



**ELEVATE** is a showcase of Black and Brown voices uplifting one another through the art of spoken word. This project shares untold and unseen work centered around local and national historical events, the impact of systemic racism and individuals challenging racist ideologies. Most importantly, **ELEVATE** is the celebration and empowerment of the people. This event was created for the community, by the community. More info: [stgpresents.org/elevate](http://stgpresents.org/elevate)

### AATE CONFERENCE SPOKE WORD ARTISTS:



**Joshua Rhodes**

This is Joshua's first time performing with **ELEVATE**. Participating in school plays sparked his desire for acting at a young age. A participant of the Seattle Rep's Next Narrative Monologue Competition, he advanced to the regional finals in 2023. Locally, Josh has taken acting and theatre classes at the Seattle Children's Theatre and most recently Acts on Stage. An Army brat, Josh grew up around the world and now considers Seattle home. He is a Sophomore at Why Not You Academy and hopes to attend the Howard University Chadwick Boseman School of Fine Arts upon graduating high school in 2025.



**Mikayla Sullivan**

Mikayla is a freshman at Ballard High School. She is no stranger to STG as she has participated in STG's AileyCamp. She is an amateur boxer.