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20th Annual Poetry Slam!

DC SCORES, a community institution known for artfully fusing soccer leagues with spoken word performances to help kids in need develop the confidence and skills to succeed, will host its 20th annual Poetry Slam! November 15-16. The Poetry Slam! is **FREE** and open to the public.

The Slam! will feature over 1,200 powerful young voices from 47 DC public and public charter elementary and middle schools across the District. Poet-athletes ages 8-14 will perform both team and individual poems. The young poet-athletes' original works address the most pressing and current issues facing their communities, including racial and gender equality, immigration, identity, bullying, and social justice.

Celebrity judges and accomplished professional poets will score each poem on content, originality, and performance -- crowning two team and two individual winners each night. Local politicians, DCPS leaders, and D.C. United celebrities will be on hand to celebrate all of the performers and present the awards.

WHEN/WHERE:

Wednesday, November 15, 5-8 PM

Roosevelt High School
4301 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20011
Participating schools from Wards 1, 2, 4 and 5

Thursday, November 16, 5-8 PM

H.D. Woodson Senior High School
540 55th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20019
Participating schools from Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8



About DC SCORES

Since 1994 DC SCORES has helped build the confidence and skills of more than 10,000 low-income DC schoolchildren. Each year, DC SCORES provides 400,000 child-hours of programming, runs 600 soccer games, trains and supports 225 community-based coaches, and gives kids the opportunity to write 12,500 original poems and spoken word pieces. All DC SCORES programs are free for kids. DC SCORES is the official community partner of D.C. United. More at: www.DCSCORES.org. DC SCORES is the flagship affiliate of America SCORES, the nation's largest inner-city soccer and literacy program. More at www.AmericaSCORES.org