

## Under the hoodie: remembering Trayvon Martin

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Around 250 people, including De Anza College students, faculty, and staff gathered April 12 at the Freedom Stage on campus, remembering Trayvon Martin.

The unarmed Martin, a 17-year-old African-American male, was fatally shot and killed by neighbor George Zimmerman on the grounds that he looked “suspicious” on his way home in Sanford, Fla. on Feb. 26.

At 11:15 a.m. April 12, those at the Freedom Stage were asked to pull up their hoodies to have five minutes of silence. Following the hoodie flash mob, a crowd of around 200 attended a community conversation supported by speech department instructor Donna Stasio, and student facilitators to engage in a dialogue on what can be learned from Martin’s case, and how wounds inflicted by racial discrimination can heal.

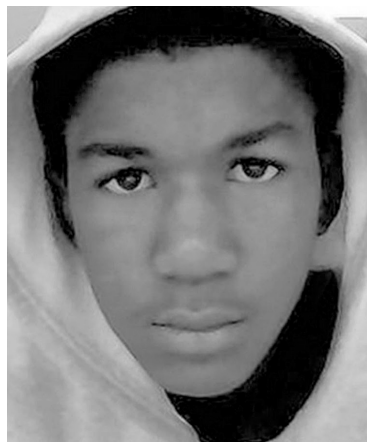
“What I take from this event

is that in order to advance the cause of my people, I have to know about others, advocate for them as well, hold true to the rule, and treat others the way I want to be treated,” said Yonatan Seleshi, majoring in urban studies and planning.

Edmundo Norte, dean of Intercultural and International Studies, led a special presentation on compassionate communication. Small groups were formed and given two questions to ponder and then share personal experiences based on race and ethnicity.

“I would like all of us to become more aware and educated about our own cultures first, and then about other cultures. I say this because I feel that the only way to stop others’ ignorance is to educate,” said Sonaly Couvertier, nursing major. “How can you educate someone when you yourself do not know?”

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TRAYVON MARTIN - 17 year-old Martin was shot and killed, leaving an impact on thousands of people, including De Anza students.



HOODS UP! - Alicia Allen, 19, and Marcel Allen, 20, remember Trayvon Martin with homemade signs on April 12.



HOODIE FLASH MOB - Students flip up their hoods and observe a moment of silence in memory of Trayvon Martin.

## DA Voices: Where did you apply... and why?



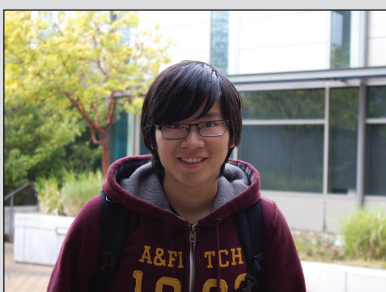
Tanyer Vakili  
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UC Berkeley  
“Because it’s diverse and I can do a double major with no hassle.”



Ben Aldridge  
24

San Jose State University  
“It’s close to the family, so I can keep it simple.”



Phuoc Phan  
20

Rice University (Texas)  
“It has a great engineering program.”



Stephen Fitch  
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New York University  
“I want to go back to New York.”



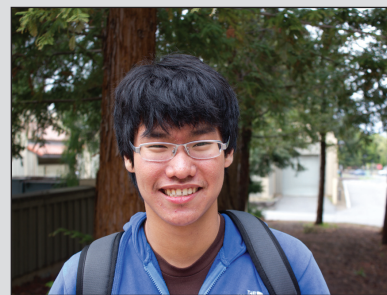
Yi Wu  
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UC San Diego & SJSU  
“UCSD to be close with my friend and SJSU because it’s close to family.”



Mariela Seck  
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San Francisco State  
“It has a great child development program, and I’ve always wanted to live there.”



Lionadi Teja The  
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UC Berkeley  
“UC Berkeley has the major I want.”

# POETRY SLAM

a preview

“Architects of Words: Poetry Slam” will be hosted in the Visual & Performing Arts Center on Friday, April 27 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Admission is free. The slam is hosted by BSU and ICCE, featuring guest poet Poetri and local spoken word contestants. The poetry slam is currently searching for more contestants. If you are interested in participating in the slam contest or for more information contact Kei Fischer, 408-864-5559.