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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT NETWORKS

Advancing equity, higher education attainment, and robust financial aid by elevating the diverse voices of Washington's students

CONNECTION

THE ART & POWER OF STORIES TO BUILD COMMUNITY

Storytellers
FOR CHANGE



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**We become
the stories we
tell about
ourselves.**

**- Tony Saldaña
Educator & Artist**

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Proximity—both geographically and experientially—makes it easier to empathize, while distance from the lives of others can breed indifference.

***Why Empathy Matters
Greater Good Magazine, UC Berkley***

**CLOSE YOUR EYES
AN IMAGINE THE
OUTLINE OF A TREE**

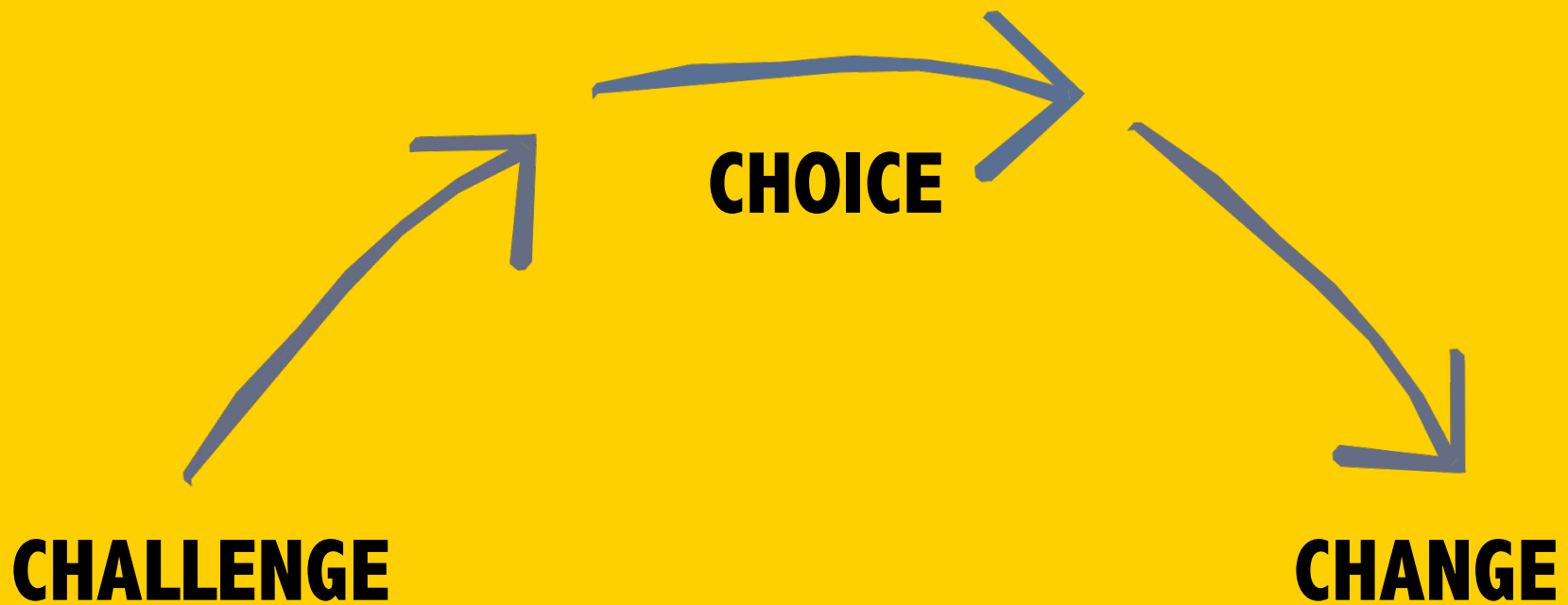
MOVEMENT

PASSIVE
DIVIDED
DRIFT
REACTIVE
INACTION
APATHY
INTERTIA
FEAR



ACTIVE
UNITED
PURPOSE
INITIATIVE
CHANGE
EMPATHY
RESPONSIVE
COURAGE

CRAFTING A NARRATIVE



Adapted from Marshall Ganz's Work.

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ACTIVITY: SHARE A NARRATIVE

Ask yourself, what has brought you to this point in time?
Try to identify a specific choice point and dig deeper by
trying to answer the following questions.

CHALLENGE

Tell us about the challenge you experienced. Why was this a challenge for you?

CHOICE

What did you do with this challenge?
What choices did you have to make?
Why?

CHANGE

What happened as a result of your choices? What did you learn from this experience?

IN LAK'ECH

Tú eres mi otro yo.
You are my other me.
Si te hago daño a ti,
If I do harm to you,
Me hago daño a mi mismo.
I do harm to myself.
Si te amo y respeto,
If I love and respect you,
Me amo y respeto yo.
I love and respect myself.

- Luis Valdez

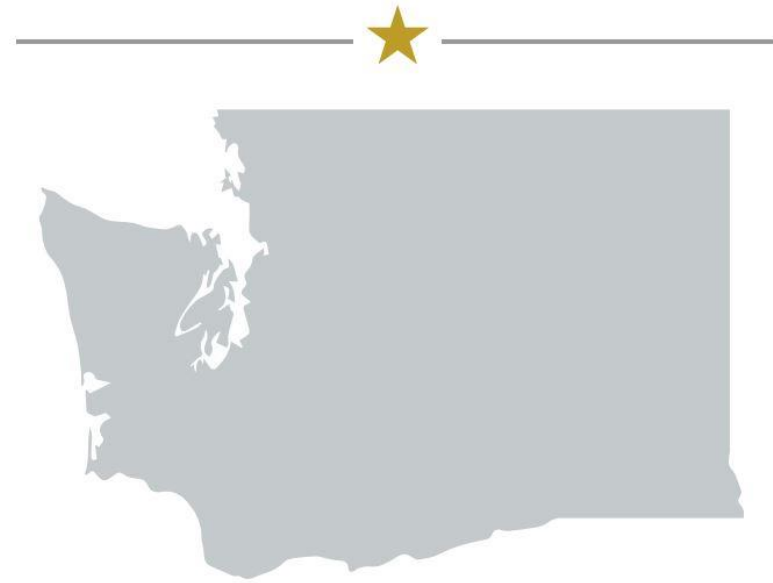




Being human is about being in the right kind of relationships. We actually learn to celebrate our connection, learn to celebrate our love, and expand our circle of human concern. And if we can hold that space big enough, we have the opportunity dismantle the mechanisms of othering, become more compassionate and build a more inclusive society.

- *john a. powell*

The Circle of Human Concern



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