"Changing the World," features real NVC students and reflects the stories of creative survival, symbols of support, and political activism that lead many students to Northwest Vista College.

This project was partially funded by an Arts Engagement in American Communities grant from the National Endowment for the Arts received through a partnership between the Fine Arts and Mexican American Studies Programs at NVC. The goal was to connect art students at the college and high school levels from throughout San Antonio with professional artists to create a community-based campus mural for NVC.

We invited award-winning artist, Adriana M. Garcia, to lead this project and chose the theme of "Access to Education" to honor the various paths that lead students to NVC and the importance of higher education in their lives. Garcia spent time with our campus community, listening to stories and discussing meaningful imagery with students, faculty, and invited attendees to share their own stories through writing, drawing, and conversation.

Garcia painted the work in collaboration with assistant artist on the project, Michelle Love, and with the help of NVC students, community members, and students from neighboring colleges and high schools who graciously volunteered their time and labor to the project. Garcia also invited 77 year-old artist, Roberto Sifuentes, to paint the iconic image of student protesters first printed in the San Antonio Express News. Sifuentes’ wife, Herlinda, participated in the walkouts and graduated from Edgewood in 1968. San Antonio has a rich history of educational activism, part of a long struggle for civil and human rights that continues today.
The NVC Mural Grant Coordinating team includes Dr. Sandra D. Garza, Assistant Professor and Coordinator for the Mexican American Studies Program, Rachael Bower, Instructor and Art Discipline Coordinator, and Tim Jones, Professor of Fine Arts. This work could not have been completed without the indispensable work of Judy Camargo, Director of College and Grants Development, Anthony Quintanilla, Structural Shop Foreman, and Dr. Ric Baser, President at Northwest Vista College.

**Students on the mural**

(From left to right):
- Madeline Herrera
- Carlela L. Edington
- Alexis Romero
- Xadrian Aguirre
- Carol Costa
- Anissa Arevalos Perez
- Luther Wright
- Teresita Sandoval
- Andrew Pobanz
- Jason Martinez

**List of painters:**

- Roberto Sifuentes
- Sofia Canestaro
- Azucena Valdez
- Joelynn "JJ" Garcia
- Alexis Romero
- Ayanna Ike
- Gilbert Zaragoza
- Tim Jones
- Elizabeth Najad
- Marissa Vazquez
- Derek Bedel
- Yemaya Xol
- Annie Jones
- Jason Martinez
- Jeannette Deegosar
- Venezia Garcia
- Valentina Barrera-Ibarra
- Matilda Gonzales
- Kaila Sto Domingo
- Rachael & Sloan Bower
- Yesenia Guzman
- Yetazbel Castillo
- Madeline Herrera
- Sara Canestaro
- Abigail Itucas

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