G3-108A
Tim King – Education for the Underserved

Image Credit: Urban Prep Academies

G3-108B
Raising Expectations & Aiming for College
Founder & CEO of Urban Prep Academies, Tim King developed a network of public college-prep boys’ schools in Chicago, including the nation’s first all-male charter high school. Urban Prep prepares African-American young men for success in college and in life. From 2010-2016, 100% of graduating seniors were admitted to four-year colleges or universities.

Image Credit: Urban Prep Academies

G3-108C
If I don't take what I've learned and transfer those experiences, I am failing as a human being and an African-American man.
– Tim King

G3-109A
Leila Janah – Connecting the Poor to Work Through Technology

Image Credit: Samasource, Inc

G3-109B
Combatting Global Poverty in the 21st Century
After spending time in Africa, Leila Janah was inspired to create Samasource, a company that helps the poorest people in the developing world gain digital or computer skills and connects them to work on the Internet. Samasource has helped over 8,000 people gain employment since 2008.
Don’t underestimate the ripple effect of what you do. These kinds of actions ... have toppled empires.
– Leila Janah

Finding Justice for the Most Vulnerable
After being physically and mentally tortured for 18 months in his native Argentina for representing political activists, Juan Mendez turned his legal skills to finding justice for torture victims. A leading human rights lawyer and the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Mendez investigates and documents torture globally.

[Torture] doesn’t go away and, at some point, you don’t want it to go away because you want it to be a source of commitment to working on human rights...
– Juan Mendez

Billie Jean King – Champion for Equality in Sports, Society, and the Workplace

Fighting for Equal Pay, Inclusion, and Acceptance
Billie Jean King is a former World No. 1 ranked professional tennis player, winning 39 Grand Slam titles. An advocate for gender equality, she helped form the Women’s Tennis Association and successfully pressured the U.S. Open to provide equal prize money to both men and women.

Image Credit: Photo by Andrew Coppa/ Courtesy of Atria Senior Living

I wanted to use sports for social change.
– Billie Jean King

Ma Jun – A Call to Protect Precious Water

Promoting Transparency about Pollution in China
Witnessing China’s growing pollution crisis as an investigative journalist inspired Ma Jun to write China’s Water Crisis, the first major book on this subject. He made corporate environmental violations transparent to Chinese citizens and involved them in monitoring these abuses.

We firmly believe the environmental issues cannot be addressed without extensive public participation, but people need to be informed before they can get involved.
– Ma Jun

Wangari Maathai – Sustainable Practices Equal Peace

Image Credit: Green Belt Movement, Nairobi, Kenya
G3-113B
Supporting Rights through Conservation
Wangari Maathai was a Kenyan environmentalist, women’s rights advocate, and author. She founded the Green Belt Movement, which focuses on planting trees to support the environment and creating jobs for women. In 2004, she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for her “contributions to sustainable development, democracy, and peace.”

Image Credit: Green Belt Movement, Nairobi, Kenya

G3-113C
It is the people who must save the environment. It is the people who must make their leaders change. And we cannot be intimidated. So we must stand up for what we believe in.
– Wangari Maathai

G3-114A
Jan Karski – Risking his Life to Save Humanity

Image Credit: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Jan Karski

G3-114B
Reporting the Crime of Genocide
Jan Karski was a Roman Catholic and Polish resistance member during WWII who risked his life by sneaking into the Warsaw Ghetto and a transit camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Karski reported on the Nazi atrocities he witnessed to political leaders around the world, none of whom acted upon his intelligence.

Image Credit: Hoover Institution Archives

G3-114C
My faith tells me the second Original Sin has been committed by humanity. This sin will haunt humanity to the end of time. And I want it to be so.
– Jan Karski
G3-115A
Jane Addams – A True Social Reformer

Image Credit: Chicago History Museum: DN-0064813

G3-115B
Uplifting The Needy in a Progressive Era
American reformer Jane Addams co-founded the social settlement Hull-House to educate the poor and “nurture their spiritual, or thinking life.” She provided clean, safe living spaces, job training, and other services. She lobbied for laws to improve public health, promote safety, and ensure equal rights for all.

