

The SAY: Voice

The Stuttering Association for the Young

NEWSLETTER

Highlights & News from April - July 2021



Virtual 2021 Annual Gala
Thursday, May 13, 2021



THANK YOU!

It's been an extraordinary season of challenges, triumphs, and silver linings. We are so proud of the SAY community for sticking together and keeping our connections strong. Our programs may have looked a little different, but they have remained unmistakably SAY. As we have just successfully brought Camp SAY back into the physical space, I'd like to thank you all - we truly could not have achieved such incredible things this year without each and every member of our SAY family!

Much love & gratitude to all!
Noah Cornman, *Executive Director*

Confident Voices

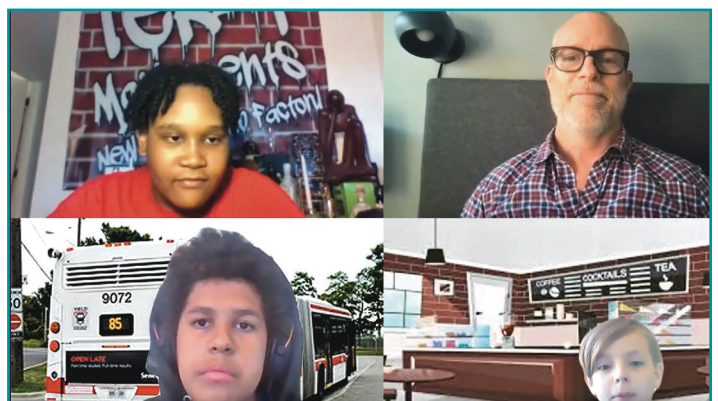
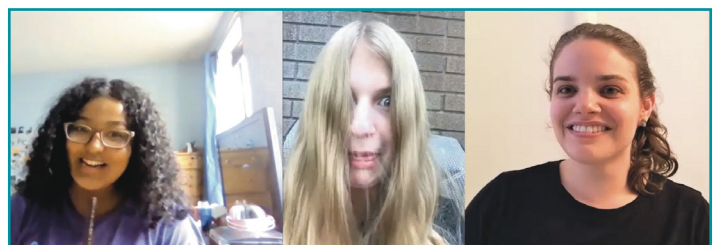
SAY's Confident Voices 2020/2021 season closed with exciting presentations and celebrations for three separate programs - **The Mentor Project**, **The Paperback Project**, and our **2021 Graduation Ceremony!**

The Mentor Project

Spring 2021

April - June 2021

The Mentor Project connected a record **75 kids** with **25 mentors** who stutter to collaborate on multi-faceted artistic works, including comedy, spoken word poetry, puppetry, music, improv, mixed media, visual arts and more!



Virtual Final Shares

June 18, 19 & 20, 2021

The Mentor Project wrapped with an unprecedented 3 nights of **Virtual Final Shares** to showcase the incredible performance pieces that our participants and mentors created together during the 8-week program.



2021 Graduation Week Celebration!

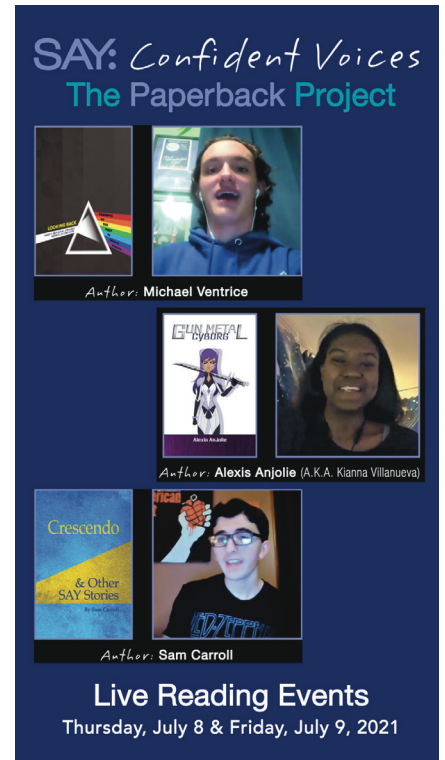
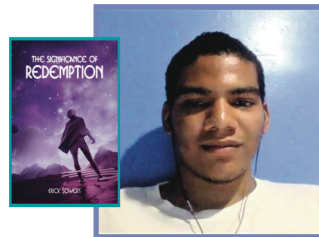
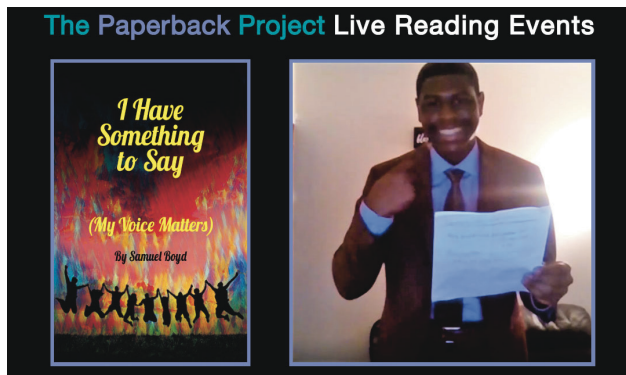
The SAY community came together to celebrate our eighteen-member **Confident Voices 2021 Graduating Class**, including a **Directors' Honoring Ceremony** and the debut of this year's **SAY Scroll**, featuring advice and wisdom from our grads to young people who stutter.

