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RENOWNED SLAM POET, MAYDA DEL VALLE, PERFORMS AT THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL

Colorado Springs, Colo. – On February 5, 2010, Mayda del Valle, performed at The Colorado Springs School (CSS) for the Fourth Annual Southern Colorado Student Literary Conference for students in grades 6-12. Known for her spit-fire performances, her talent has graced President Obama at the White House, HBO series *Def Poetry Jam*, and now, The Colorado Springs School. Mayda encouraged students to "use their voice to follow their dreams".



Learning at an early age that being the smallest in the family required her to be the loudest; Mayda harvested her energy to compose and perform slam poetry. She expressed to students that no matter the obstacle, they must follow their dreams and their hearts.

"I'm grateful that Mayda was willing to share her struggles as well as her successes on the path to her goals. Her slam poetry was beautiful and inspiring -- much like her," Alex Hollenbeck, 12th grade, said.

Students from The Colorado Springs School, Boulder Country Day School, Globe Charter Academy, and James Irwin composed and read their own literary works in small groups throughout the day, reflecting upon the style of Mayda del Valle.

About The Colorado Springs School (CSS)

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CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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