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G3-115C
The good we seek for ourselves is uncertain until it is secure for all of us.
– Jane Addams

G3-116A
Harvey Milk – Hope for Ending Bigotry

Image Credit: San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library

G3-116B
Committing to Equality without Hate
The first openly gay politician elected to public office in California, Harvey Milk supported a diverse range of human rights and community issues: gay, environmental and labor rights, and neighborhood relationship-building. Though his life was cut tragically short by an assassin’s bullet, his hard work and accomplishments showed what one person can accomplish.

Image Credit: Daniel Nicoletta

G3-116C
It takes no compromise to give people their rights...
— Harvey Milk
Xiuhtezcatl Martinez – An Indigenous Warrior Fighting for the Environment

Image Credit: Photo by Jay F., courtesy of Earth Guardians

Protecting the Earth for Future Generations

Xiuhtezcatl Martinez believes that youth have the power and responsibility to change the world and protect the earth, air, and water. As youth director of Earth Guardians, a group of activists, artists, and musicians who are committed to protecting the earth, Martinez is one of 21 plaintiffs suing the U.S. federal government for the right to a cleaner planet.

Image Credit: Photo by Vanessa Black, courtesy of Earth Guardians

We need you to take action. We are all indigenous to this earth.

– Xiuhtezcatl Martinez

Andrew Youn – A Business Solution where Farmers are the Answer

Image Credit: Hailey Tucker/One Acre Fund

Serving Farming Families and Communities in Africa

After seeing farming families go hungry in Africa, Andrew Youn started the One Acre Fund in Kenya to help small farmers increase their crops and their profits. When farmers increase their harvests, they produce surplus food and play a key role in ending hunger and poverty for themselves and for their communities.

Image Credit: Hailey Tucker/One Acre Fund

Hunger and extreme poverty curb human potential in every possible way. We see ourselves as a thinking, feeling and moral human race, but until we solve these problems for all of our members, we fail that standard, because every person on this planet matters.

– Andrew Youn
Malala Yousafzai – The Girl Who Fought to Learn

Image Credit: Southbank Centre/Flickr

Empowering Girls through Education

In her native Pakistan, Malala was shot by the Taliban for speaking out against their ban on female education. She drew global attention to the issue of universal education, which helped lead to Pakistan’s first Right to Free and Compulsory Education Bill.

Image Credit: Muhammed Muheisen/AP Photo

I said to myself, ‘Malala, you must be brave. You must not be afraid of anyone. You are only trying to get an education. You are not committing a crime.’

— Malala Yousafzai
Eunice Kennedy Shriver – A Message of Hope and Victory

Image Credit: Harold Valentine/AP Photo

Advocating for People with Disabilities

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of President John F. Kennedy and Senators Robert and Edward Kennedy, founded Camp Shriver in 1962, which evolved into the Special Olympics in 1968, providing sports training and competition for people with intellectual disabilities. She was an outspoken advocate for people with intellectual disabilities and children's health issues.

Image Credit: Photograph by Richard Corman

You are the stars and the world is watching you. By your presence, you send a message to every village, every city, every nation – a message of hope, a message of victory.
– Eunice Kennedy Shriver

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise – A Lifelong Commitment to Social Justice

Image Credit: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Library of Congress

Speaking out with Faith

Rabbi Wise was a prominent American Reform rabbi and leader and president of both the American and World Jewish Congresses. He was a vocal opponent of Nazism and advocated for greater admission of Jewish refugees to the U.S. and Palestine before WWII. Wise had a lifelong commitment to social justice and equal rights and was one of the founders of the NAACP.

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What is happening in Germany today may happen tomorrow in any other land on earth, unless it is challenged and rebuked.
– Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

G3-122A
Ruby Bridges – The Right to an Equal Education

Image Credit: Bettmann

G3-122B
Overcoming Obstacles in Education
In 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges became the first African American to integrate a white public school in New Orleans. She was escorted inside the school by U.S. marshals due to violent mobs. Later in life, Bridges became a civil rights advocate.

