



# UNEARTH & EMPOWER Communities

**OUR MISSION** *Creating pathways to college, employment and entrepreneurship for Compton youth through engagement with STEM education and the arts.*

## OUR PROGRAMS

### ART

#### Community Art Program (PreK-6)

Artists, ages 3 years to 6th grade come from all over Compton to dance, sing, draw, paint and have fun attending our free week-long Art camp. All supplies and materials are provided, including a meal each day.

*The program is designed to empower and expose students to critical thinking, collaboration, and creative problem solving in the arts.*

#### Little Creators Program (0-4 years)

Young artists, ages 0-4 years, receive an art kit filled with supplies and activities to explore and create in their own homes. All supplies and materials are provided.

*The program is designed to empower and expose our youngest students to sensory play, motor skill development, and creative problem solving in the arts.*

#### Compton Mural Project (6-9 graders)

Empowering and exposing Compton youth to civic engagement & social justice through mural design and creation.

### EDUCATION

#### Houses of STEAM Education Program

Compton youth, K-6th, and their families learn STEAM education through hands-on training, building projects, attending field trips and speaking with BIPOC professionals in the STEAM career fields. All supplies and materials are provided. This is a free program. *The program is designed to empower and improve students' proficiency in STEAM-related subjects.*

### PATHWAYS

#### Pathways Program

Upon high school graduation, students have the choice to enroll in college, train for a career and/or become an entrepreneur. This program supports high school graduates as they progress down one of these pathways with training, scholarships and grants. *The program is designed to empower and prepare students for the successes and challenges of the future.*



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# STATISTICS

Founded in 2013



**415**

FAMILIES SERVED



**26**

YOUTH HIRED



**315**

VOLUNTEERS

**\$510.5K**

MONEY RAISED TO DATE

**\$109K**

GRANT MONIES RECEIVED TO DATE

**\$410.5K**

INDIVIDUAL GIVING RECEIVED TO DATE



**\$30K**

SCHOLARSHIP MONIES AWARDED



**98%**

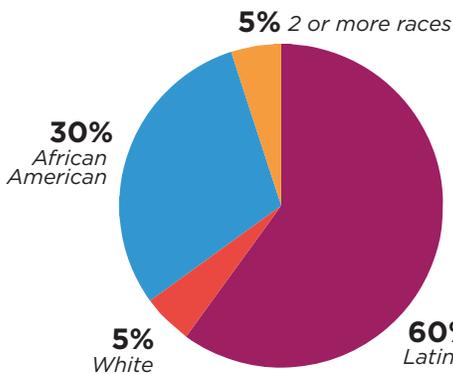
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE



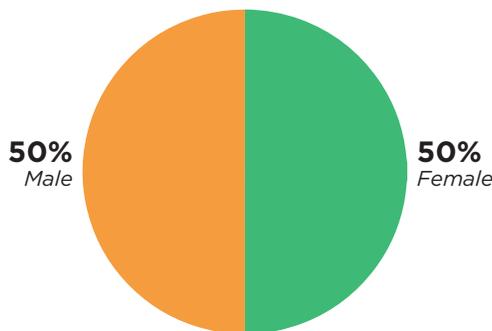
**90%**

GRADUATES WHO ARE EMPLOYED

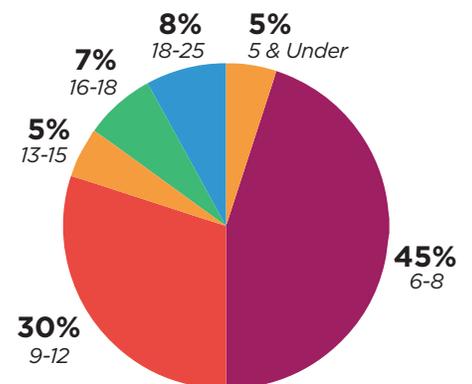
## DEMOGRAPHICS



ETHNICITY



GENDER



AGE

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# HISTORY

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- 2012** Community conversations took place at City Church of Compton, regarding the needs of the community. After researching the statistics and witnessing the challenges surrounding education, crime, poverty and unemployment, an expanded vision seemed necessary.
- 2013** Uneath and Empower Communities was born.  
1st UEC Summer Art Camp serving over 80 students
- 2014** Each One. Teach One. After School Program started with 15 families  
1st Ladies of Integrity Retreat  
1st Men of Integrity Retreat  
1st Trip to Mexico to volunteer at orphanage  
1st EntreArts Summer Internship Program learning about entrepreneurship
- 2015** 1st High School Graduate & College Scholarship awarded
- 2016** Increased the number of families served to 30 at our after school program
- 2017** Awarded over \$8,000 in college scholarships to graduating seniors and college students
- 2018** Students learn how to play the ukulele and write their own songs at our Each One. Teach One. after school program
- 2019** Hired UEC college students to teach at Summer Art Camp  
Featured in VoyageLA magazine ([bit.ly/UECArticle](http://bit.ly/UECArticle))
- 2020** Created Houses of STEAM for Compton families to experience building projects that are related to science, technology, engineering, art and math.  
Hired 1st Intern  
Featured in New York Times op-ed article by David Brooks ([bit.ly/NYTuec](http://bit.ly/NYTuec))
- 2021** Created the Little Creators program to provide FREE activities and art supplies for a fun, interactive sensory play experience for our littlest students (0-4 years) in their own home!
- 2022** Awarded \$10,000 in college scholarships to graduating seniors and college students

