



# The Crown Initiative

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## Steps Taken

- 1) Creating a schedule to map out each of my events.
- 2) Planning and executing sessions and workshops at Africano
- 3) Painting a canvas representing the beauty of hair diversity.
- 4) Reaching out to students on and off campus to sign the collective canvas and learn more about the C.R.O.W.N Act together

## Personal Lessons and Experiences

- 1) Connecting with community members builds cultural knowledge and awareness on issues that are important.
  - 2) Trusting the vision that you have for yourself. Reimagining this project and the outcome encouraging others to do this as well.
- Piggy Bank Activity
  - Colin Kaepernick Film Screening
  - Collective Canvas in ICC



## Overview

The Crown Initiative is a project that emphasizes the importance of combating hair discrimination and spreading knowledge about the importance of the C.R.O.W.N Act.

## Community Partner

Africano a non-profit dedicated to empowering African youth and immigrants through workshops and cultural activities was my community partner and we did different workshops exploring hair care, finance, and combating hair discrimination in schools.

## Moments of Gratefulness and Thanks

Thank you to the Rich/Collins Family, Africano, Juliet, Ivy, Department of Student Engagement, Athletes of Color, Many Academic Departments.

"Don't Touch My Hair"-Solange

## Photos



## Sustainability Plan

This project will continue into another exhibit to be presented next February 2024 and as research and in-person interactions that influence my Senior Thesis.