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Mirror Image Leadership Academy

Mirror Image Leadership Academy focuses on developing true leaders through innovative and experiential learning. It operates on the premise that youth need only to discover the leader inside themselves. Mirror Image Leadership Academy is centered on five key attributes: self-image, purpose, faith, character and work ethic. By providing local, national and international experiences, this program inspires young men to think about their purpose in life.

The young scholars of Mirror Image Leadership Academy learn to shift their mindset. They become empowered to see their own potential for service and achievement. These are students who develop a clear and correct view of themselves, develop a sense of purpose beyond themselves, learn to live with honor and integrity, and are taught to value the sense of accomplishment and dignity that come from hard work.

These scholars created the art exhibited in Commission Chambers through a One Nation One Project (ONOP) activity titled, "Creating Tomorrow Through Abstract Art: Mirror Image Scholar Showcase." The young artists expressed thoughts and feelings around youth gun violence, school and community issues. This display is meant to inspire solutions, and to bring attention to the voices of youth in this important conversation.

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