

Steps to Success

An Education Adventure for Young Dreamers

Spot, explore, and discover!

Education—one of our four pillars at the *American Dream Experience*—is a springboard for turning dreams into reality. Hunt through the galleries for clues about teachers, books, graduations, and big dreams.



CLUE: Spot a colorful graduation sash worn by a Spanish Club member. It marks a milestone in learning and pride in culture. Which family does it belong to?

Think About It:

What would you put in your family's keepsake cabinet to show your learning journey?

A) The Sahagun Peraza Family (Family Keepsake Cabinet, Hall of Generations)



What's one thing you'd like to learn more about—or something you'd like to help teach others?

CLUE: Meet Jayda Pugliese, an award-winning Philadelphia STEM educator and principal who inspires students to reach their potential. What challenge did Jayda face as a student?

Think About It:

How can challenges help you grow? What could you say to encourage a classmate?

A) She began to lose her hearing. (Stand Together Theater and Tapestry of Dreams, Foundations Gallery)



CLUE: Can a postcard take you to space? NASA welcomed Dr. Ellen Ochoa to astronaut training in 1990. She became the first Latina in space and later led Johnson Space Center. Who inspired her love of math?

Think About It:

Who helps you aim high, and how do they inspire you?

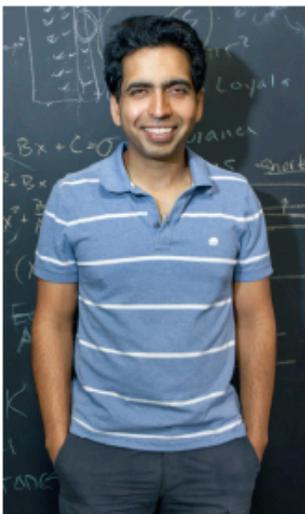
A) Ms. Paz Jensen, her calculus teacher (Education case, Foundations Gallery)

CLUE: It's not magic—it's a real cloud in a classroom! Artist Berndnaut Smilde makes indoor clouds with fog, light, and air. But what makes this classroom special?

Think About It:

If every kid had a great education, what amazing things might they do in the future?

A) It's the historic Ridgely Rosenwald School—over 100 years ago, it gave Black children a chance to learn when many Southern schools excluded them. (Hall of Dreams)



CLUE: Meet Sal Khan...through a hologram! Sal is an education trailblazer who founded Khan Academy, a free platform helping students learn anywhere. What year did he launch Khan Academy?

Think About It:

How could your knowledge help someone else grow or succeed?

Bonus: Can you spot Sal Khan's pen tablet in the Education Pillar Object Case?

A) 2008 (Foundations Gallery)

“The biggest joy in life, the thing that makes us most human, is learning.”
— Sal Khan



CLUE: Step into John Pugh’s “dream classroom” mural. Poets, inventors, astronauts, founders—even a starship science officer—learn side by side. Can you name three?

Think About It:

Imagine your dream classroom—who would be there, and what would you learn together?

A) Leonard Nimoy (as Spock), Albert Einstein, Amanda Gorman, Benjamin Franklin, Christa McAuliffe, Thomas Edison, Wanda Moreno, Alexander Graham Bell, Katherine Johnson, Carl Sagan, Mark Twain, Bailey, Maddie, and Sloane Milken, Richard Feynman. (Level 5)



CLUE: At 11, Marley Dias launched #1000BlackGirlBooks to share stories with Black girl heroes. She collected over 10,000! Open the cabinet—which book started her campaign?

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A) Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (Tapestry of Dreams, Foundations Gallery)



CLUE: Hidden under the stairs, find Jessica Gonzales’s mural *Synthesis of Dreams*. A young reader watches shapes rise from a glowing book like ideas taking flight. Follow the mural up the stairs—can you spot the tiny gardeners?

Think About It:

If you created a mural about learning, what would your version look like?

A) Look for blooming flowers and little figures with watering cans on colorful blocks! This mural celebrates community, care, and growth. (Lower Level)



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