

About Santa Barbara Speaks



Our Story

Santa Barbara Speaks was founded in early 2016 when Gabriela and Zoe (then juniors at San Marcos High School) teamed up to produce an independently organized TED event, TEDxYouth@TheFunkZone. They had the simple goal of creating a platform for local teenagers to share their ideas, but it soon became much more.

Now, Santa Barbara Speaks involves a full team of dedicated high school students led by Presidents Daniel and Tiffany. Together, we work to make sure the teenagers of Santa Barbara have a place, through a variety of events, to come together. To share their ideas. To have a voice.

Why Sponsor Santa Barbara Speaks?

Santa Barbara Speaks gives your brand the opportunity to reach a local youth demographic. Join our community and associate your company with a growing network of innovative teenage thinkers all over Santa Barbara.

What do we do?

We produce community-wide events where teenagers can share their ideas through conferences, seminars, open mic nights, art showcases, and more.

Past Events



TEDX Youth@TheFunkZone x=independently organized TED event



On April 10, 2016, nearly 100 local teenagers filled The Narrative Loft, for Santa Barbara Speak's first event, TEDx Youth@TheFunkZone, where they heard from four live speakers all under the age of eighteen. Their talks, hosted on YouTube, now have over 35,000 views.

A Night of Poetry

On Saturday, April 8th, 2017, Santa Barbara Speaks hosted a student poetry slam at Breakfast Culture Club. The competition, judged by acclaimed writers and poets from the community, was accompanied a gallery of teen art. Prizes were awarded to winners of the slam.



Future Events



Vision for the future

Santa Barbara Speaks hopes to continue to provide high school students a multitude of platforms to share their creativity. In the upcoming years, we are planning to expand to multiple events per year, each of which will be centered around a different form of expression. Such genres may include fighting apathy, science with a social purpose, open mic nights, art and sculpture, and more. We hope to continue to inspire other students to unlock their potential by providing event themes spanning a wide range of interests.

Our Next Event: A Collective Sound

Santa Barbara is home to many talented artists and we are dedicated to giving them all a chance to share their gifts. This year, we hope to cater to the Santa Barbara community's musical side through "Santa Barbara Speaks Presents: A Collective Sound". Our idea is to invite local teen bands, solo musicians, and singers to perform for an audience. Along with the music, we will showcase a collection of art submitted from students in the Santa Barbara community.

Get in Touch



Join the ever-growing Santa Barbara Speaks community and get involved.

	Platinum \$500+	Gold \$250	Silver \$100
Sponsor's logo included at beginning of speaker videos on official Santa Barbara Speaks YouTube channel	X		
Mention as a top sponsor on any news releases and media	X		
Special 'thank you' will be given by MC during event intro	X	Χ	
Advertising through our social media accounts	X	X	
Your logo on volunteer and organizer t-shirts	X	X	X
Your logo in the conference program	1st tier	2nd tier	3rd tier
Your logo on our website	1st tier	2nd tier	3rd tier

Get in Touch



We will happily answer any questions you may have and connect you with one of our team members who can help with specific inquiries. Please feel free to contact us at any time!

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