



Fall 2019 Newsletter

HELPING OUR KIDS WHEN IT MATTERS MOST®

Upcoming Events

November 8-

Hall of Fame Event with MLB MVPs
Christian Yelich, Ryan Braun and
CALIFORNIA STRONG. [Click here for
ticket information](#)

November 19-

Prime Time Trials- Final Trial at Robinson
Courthouse,
Loyola Law School

December 7-

Prime Time Games® Championship
Saturday.

December 10-

WSA Basketball Tournament and
Mystery Art Box Challenge Live Edition
at Webster Middle School

January 9-

Prime Time Charity Casino Classic

Next Friday! Get your tickets now!

After School Program
TEAM PRIME TIME
Established 2001

TPT HALL OF FAME SPEAKER SERIES
PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH CALIFORNIA STRONG
Join us in honoring the founders of California Strong for their tremendous work to support their community.
November 8, 2019 / 6-10PM / Kennedy Wilson, Beverly Hills
\$200 Per Person (100 Tickets Available)

FEATURING CALIFORNIA STRONG FOUNDING MEMBERS...

 Mike Altanasio Co-Founder, CALIFORNIA STRONG	 Ryan Braun 4x All Star National League MVP 2011 Home Run King 2007	 Jared Goff* AFC Champion 2018 Pro Bowl 2017, 2018 Two Times	 Mike Moustakas 2x All Star World Series Champion 2015	 Christian Yelich National League MVP 2018 Silver Slugger 2016, 2019 Mark Atiles Award 2018 October 2018
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HUDSON PACIFIC PROPERTIES | HCM HOWARD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT | FAST PLAY

KENNEDY WILSON | BROTHERS HEINEMAN | THE BULLPEN

Proceeds benefit the Prime Time Games®

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Information About The Hall
Of Fame Event**

NEXT U PARTNERSHIPS

TPT's "Next U" programs provide our students with career-focused, project-based learning opportunities taught by experts from the community.



USC Career Day Kicks Off Marshall Mentors Program

On September 24th, USC Marshall School of Business hosted 42 Emerson, Webster and Sotomayor Middle School students for our second "Career Day" on the USC campus.

TPT students then divided into 8 groups and rotated through smaller, interactive presentations on career opportunities in a variety of industries, including Sports, Automotive, Healthcare, Nonprofit, Technology, Entertainment, Finance, Marketing, Media and Communication.

All were impressed with the level of interest middle schoolers showed and how savvy their questions were!

Next stop, "Shark Tank" on March 9th!

"We were all very impressed. The TPT students' sense of business exceeded our expectations, especially since it was a new environment, with new people discussing new topics. It inspired the Marshall students to want to get more involved, which is great."

- Aria Aaron
C4C Assoc. VP for TPT



Loyola Law School: Mock Trial- 'Casey Miller v Roller Coaster World, Inc'

Students at Palms MS and Emerson MS participated in the 9th year of the Prime Time Trials, a mock trial program designed and delivered by Loyola Law School students. For 10 weeks, Loyola Law Students and local attorneys prepare TPT students for a trial, held at Robinson Court Room at Loyola Law School and presided over by the Honorable Suzanne H. Segal. This year, she will hear 'Casey Miller v Roller Coaster World, Inc', which involves personal injury, lost damages, and questions of negligence. Would you sue if your arm injury caused you to miss your friends 18th birthday AND an important guitar gig?



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BIG TUESDAY RECAP

Big Tuesday is an intersite competition featuring the WSA Cup and Mystery Art Box Challenge.



TPT's Mystery Art Box Challenge No Longer A Mystery

For the last three years, Team Prime Time's MABC has dramatically increased interest in the Art Academy amongst the students, and it looks like those outside the program are taking notice as well. The following Special Guest/ Celebrity VIP Judges were in attendance: Barbary Bundy, FIDM Vice President of Education; Nick Verreos, American fashion designer and former Project Runway contestant; David Paul, American fashion designer and fellow co chair of the Fashion Design Program; and Cecilia Ybarra, Outreach Program Manager of Art Center College of Design.



The main event was packed with not only art design but also engineering as the students were asked to build benches. The theme for the challenge was "breakfast" and the hour challenge went by fast. Congratulations to Webster MS for winning the Challenge!



Our VIP Celebrity Judges were also able to view some of the Art Academy's fall semester projects as well as on-site interactive projects, including a Jackson Pollack-inspired tablecloth art corner, DIY friendship bracelet station, hand painted cornhole boards.

"We so enjoyed being a part of the Mystery Art Box Challenge. It was wonderful to see the students working together so well and to share their enthusiasm and passion for your program."

WSA Cup Soccer- Tournament

"With this being my first WSA event, I didn't really know what to expect. However, upon arrival to MDR middle school I was blown away with the level of commitment and effort that was clearly put into the event by team prime time. The best part of the event was seeing the smiles on the kids faces as they competed in a sport they love."

Grace Adler, Westside
Global Awareness Magnet Coach

Barbara Bundy
Vice President, Education
FIDM

"The kids' creations for the Mystery Box challenge was so impressive! And I felt really cared for as a visitor."

Cecilia "C.C." Ybarra
Outreach Program Manager
ArtCenter Extension

Please [click here](#) to see more photos from October 15.



Prime Time Spotlight: Ben Sibulkin, New Yorker of the Week

Ben is a Senior at the Lab School in Brooklyn, and the person responsible for bringing the Prime Time Games to New York City in 2018. Since then the program has rapidly expanded to include participants from over 20 schools in the NYC area. In recognition of his efforts, Ben was recently named New Yorker of the Week by NY1—a major news channel in New York City. [Click Here](#) to see his interview from October 14, 2019.



We caught up with Ben recently to learn more about his accomplishments and vision for the Prime Time Games moving forward.

What was it like to be named New Yorker of the Week?

It was a special moment. We worked hard to bring the Prime Time Games to New York and to be recognized for it on a news station we watch frequently was very cool and something totally unexpected.

What inspired you to bring the Prime Time Games to New York?

It's simple, really. I play sports for my school and saw that there were kids who weren't getting that opportunity. Mostly, I wanted the athletes (his peers with special needs) to build the types of relationships that come from playing sports together. The thing about sports is, you can put a bunch of kids together for the first time on the court and by halftime, bonds have been made. They realize they can't win without each other.

Have you seen these bonds develop?

Absolutely. At first it's kind of scary for everyone – no one really knows what they are getting into. But by the second day, you can see everyone's comfort level rise. The athletes have a real connection with their coach (the peer coaches), and want to be there. The coaches, meanwhile, have also bonded, especially after we meet the parents.

Meeting the parents is something fairly unique to your model. Can you talk about some of the differences between the program in NYC and the Prime Time Games in LA?

Sure. We practice and play our games on Saturdays, and not after school. So the parents bring the athletes to the practices and games and are encouraged to stay. Because of this, we see how the parents are responding to seeing their kids actually excel in team sports, which is really moving.

Does seeing the impact of the program on the parents have an impact on the peer coaches?

Absolutely. It makes us want to do the best we can to make sure that the athletes have the best time possible. The athletes are so excited to play well in front of their parents.

What kind of feedback have you received from the parents?

The question I get the most is, 'Is the program going to take place every week?' The parents really appreciate the program. There are other programs their kids can participate in, but none seem to allow their kids to compete at such a fast pace. I think they knew their kids could do it; they just needed to find a program that gave them the chance. That's what I hoped this program would be.