Image Credit: Tina Fineberg/ AP Photo

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When you start a new trail equipped with courage, strength, and conviction, the only thing that can stop you is you.
— Ruby Bridges

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G3-125A
Friedl Dicker-Brandeis – Creativity in the Midst of War

Image Credit: Jewish Museum Prague

G3-125B
Transcending Misery through Art
Friedl Dicker-Brandeis was an Austrian artist and educator who was murdered by the Nazis at Auschwitz-Birkenau. A gifted painter, she taught art to children in the Theresienstadt ghetto-concentration camp to provide an atmosphere of hope, creativity, and maternal warmth in the midst of daily trauma.

Image Credit: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Michele Vishny
[My purpose was to] unlock and preserve for all the creative spirit as a source of energy to stimulate fantasy and imagination and strengthen children’s ability to judge, appreciate, observe, [and] endure...
– Friedl Dicker-Brandeis

G3-126A
Raj Panjabi – Providing Healthcare Where There is None

Image Credit: Last Mile Health

G3-126B
Training Healthcare Workers to Treat Their Neighbors
Dr. Raj Panjabi, a refugee from the Liberian civil war, co-founded Last Mile Health in 2007 to provide treatment to the sick in remote regions of Liberia - without doctors. The organization partners with the Liberian government to train healthcare workers who fight diseases including malaria, pneumonia, and Ebola. In 2017, Panjabi was awarded the TED Prize.

Image Credit: Last Mile Health

G3-126C
Illness has been universal for the entire length of human history — but universal access to care has not been... We have the chance to end that inequality.
– Raj Panjabi

G3-127A
Ralph Metcalfe – From Olympic Athlete to Political Conscience

Image Credit: Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Marquette University Libraries

G3-127B
Running Against Racism
Ralph Metcalfe competed in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, winning a silver and a gold medal in track, which demonstrated to his Nazi hosts that race does not define talent and greatness. In 1970, he went into politics, winning a seat in Congress from Illinois. He co-founded the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971, an organization representing African-American members of the U.S. Congress.

Image Credit: Bettmann

G3-127C
I used to be called the world's fastest human - I have never run from a fight.
G3-128A
Premal Shah – New Approaches to Philanthropy

Image Credit: Kiva Archives

G3-128B
Rethinking Ways to Alleviate Poverty
Premal Shah co-founded Kiva in 2005, with a mission to relieve global poverty by connecting individuals who lend—rather than donate—small amounts of money to aspiring small business owners in the developing world. By receiving loans for as little as $25, recipients have built successful businesses, like selling snacks or homemade drinks, and have created better lives for themselves and their families.

Image Credit: Kiva Archives

G3-128C
If everything you do, you do for yourself, then when you die it all disappears. If everything you do, you do for others, it all lives on.
– Premal Shah

G3-129A
Jack Andraka – A Teenager Helps the Early Detection of Cancer

Image Credit: James Duncan Davidson/ TED/ Flickr

G3-129B
Fighting Diseases against All Odds
15-year-old high school sophomore Jack Andraka was deeply affected when a family friend died of pancreatic cancer. In his biology class, he invented an award-winning and inexpensive early detection test for pancreatic, ovarian, and lung cancers. Now a student at Stanford, he speaks to audiences around the world about his research.
You could be changing the world. So if a 15-year-old who didn’t even know what a pancreas was could find a new way to detect pancreatic cancer, just imagine what you could do.
– Jack Andraka

Gloria Steinem – Organizer for Equality and Justice

As a lifelong activist, organizer, and champion of feminism, Gloria Steinem supports issues related to the achievement of equality, regardless of gender. She has been a leading feminist voice in the U.S. and globally for over five decades, as well as an advocate for children’s and LGBT rights.

