
Black Alumni Collective

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AT ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

SafeZone: Wellbeing Space for All



Safe Zone

Our story:

We remembered our freshmen year being a struggle to find oneself, when it felt like nobody was listening or cared about how you really felt. Now being in a higher class, it seems like the cycle starts all over again, seeing freshmen feel the same way; uncomfortable and unheard. It has become more prevalent during the pandemic, especially for people of color, from the social unrest of Black Lives Matter movement, to feeling a sense of insecurity and anxiety from these sudden changes. This website a safespace for students of color to express themselves by communicating with counselors, students and mentors through chatting.

The Problem

- Taken from a recent survey in St.Stephen's Episcopal school, up to forty percent of the students, and eighty percent of students of color say they don't feel comfortable talking to someone older about their issues directly. This is because they believe most of the people in charge in school are not willing to understand them and their differences of backgrounds.
- Black students who were exposed to Black teachers by third grade were 13% more likely to enroll in college.
- Nearly a quarter of high school students report feeling disconnected from their classmates during the pandemic.
- Adolescents, young children, LGBTQ youth, and children of color may be particularly vulnerable to negative mental health consequences of the pandemic

Sometimes we just need...

a listener

a space

a stress release

Meet SafeZone,

a free Student-designed tool
for BIPOC youth looking for
better mental health



→ **What**

Our service will provide space for students uncomfortable talking to people at their schools a place to express themselves to people ready to listen and empathize with them

→ **Who**

An example of this is Mrs.Garcia's 5th grade class who faced the death of George Floyd and the recent covid outbreaks and needed a space to express their feelings.



The Solution

Target Audience: Our ideal target audience is youth of color 12 and over in independent schools.

Currently, there's a severe lack in resources available to teens and students struggling with their mental health, especially for people of color. In these trying times where we're isolated, we need help more than ever. SafeZone is designed to fill that gap by being a safe haven for youth to unwind and feel listened to.

We know this idea can work because of similar platforms like <https://blatherapy.com/> as well as <https://www.mentoring.org/> have had success with this type of work. Our unique service, however, is through our platform being specific to students of color and our ability to personalize a listener's experience. Whether they need a teacher/counselor, peer, or friend to speak with, SafeZone is a flexible platform that provides this help. We also offer mental relaxation and virtual spaces for students to relax in.



SafeZone

Safe Zone is a safe platform for students of color to express themselves by communicating with counselors, students and mentors through chatting. An addition could be having videos which induce meditation and serenity.

We have a prototype of SafeZone in the link below:

<https://www.safezone.com/academic/wellbeing>

Chatroom Access:

<https://sites.google.com/saes.org/safezone/home?authu>

— Funding

Donations: We aspire to be a non-profit organization so that our services are accessible to as many people as possible.

We look for other ways to be funded pitching our ideas to school, to add it as part of their resources in showing more inclusivity while supporting local BIPOC artists.



Costs: \$2,500
We decided to breakdown our costs between:

- Website maintenance
- Advertisements
- Workshops

In the long run..

By creating our own cryptocurrency, supported by Racial Justice Activists as well as the BIPOC community, SafeZone will be able to auto finance itself in the long term.

SafeZoneCrypto.com

SZCYTO coin



collection of NFT's donated by artists that support the Racial Justice movement will be auctioned to fund SafeZone in the Ethereum Blockchain.



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