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Empowerment as a Theme at Rosa Parks



We are “Empowered!” - these were the words that echoed around the school during the Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts’ (RPHS) “Back to School Empowerment Expo.” This special back-to-school event, set over the course of two days, featured motivational speakers, community leaders, and entertainers who put their focus on reinforcing the concept of “Empowerment” (which has been adopted as the 2017 theme for all students and staff).

Saturday offered educational workshops at which a number of guest speakers lectured about character education, self-motivation, and subject support. Then, on Sunday, the Home School council and RPHS Alumni hosted a Gospel Show that featured performers, J.J. Hairston and YP, Ian Johnson and Vincent Bohanan & S.O.V. Following the show, an ecstatic sophomore, Shiquira Poulson proclaimed, “I really enjoyed the information I received from the student workshop.” Senior Jassit Mann declared, “*The Playlist for Your Life* was my favorite Saturday workshop because it helped me realize the things I need to do to get through life.”

RPHS Principal, Jalyn Lyde remarked, “You are empowered and destined to follow your dreams, that’s what the weekend was all about, and we know it was impactful because the community, students and staff are still speaking about the experience.”



John F. Kennedy Knights Cheerleaders set the tone for Acting Superintendent Eileen Shafer by stirring up the crowd prior to last night’s Education Community Forum.

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