Feminism has never been about getting a job for one woman. It’s about making life more fair for women everywhere. It’s not about a piece of the existing pie; there are too many of us for that. It’s about baking a new pie.
– Gloria Steinem

Henry Cervantes teaches nonviolent strategies to youth living in Chicago’s most violent neighborhoods, and mentors the next generation of community leaders through The Peace Exchange. Through his work, students bring nonviolent solutions to international conflicts to their home communities.
We know that violence never has the last word – that somehow survival and life always have the upper hand.
— Henry Cervantes

George Clooney – Humanitarian Principles at Work

Targeting the Perpetrators of Genocide

George Clooney is deeply committed to preventing genocide. He co-founded Satellite Sentinel, which tracks and documents genocidal activity in Sudan and South Sudan by satellite, and is a leader of Not on Our Watch, which supports research and advocacy to promote global human rights. Both organizations bring attention to crimes against humanity and let perpetrators know that “the world is watching.”

If we turn our heads and look away and hope that it [genocide] will all disappear then they will - all of them, an entire generation of people. And we will have only history left to judge us.
— George Clooney

Marley Dias – Finding Role Models in Literature

Collecting Books with a Purpose

Frustrated that her schoolbooks had no characters with which she could identify, Dias founded the #1000BlackGirlBooks campaign to find books featuring black females. She surpassed her goal of 1,000 books and continues her advocacy by creating book clubs and encouraging school districts to adjust their reading lists to reflect our nation’s diversity.
If books are not diverse, then kids will not learn about the experiences of other members in their community.
— Marley Dias

Darlene Arviso – Water Lady

Delivering Water Where None Exists
Darlene Arviso drives a truck and delivers water five days a week to Native American communities in New Mexico without running water or toilets. The constant water shortage compromises health, happiness, and economic security in the region. Arviso’s work with the Navajo Water Project brings clean water to families, allowing them to remain in their communities.

I can’t just give water and leave. I have to ask them if they’re doing okay. Some people don’t have anybody to lean on... they say, ‘we’re depending on you.’ I like my job and I like what I’m doing because I’m helping my people.
— Darlene Arviso

Adam Braun – The Promise of a Pencil
Increasing Access to Education
When Adam Braun asked a boy begging in India what he wanted most, that boy responded, “A pencil.” That encounter inspired Braun’s founding Pencils for Promise, an organization that builds schools and increases literacy in the developing world.

We have every resource necessary to provide access to education for every child on the planet. We just need to commit to enabling it.
— Adam Braun

Dr. Victor Pineda – The World Enabled
Victor Pineda helped draft the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and launched multiple projects to promote the rights and dignities of people with disabilities, particularly young people. He wrote a version of the Convention for children, It’s About Ability, to motivate them to self-advocate, claim their rights, and challenge discrimination.

It’s about ability... hopefully I can inspire other kids with this book to understand all the things that they can do and to help them understand the promises that have been given to them.
— Dr. Victor Pineda

John Lewis – Lifelong Civil Rights Advocate
Encouraging Others to Speak Up
The son of a sharecropper, John Lewis joined and then led the U.S. civil rights movement. He was one of the leaders of the 1963 March on Washington for civil rights and risked his life marching for equal rights on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. As a long-term venerated U.S. Congressman, Lewis continues to support and advocate on behalf of civil rights in the United States.

If you see something that’s not right, not fair, not just, do something about it. ... Have the backbone to get in the way.
– John Lewis

Carli Lloyd - Equal Pay in Sports
Carli Lloyd is a world champion U.S. Soccer player and Olympic gold medalist, but she and her teammates were paid a fraction of what the U.S. men’s team received for playing the same sport. In 2015, she and four teammates filed a wage-discrimination complaint against U.S. Soccer, demanding equal pay and benefits for female players.

If I’ve learned anything in my career, it’s that nothing worthwhile in life comes easy.
– Carli Lloyd
Fighting for Her People
In the Jewish resistance in Nazi-occupied Poland, Zivia Lubetkin risked her life to fight against the Nazis. She helped lead a small band of Jews to hold off Nazi deportations for nearly a month in the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. She survived and immigrated to Mandate Palestine, where she helped found a kibbutz and the Ghetto Fighters’ House Museum.

We were able to endure the life in the ghetto because we knew that we were a collective, a movement... This was the source of our strength to live.
— Zivia Lubetkin