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Youth Apprentice



# WIDE ANGLE YOUTH MEDIA 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



Wide Angle served a total of **426** youth in 2017, who created over **135** youth media projects including photography, radio stories, design projects, and videos.

Students showed an average of **37%** skill growth in Creativity, Listening, Teamwork, Critical Thinking, Public Speaking, Technical Skills, and Professionalism.

Wide Angle's five-year strategic plan launched in July 2017, expanding the age of youth served from 10-20 to **10-24**. The full plan is available online at [wideanglemedia.org/plan](http://wideanglemedia.org/plan).

Wide Angle's fee-for-service arm, Wide Angle Productions, worked with over **30** partners including CSX and Under Armour. **40%** of income from production projects helps to support Wide Angle's free youth programming.

Last spring, **100%** of seniors in Wide Angle's high school programs graduated high school and moved on to pursue either a four-year degree or a two-year trade school.

**33** youth participated in our pilot year of MediaWorks, a five week career and college readiness program for high school and older youth that paid youth \$9.25/hour.

Over **1,000,000** people heard the stories of Baltimore youth this past year on the radio, at local events such as our Healing Screening, nationally in places like the New York Times, and globally through our valued partnerships like Adobe Project 1324.

*"When I held the camera in my hand all of my worries went away, I knew no one could judge me, make fun of me, and I could be myself. I understood that photography is not something someone has to make you do, it's something your heart wants to do."* - Maria, Youth Photographer



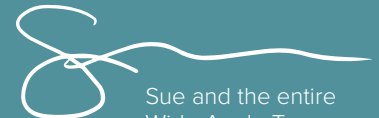
Dear Valentine,

This past year was an exciting time of strategic growth for Wide Angle Youth Media. We've increased our number of full time staff, launched an innovation fund for youth to pursue personal projects, broadened wrap-around supports to include tutoring and college/career readiness,

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WE ARE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH.**

expanded apprenticeships to provide teaching positions, and witnessed more young people moving on to their college and career goals than ever before. As we move into 2018, we'd like to say a heartfelt thanks to you for supporting our work and offer you a special gift as a token of our gratitude. Thank you for giving us so much to smile about, Valentine!



  
Sue and the entire  
Wide Angle Team