BUTTERFLY PROJECT

Background
In 2020, J. Paul Taylor Academy middle schoolers worked with the New Mexico State University College Assistance Migrant Program (NMSU CAMP) Student Council leaders and advisors to explore the realities of farmworkers in our community. CAMP leaders created opportunities for artistic exploration, inviting JPTA students to cultivate empathy, deepen their understanding of agricultural labor, and develop respect for farmworkers and the important work they do.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students were unable to complete the art exhibit.

The last component of the exhibit was to write a message inside a butterfly postcard. The Monarch Butterfly is widely used by scholars, activists, and groups as a symbol for immigrants and their rights. The butterfly represents the natural flow of migration, which is a common experience of many migrant farmworkers.

How to get involved
Help us complete this project by writing a message of hope and solidarity, or a simple shout-out, to a farmworker inside a butterfly postcard template.

Option 1: Instructions
1. Print a butterfly template OR draw your own butterfly outline on a sheet of paper or cardstock.
2. Draw, color, and design one side of your butterfly.
3. On the other side, write a message of hope, solidarity, or a simple thank you to a farmworker.
4. Sign your name and send it via email to camp@nmsu.edu or mail to NMSU CAMP at the address below.

Option 2: Instructions
1. Follow this link https://forms.gle/VkzSXxRjrbUkPXLS8 to write a message of hope, solidarity, or a simple thank you to a farmworker and help design your butterfly postcard.
2. A CAMP Student Leader will print, color, design, and write your personal message on a butterfly postcard.
3. Once completed a CAMP Student Leader will send you an image of your butterfly postcard to your personal email address.

Help us complete this project by sharing your butterfly with us! #HonoringFarmworkers #JPaulTaylor #NMSUCAMP #FarmworkerAwareness #NMSU