

Hip Hop Report- Miami

Report From Sekajipo

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Sekajipo Music <sekajipomusic@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings John!

Would love to make the meeting but I have to work today. But here's a quick update of the new year.

*This year with Themotivational Edge.org we have the privilege of working with Berkeley School of Music in Boston. We are the first music and education program in Florida to partner with Berklee. I am spear heading a music development program called PULSE which Berkeley has created to get students ready to audition for their university. So far we have 2 Students who have auditioned for a 5 week music workshop to be held in Boston this summer. If excepted we will be fundraising to cover half the costs of their trip, (8k each) the other half paid by Berklee. One of those students has the opportunity to receive a full ride to Berklee once they graduate from High school! This is really big for our youth, most of whom have never heard of Berklee until this year nor ever imagined the possibility of taking their musicianship to the university level.

*PATH is preparing for their 7th year annual Hip Hop summer academy! This year they are bringing back their PATH to Service projects as a key foundation for inspiring our young artists to use their arts as a form of activism and community service. The program has been extended to 6weeks in length this summer and we have already started taking submissions at pathtohiphop.org

*I'm excited to announce that next I month I will be going to central America! The coffee company I work for (Panther Coffee) raffled off a 7-10 week trip to Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador and my name was pulled from the hat! Every year during harvest season the owners of Panther visit the coffee farms, continuing to build relationships with the farmers and their workers. I get to travel with them, learn about the growing and harvesting of coffee and do a lot of sight seeing and mountaintop exploring while I'm there!

*With all going on this year my plate has been pretty full so I have taken the semester off. Partners Wolfson Campus is still in the works but I am afraid my schedule is too full at the moment to spearhead on my own. I'm hoping to connect with other student leaders on campus will take initiative but it's been a challenge. If there's any advice you have that could help me with recruitment I'd appreciate it!

*Last but not least I will be in ChiCago Feb 27th-March 8th. Are there some young Partners students/members in the area that I could connect with ?

Thanks again John for keeping [me.in](#) the loop, my love and support to you all!

In good health,
Sekajipo