The Paperback Project

Live Reading Events

July 8 & 9, 2021

For this inaugural program, 13 of our Confident Voices graduates spent 5 months writing original paperback books, professionally bound and printed by SAY! Each unique book was introduced and presented by **The Paperback Project** authors during 2 **Live Reading Events**.



2021 Graduation Ceremony

July 16, 2021

A very special week of events and celebrations honoring **SAY's Confident Voices 2021 Graduating Class** and all that they have accomplished and contributed to our community, and beyond!

The SAY: Class of 2021



Jeremiah Ampudia



Samuel Boyd



Sam Carroll



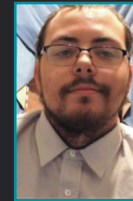
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Clare Cunningham



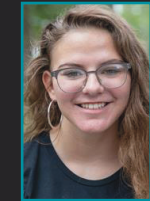
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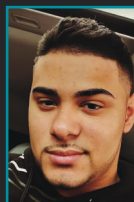
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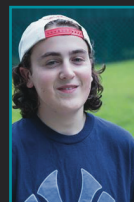
Lexi Loss



Autumn Novella



Jared Pagan



Evan Pollac



Erikson Rutkis



Daniella Sapone



Erick Sowers



Michael Ventrice



Kianna Villanueva

*Not pictured: Julian Lopez

SAY: SPEECH THERAPY News!

In April, our resident bi-lingual Speech-Language Pathologist, **Fergie Cantos**, MS, CCC-SLP, TSSLD-BE, welcomed SLP's and students from the SAY community to Zoom for a lively Q&A session, where topics included the challenges and potential treatment strategies for children who stutter in 2 languages.

Fergie's expertise will be instrumental as we look forward to making all of SAY's collateral and communications, including our websites and brochures, available in Spanish and other languages!



SAY:DC News!

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SAY: DC's virtual programming continued this spring, keeping our community of young people who stutter in the Washington, DC area connected and creating.

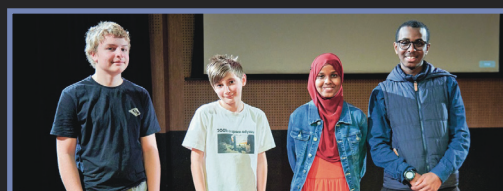
The warm weather has allowed for more super fun outdoor hangs and the SAY: DC team looks forward to welcoming participants back to our beautiful new DC studio space!



SAY: Australia News!

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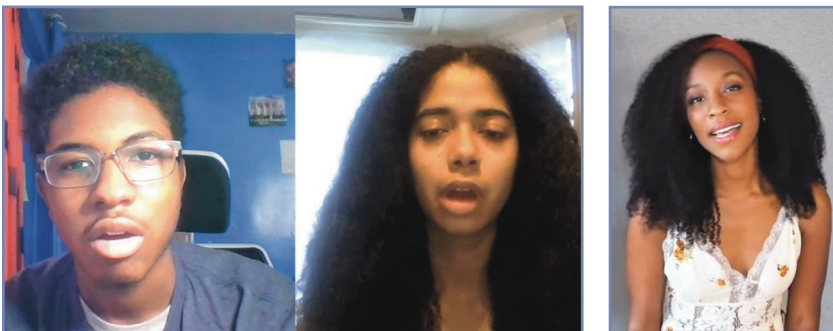
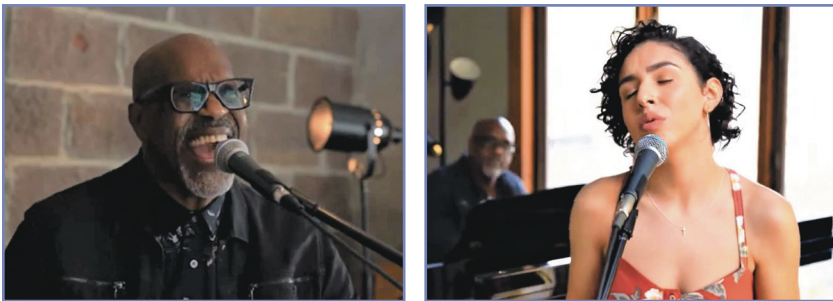
SAY love is going strong across the world as **SAY: Australia's** programming carried on in Melbourne both virtually and in person. **The Spoken Word Project** closed with amazing showcases in May and family and friends were welcomed for LIVE IN-PERSON performances for **The My Share Project** in June!



