



*Spirit in Motion, Savannah Jones,  
Volcano Vista High School*



**"It was accessible to all students with different learning styles. This included visuals, auditory explanations, and hands-on activities."**

**- Ernest Stapleton Elementary School Teacher**

# Albuquerque Museum and Casa San Ysidro 2025-26 Educational Youth Outreach Report

- **471** classrooms and **240** buses visited through Magic Bus from Bernalillo, Los Lunas, and Rio Rancho school districts.
- Additional groups of youth and adults included Cottonwood Montessori Summer Camp, Enchanted Lens Camera Club, Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts, UNM Retiree Association, Children's Choice Childcare, Pueblo of Isleta, Albuquerque Newcomers, and more!
- **More than one-third** of schools made a statement of need (language, accessibility, sensory) when requesting a tour.

## **11,000 students reached!**

### **Schools:**

- Public - 83%
- Private - 12%
- Other - 5%
- Title 1 - 60%

### **Grades:**

- Pre-K - 4%
- Elementary - 57%
- Middle School - 16%
- High School - 20%
- Other/Mixed Grades - 3%

- **633** at-risk students served through Art Matters. Partnerships include: La Plazita Institute, Barret House, New Day Drop in Center, Youth Services Center, XStudio, and Working Classroom.
- Provided **six full scholarships** through the Reggie Behl Award for students, ages 6 - 12, to attend the Museum School.
- Collaboration with Public Academy for Performing Arts allowed students to perform and participate in events at the Museum.
- Hosted Family Art Workshops - weekly, during normal opening hours, at the Museum's Third Thursday after hours events, and at Second Saturdays at Casa San Ysidro.
- Thanks to a multi-decade partnership with APS Fine Arts Dpt., the Museum hosted Focus on Youth, a juried student exhibition of 100 pieces chosen from thousands of entries.
- Our guides donated **over 13,000** hours as they led student tours!
- **44%** of the teachers made this visit a part of their annual curriculum.
- **98%** of teachers said they were "very likely" to return!

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Thank you so much for the Scholarship. I love what I get to do here. Thank you, I love to do art! When I grow up I want to be an animator.

"This year, more than half of my students have never been to an Art Museum. They were so excited and when we arrived, I loved watching how amazed and interested they were. They especially liked trying to find all of the different animals in a sculpture. In this age of technology, students need to experience the arts, music, and creativity. The majority of students were most excited about the free passes and the opportunity to show their families what they had experienced. Wonderful staff!!!!"

- Sierra Vista Elementary School Teacher



"The Cara and Diego Romero exhibit empowered my students by seeing representation of their culture. The importance of seeing your culture and making connections with art cannot be overstated. It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up and the Magic School Bus program allowed this to happen. Thank you!"

- Native American Community Academy Teacher



"My 7th graders were so excited when they could relate the information the tour guide was sharing to things they already learned in New Mexico History class! They loved that they knew words like acequias, carreta, or santos and were able to share what they had learned."

- Garfield Middle School Teacher



## Post Surveys with Teachers showed:

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- 85%** - Students learned about new subjects they did not know about prior to participation.
- 84%** - Students had more enthusiasm about art and/or history after participating in the educational resources offered.
- 84%** - Students have increased their cultural awareness and can better understand other points of view.
- 85%** - Students gained a broader view of the world beyond their community.
- 81%** - Students learned about subjects that built on class/school/state curriculum.
- 85%** - Guides / Tour Leaders were able to gauge students' interests and answer their questions.
- 80%** - Other teachers/schools/students would benefit from participating in the educational programs offered.
- 90%** - Students experienced a welcoming and inclusive environment.