhero.com/winners2006

View award-winning videos created by students, community members and professionals from around the globe.



1st place- **Wangari Maathai** by High School Student Will Levitt (left) and Best of Fest- **The Art of Life: Dan Eldon** by Charles Tsai.

Connecting with classrooms around the world!

myhero.com/teachers

The MY HERO Project, in partnership with iEARN's Learning Circles [iearn.org], brings together students and teachers interested in collaborating on the topic of heroism. Barry Kramer, Head of the Learning Circles,



invited Wendy Jewell, MY HERO writer, educator, and producer, to facilitate students sharing writing, digital art, and videos. Participation includes classes from Iran, Nigeria, USA, Israel, Nepal, Germany, Taiwan, Sweden, Slovenia, Togo, Canada, Belarus, Mexico, Uganda, Russia, and Ethiopia.



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Drawing of Sarah Kramer by Carolina Haro, Taft High School Art Teacher - Kathi Flood.

Encouraging Artistic Expression

A grant from the California Arts Council (cac.ca.gov) funded the opportunity for Victoria Murphy, Curator of the MY HERO Gallery, and Wendy Milette, Director of the MY HERO Film Festival, to conduct digital arts workshops at Taft High School in Los Angeles, California.



Sculpture of Jhonen Vasquez by Esmeralda Gonzalez, Taft High School

Exhibit your students' original digital artwork about heroes and heroism in the gallery at myhero.com/gallery



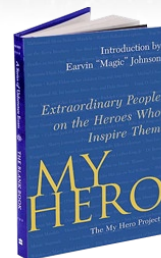
A Cindy Mendoza & Alyssa Karalnick Production
Media Literacy Teacher - Jerrilyn Jacobs

Taft High School Film Festival Award Winners

Express Your Emotions by Christian Rosales, Sean Hoffman, and Andrea (left) and Friendship and the Hero Within By Alyssa Karalnick and Cindy Mendo (right.)
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Using the MY HERO Book in the Classroom

The MY HERO book is a collection of essays written by some of the remarkable people of our time. The authors have contributed their stories to this book to help support this award-winning, not-for-profit project. We invite you to take a look at Sara Armstrong Ph.D.'s lesson plan at myhero.com/booklp to discover creative and practical ways to integrate the MY HERO book into your curriculum.



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Science Heroes

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Thanks to a grant from the **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**, MY HERO was able to increase the number of Science Hero profiles on the Web site, including women and underrepresented minorities. For more details, visit myhero.com/sloan



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- Show your students how to author and publish hero stories online by using the **Create Program**...
myhero.com/create
- Use the **e-Create** tool to build an index of your students' hero stories, and to organize content on MY HERO for lesson plans on various topics...
myhero.com/ecreate
- If you or your organization are interested in hosting a **MY HERO workshop**, please contact us at myhero@myheroproject.org

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