SAY's Virtual 2021 Annual Gala!

May 13, 2021

SAY's first-ever **Virtual Gala** was a spectacular Live Stream Broadcast hosted by long-time SAY participants and alums, **Keon & Klanell Lee**. This unforgettable evening was directed by **Taro Alexander** and featured performances from **Everett Bradley, Kelli O'Hara, Nicki Richards**, SAY alums **Naudia Jones, Julianna Padilla, Edward Maware**, and **Alison Williams**, members of the SAY staff & board, and our remarkable young people who stutter!



SAY: Hero Award - Dr. Cleavon Gilman



Dr. Cleavon Gilman is a person who stutters, a U.S. Navy Veteran, an Emergency Medicine Physician, and an outspoken public health advocate who continues to spread awareness about the coronavirus pandemic.

SAY was thrilled to welcome Dr. Gilman LIVE to receive the **SAY: Hero Award** in honor of his enormous contributions to the health and safety of our country, and as a shining example to the stuttering community!



Thank you for watching & supporting
SAY's 2021 Annual Gala!

My BEAUTIFUL STUTTER

UNITED STATES:

Streaming on  discovery+

WORLDWIDE:

Buy or rent on  **ON DEMAND**



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SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young & **CAMPSAY:** A Summer Camp for Young People Who Stutter

In April 2021, this award-winning, independent documentary from Executive Producers Mariska Hargitay, Peter Hermann, Paul Rudd, and George Springer became available **WORLDWIDE** on *Vimeo On Demand!*

My **BEAUTIFUL STUTTER** follows five kids who stutter, ages 9 to 18, from all over the United States who, after experiencing a lifetime of bullying and stigmatization, meet other children who stutter at **SAY** and **Camp SAY**. Over the course of a year, we witness firsthand the incredible transformation that happens when these young people experience for the first time the revolutionary idea at the heart of SAY: **that it is really, REALLY okay to stutter.**

LET.ME.SPEAK.

SAY is so proud to be a part of this important and moving film and thrilled that it is now reaching a global audience, with more screening platforms coming soon!

CAMPSAY: Summer 2021!

A Summer Camp for Young People Who Stutter

August 2 - 16, 2021

Camp SAY was BACK IN-PERSON this summer and we were thrilled to welcome campers to Pocono Springs to make beautiful NEW Camp SAY memories together! Our camp staff worked overtime to ensure a safe, healthy, and FUN experience for all. There were a few changes, but our Camp SAY Leadership Team designed a jam-packed program of activities, games, events, and more so our amazing kids and teens who stutter could let loose and enjoy being together in a space of support, acceptance, and friendship.



Global Campfires

April - June 2021

SAY's Global Campfires continued through the spring, inviting the SAY and Camp SAY communities, past and present, to connect on Zoom. Global Campfires went on hiatus for the summer as we prepared to return to Camp SAY to gather around the campfire at Pocono Springs!



More to come on
CAMPSAY: 2021
in our next newsletter!

Looking Forward

SAY was overjoyed to return to Camp SAY IN-PERSON this summer! Your continued support and dedication made it possible to safely bring 135+ young people who stutter together to form profound connections and discover their voices. We invite you to share every beautiful moment of Camp SAY 2021 on our social media channels and at the Camp SAY Blog. Visit CampSAY.org/blog anytime!

From the bottom of our hearts - Thank you, thank you, thank you...

...for your support and your involvement

...for your vulnerability and bravery

...for your compassion and care

...for being what makes this community so very special

YOU are the good news we need in the world!!!



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WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN DO MORE.

The power behind SAY's programs is not a secret. It is the radical belief that everyone deserves to be heard and each of us has value.

Simply put, at SAY we genuinely care about helping each other.

SAY programs are a testament to the transformative power of compassion: to how much more the world needs, and to how much a little bit can do.

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