

A group of young men are sitting in bleachers, likely at a sports event. The image is overlaid with a large, stylized red 'GPA' logo. The man in the foreground is smiling and has his hand to his face. The background shows other people sitting in the bleachers.

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**OUR STORY BEGAN WHEN
I WAS LIVING IN THE BACK
OF MY '95 LEXUS IN LOS ANGELES.**

DRAMA | HIP HOP/AFRICAN DANCE | MUSIC AND MORE

I had a life-changing revelation that gave me a preview of a program I'd start several years later.

I saw myself back in New York helping young people in my Far Rockaway community discover their talents early so they wouldn't have to struggle the way I was to fulfill their pipe dreams. From that moment, I desired to encourage students to follow their passions and earn a living doing what they love. This realization brought me to begin an arts education program that would, to date, partner with over eight schools and community organizations and serve over 350 students.

-Dayo Olatokun, Founder

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**LIVE
WHAT YOU
LOVE!**

PUNCTUALITY INTEGRITY



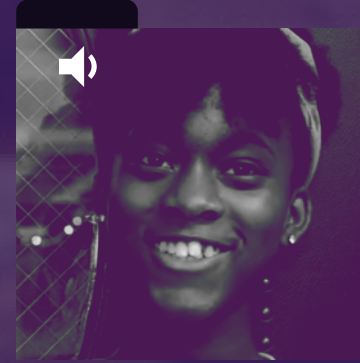
**Ms.Larcher/
English Teacher**

Mr. Dayo is amazing! When Mr. Staley first brought him in and I was like okay! I'm ready, I'm ready. But the way that he has transformed these students and these children's lives is amazing!



**Anyelis Andino/
Class of 2023**

I had a lot of fun doing it! Sometimes we would talk about our feelings, and our problems and that helped me a lot to be more open to adults.



**Exahalia Lawrence/
Class of 2022**

Mr. Dayo taught us something about ourselves that not all of us may have realized, but we realized it yesterday when we did the thinking about our future...

PURPOSE EXCELLENCE



We expose students to various areas of the arts (drama, hip-hop/african dance, music and more), with professional artists for guidance throughout the learning process.

We help students to develop life skills according to our P.I.P.E. curriculum (Punctuality, Integrity, Purpose, and Excellence).

Students will increase their overall attendance, class engagement, and receive mentoring support.

We assist students in self-discovery, evaluating their skills, interests, exploring viable career paths, and encouraging them to pursue higher education.

Through arts education programming, students will increase their overall school attendance and class engagement, and receive mentoring support from their instructors and the overall GPA community.

TIMELINE



The duration of the program is customized based on the school's need. We recommend at least eight weeks to run a successful workshop.

COST



\$750 per session *We understand that each school has its own budgetary concerns. We can work collaboratively to tailor the program to fit your budget.*

P.I.P.E. Curriculum

Punctuality, Integrity, Purpose, & Excellence!

Those are the principles that GPA stands on. Using our program book "P.I.P.E. Dreams: Principles to Live What You Love!", each principle is expounded upon weekly to create a pipeline towards higher education opportunities for our students.

P.I.P.E. Dreams Published Program Book

Purpose gives direction to your gift(s) and helps narrow down career choices....Our education, career, and relationships have a greater success rate when pursued through the lense of purpose.



 **BUY NOW**



Workshops



DRAMA

Through Improv, Scene Study, Monologues, and various acting classes, our students get to explore the freedom of expression on stage while learning how to apply these techniques to their personal lives.

DANCE

We teach Step, Hip-Hop, Afrobeats, and many forms of choreographed movement for the purposes of performing and creating their own content.

MUSIC

Lead by our team of vocal coaches, participants learn to discover their voice through singing, songwriting, and producing. They're also introduced to the business side of music in order to take control of their own careers.

We also offer workshops in cosmetology, social media, design, public relations, and other art forms to expose students to a variety of career options.



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Each opportunity we have to work with students is done with extreme care, intentionality, and creativity.

We're committed to developing our students as conscious and successful individuals, and we're committed to constant improvement as a nonprofit organization.

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Dear Community Partners and Friends, Live What You Love!

That's our motto; that's our message. At the Gifted and Purposed Alliance (GPA), we show youth how to tap into their purpose, explore their identity, and actively learn through the arts. GPA aims to provide participants with an early opportunity to identify and sharpen their gifts and talents, as well as an atmosphere to build a firm foundation for their craft and career choice.

Our goal is to ignite the Rockaway community schools (NYC schools and organizations at large) with an arts education program that will benefit students by providing clarity in their purpose, while creating a pipeline towards higher education institutions.

I invite you to join me on this journey. Connect with us! Let's bring our energy and resources together to help change our schools and community. Our team eagerly looks forward to speaking with you soon. In the meantime, don't forget to "Live What You Love!"

Warm Regards,



Dayo Olatokun
Executive Director



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