



writers in
the schools

META-FOUR HOUSTON

YOUTH SLAM TEAM

Ranked 5th in the world, Meta-Four Houston youth slam team is an initiative of Writers in the Schools. Meta-Four Houston brings students ages 13-19 to the stage to share stunning words and raw performances. Current and past Meta-Four Houston members have been featured in *Houston Chronicle*, *Texas Monthly*, *TEDxHouston*, and *TEDxYouth*.

ALINDA "ADAM" MAC

Adam is a senior at Humble High School who has been writing since age 11 and competing in poetry slams since age 15. With her sharp insights, she dismantles what it means to be a "Model Minority."

**"My eyes are this small
Because they only
see one thing
and that is victory."**



SEBASTIAN AVILA KATINE

A sophomore at Heights High School, Sebastian is the youngest member of Meta-Four Houston. A dynamic performer, he spotlights the struggles of being a minority and an adoptee in America.

**"I am a Hispanic American child
of an American American man
And no wall can take that away from me."**



JACKSON NEAL

Jackson is senior at Austin High School. He is the 2017 Grand Slam Champion, a 2018 National YoungArts Foundation Winner in Writing and a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts nominee.

**"You have fangs like skyscrapers.
Let them know the city bites back."**



ASHLYN "LYN" STEWART

Born and raised in Houston, Lyn is a senior from Humble High School and a two-time member of Meta-Four Houston. Her profoundly lyrical stage presence captivates audiences.

**"I want to have a daughter one day...
Her syllables will start brush fires
blazing... flames spiraling
high enough to pierce the sun"**



DONALD VAL

Donald graduated from Sharpstown High School and is currently a freshman at Howard University. He has been featured on TEDxYouth and *Texas Monthly*.

**"I, too,
had to fulfill my prophecy,
Not knowing what may be
on the other side of
this ocean of stars..."**



JORDAN "SUNNY" RIDDLE

Known for charming audiences, Sunny's work weaves the musicality of rap with his sly wit. A senior at Cypress Lakes High School, he recently received a full-ride scholarship to, Texas A&M Prairie View.

**"I'll make you
square up first like
there's no
exponential expression.
You see,
my words are my weapon..."**



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