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# STAFF



## **BARAK BOMANI**

### **Executive Director & Co-Founder**

Barak is the Executive Director & Co-Founder of Uneath and Empower Communities. He and his partner Sara create pathways to college, employment and entrepreneurship for Compton youth through engagement with STEM education and the arts. Barak, a revolutionary educator who disrupts broken educational systems, was handpicked to be the founding principal of a charter school in Oakland, CA (first high school built in over 40 years). Bomani and his team of educators created a school culture where 100% of senior graduates, African American and Latino students, earned at least one acceptance letter to a four-year college. A huge advocate of social emotional learning and what he calls heart, mind & soul work, Bomani curates safe and healthy spaces for communities to heal from trauma and to re-imagine a culture of living free in a diverse world. Bomani is a 3-time business owner, community activist, artist, published author & songwriter, cook, worship leader and lover of tennis. Barak earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from Dartmouth College and his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership & Supervision from San Jose State University, where he graduated with highest honors. He is married and has two sons.



## **SARA BOMANI**

### **Co-Founder & Co-Executive Director**

Sara Bomani is the Co-Founder & Co-Executive Director of Uneath and Empower Communities. This UEC vision started in 2008 when she first volunteered to teach art in her friend's classroom in the Compton Unified School District. With a bachelors in Graphic Design and a masters in Arts Education from Cal State Long Beach, Sara loves to share her artistry that she learned from her mother while growing up. Sara has created art camps and workshops that have served over 1,000 youth in Paramount, Long Beach and Compton over the past 13 years. As a business owner of Color Your World Design Studios, she has created art and gardening classes for homeschooled youth as well as providing graphic design services for over 15 years. One of the treasures we appreciate about Sara is how she always finds a way to include all kids regardless of their abilities to create art.



## **VALERIE LEYVA**

### **Program Assistant**

Valerie was recently hired as a Program Assistant Intern for Uneath and Empower Communities. Valerie attended Paramount High School, and during her senior year she volunteered over 40 hours for UEC. She was a mentor to our K-5 students before she started to attend Cerritos College. Upon high school graduation, she earned a \$500 college scholarship from UEC for her exemplary commitment to our community. In her new role with UEC, she is responsible for assisting with our three program areas of art, education and pathways. One of the treasures we appreciate about Valerie is her inquisitiveness and desire to always learn something new.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## DE'JON JACKSON

### Non-Profit Management | UEC President

De'Jon Jackson is the Director of Operations and the OSH Officer for The ACLU Foundation of Southern California. He has found success as a small business owner and entrepreneur in the fields of engineering and nonprofit management. He consults on multi-million dollar projects for community based non-profits and develops operations plans and budgets. He has a passion for health, wellness, and investing in other people.



## AMBER KIM

### Human Resources Management | UEC Vice President

Amber Kim's experience is in managing HR strategies for non-profit organizations in Southern California, with the ACLU, KHEIR Center, Goodwill Industries, and currently with Planned Parenthood as the Associate Vice President of Human Resources. She is founder and Chief Human Resources Consultant for People Compass LLC, an HR and management consulting firm. Amber is deeply committed to improving the communities she serves through her work in providing opportunities for people, and partnering with organizations to create an equitable and diverse workplace culture, championing change, and investing in employees' well-being, growth, and success.



## BRUNA SOARES-THOMPSON

### Family Therapy & Social Work | UEC Secretary

Bruna is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has been working as a children's mental health therapist for the past five years. She is married and two beautiful kids. One of the treasures we appreciate about Bruna, in addition to her generous spirit, is that she is multi-lingual and is raising her children to learn Portuguese, Spanish and English.



## VICTOR CHEW

### Environmental Engineer | UEC Treasurer

Victor currently works for SCS Engineers and is enjoying 17 years as an Environmental Design Engineer in the areas of Landfills, Litigation, Remediation, Evaluations and Geology. He was elected a deacon at his church, has been married for 12 years and is a father of five.

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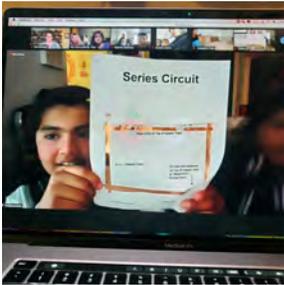
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