

**MURALS DC 2010
DESIGN PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY JOEL BERGNER
FOR BRUCE MONROE SITE (WARD 1)**

Both designs reflect the theme of the summer youth program based in Roosevelt High School, which is "Civic Engagement." The designs reflect the goal of the program, which is to get youth involved in uplifting their community and cultivating a peaceful, positive environment. All the imagery used in the designs, as well as the quote and the color scheme, were created by the youth in the program over a series of 5 Mural Art workshops, in which the 30 participants learned about public art from around the world, brainstormed about what they would like to include in their mural, brought in quotes and voted on their favorite, and sketched their ideas on paper.

**DESIGN #1
"PEACE IS ITS OWN REWARD" 01**



Design #1 begins with the far right side, as the viewer approaches from Georgia Ave. (Columbia Rd. is a one way street, so most viewers will see the right side first). It begins with a dreary scene with wilted flowers, which is quickly brightened with the colorful image of a boy and girl planting crops and watering the plants. This is symbolic of youth cultivating a peaceful, positive community in Pleasant Plains, and turning negativity into positivity through hard work. As one follows the mural to the left, the quote "Peace is its own reward" by Ghandi is prominently displayed. The left side of the mural features youth constructing homes in the neighborhood, symbolizing youth working hard to build and improve their community.

DESIGN #1
"PEACE IS ITS OWN REWARD" 02



Design #2 also begins on the right with negativity, symbolized by a cloudy sky and a blue face looking sad. This scene then transforms into positivity, including bright colors, a radiant sun, and a colorful tree. A boy is shown opening up a cage to allow three doves to go free, symbolizing youth working to create peace and freedom in their community and in society. The quote by Ghandi is included in this design as well, but is smaller and more subtle. On the left side, a young woman is shown in a graduation gown, showing the important role that education plays in uplifting the community. This image is also a nod to nearby Howard University. Next to the graduate is a younger girl, who is looking up at her smiling. This shows how younger kids can be positively influenced by their older siblings and neighbors.