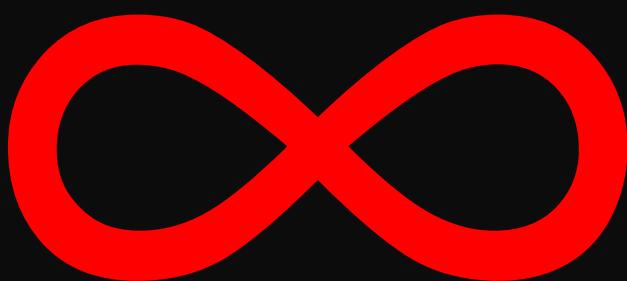




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TEDxYouth@Portland welcomes you to experience messages from nine speakers and three performers. They will deliver inspirational stories living up to TED's motto, "Ideas Worth Spreading." Guided by the theme "Limitless," speakers will fuel and inspire new ideas around the "limitless" potential of youth.



S C H E

9:00-10:00 am Registration

10:00-11:30 am Session 1

Oscar Tzintzun

Kirsten Calverley

TED.com Talk

Roopa Ramanujam

Sierra Hosea

Collin Styring

11:30 am-12:30 pm Lunch

D U L E

12:30-2:30 pm Session 2

TED.com Talk

Jacob Johnson

Bella Trent

Leila Hawana

Lizzy Zhao

TED.com Talk

Theodore Ashford

Brenda Ramirez

2:30-3:00 pm Closing



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OSCAR TZINTZUN

Born in Michoacan, Mexico, Oscar immigrated to the US at age four. He initially struggled to integrate himself into American culture. While this did not stop him from being a happy child, he searched for his voice and found it with Momentum Alliance. There, he collaborated with like-minded peers to empower himself and other youth to become social activists. Today, he plays an active role in the organization and advocates for immigrant rights as well as reproductive and minority justice.

KIRSTEN CALVERLEY

Kirsten applied her love of working with kids to help at-risk youths discover science. Providing hands-on experiments and annual science fairs to over 200 students, she has recognized how the exposure to STEM empowers students, especially in today's increasingly technological world. Furthermore, the connections that she makes with each student continually inspire her to foster their curiosity in the wonders of the world.



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ROOPA RAMANUJAM

For the past ten years, Roopa has danced Bharatanatyam, one of the oldest and most popular dance forms in South India. Today, she will be performing a Sabdam, a type of dance in Bharatanatyam. Using facial expressions, hand gestures, and rhythmic movements, she will tell the story of Hanuman, the Hindu god of physical strength and perseverance. Roopa has studied under the guidance of Radhika Narayanan.

SIERRA HOSEA

Having attended five schools since kindergarten, Sierra knows how school architecture influences learning. In 2012, she helped pass the Portland Public School bond initiative to renovate schools. Since then, she has become an intern at the architecture firm that will redesign and rebuild Franklin High School. With innovative architecture, Sierra wants to transform schools into a more positive and encouraging environment.



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COLLIN STYRING

Eighteen-year-old Collin Styring created a new economic model to provide for the sustainability of food banks. Inspired by his service work for the Oregon Food Bank, he founded Green Food Nation. He raises money for solar panels and installs them on food banks, with the goal of harvesting sunshine to eliminate hunger. Today, each kilowatt buys two meals for the food bank.

JACOB JOHNSON

At age 9, Jacob started a rabbit project at the 4-H program. Since then, he has immersed himself in the program's "learning by doing" approach. Now, as Oregon's 4-H Ambassador, he plays a crucial role in livestock judging, tractor projects, and many events. He plans to pursue a major in Animal Science and a minor in Agricultural Business. His ultimate goal is to receive his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and practice as a livestock vet.



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BELLA TRENT

Bella Trent writes poetry. She fell in love with slam poetry freshman year at Madison High School and thrives on her words. Born with arthrogryposis, a rare condition characterized by stiff joints and muscles, she uses a wheelchair to move around. In spite of this obstacle, she fully expresses herself in slam poetry by combining her passion for acting and writing.

LEILA HAWANA

A native Oregonian, Leila discovered her passion for percussion at age 13. Now, she pursues a dual degree in Percussion Performance and Mathematics at the University of Oregon. She performs locally, nationally, and internationally, receiving acclaim at competitions. Today, she will be performing an arrangement of Astor Piazzolla's "Verano Porteño." Leila has studied with Dr. Pius Cheung and Dr. Sean Wagoner.



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LIZZY ZHAO

After her friend's mother passed away from melanoma, Lizzy began searching for ways to detect the disease in its early stages. Using image processing and machine learning, she created a system that analyzes the features of skin lesions with a promising diagnosis accuracy of 86%. Her project has the potential to save thousands of lives through early detection and treatment.

THEODORE ASHFORD

Theodore was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago and graduated from Geneva Community High School in 2009. As part of his journey of self discovery, Theodore moved to Portland in August 2012. He is currently married to the love of his life, Liz Ashford. He looks forward to sharing his experience in searching for his identity.



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BRENDA RAMIREZ

Brenda's journey to receiving her diploma at Franklin High School has not been easy. Immigrating to the US when she was just four, she faced many obstacles in her new country. However, she rose to become the undocumented student who inspires her peers to pursue their college dreams. As a proud college-bound senior today, she wants people to understand how far education can take them in life and how valuable it truly is.

THE ROSE CITY QUINTET

The Rose City Quintet consists of musicians from Lincoln and Grant High Schools. Marco Sanchez-Ayala is on guitar, Adam Finger on piano, Nathaniel Francis on bass, Max Roark on tenor saxophone, and Lena Bartels on drums. The band performs several jazz standards, as well as some more modern selections.



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