HOW DOES WATER CONNECT US??
It helps us to be healthier.

I didn't like the taste of the ocean.
It's a way to travel.

We cry water.

Does water affect us?

It's the structure of life.

First time on a boat was last summer.

It's a way for friends and family to connect.

Almost drowning at the Wisconsin Dells.
Be water my friend.

NICK!
always adapting.

GROUNDWORK
Milwaukee

Water quality
Water scarcity

Climate Change

infrastructure
storm water management
quality drinking water
pollution of our water resources
SALTY CRACKER CHALLENGE

= 1 gallon

2010

NESTLÉ WATERS
TRUE SKOOL Spring Orientation

Week 1 - Start!
Week 2 - Milwaukee Groundwork Commons
Week 3 - Milwaukee Water Commons
Week 4 - Harbor District
Week 5 - Dialogue
Week 6 - Change Final Projects
Week 7 - Share Final Projects
Week 8 - You're Experts!!

Opportunity

Team

Dream

SMTURE

Design

Awareness

4 Steps

GOOD

Share with...

Milwaukee Water Commons
Milwaukee Groundwork Commons
Harbor District
Hansen bodies

Beautiful

Space

10 week

Break Barriers

Halt!!

Intros

Welcome! Hello!

Screening Panel
WEEK 1 - MONDAY

MAKE ART
OCEAN SPACE
WE ARE WATER
WATER HAS MEMORY
FUND H2O

STORIES
OPPORTUNITY
CONVERSATIONS
WHAT'S YOUR STORY?
ISATY!

Ready. Set. CREATE.

SHARE Your STORY
Finish COMIC Evolve
Participate

SHARE From Monday & Tuesday to info@true-skool.org

Comicon
LEAD
HOMES
GREAT LAKES DAY 2021

WEEK 1
Week 2

Tuesday

- Plastic Milwaukee Water Commons
- Lost Decentralize
- Practice local govt important too
- Whitening, important too
- Rivers
- Go chasing lakes too
- Waterfalls used too
- "on a boat"
- New Opportunities
- Connect
- Have FUN! US?

Milwaukee is KNOWN for...

WAYS we can HELP

- Water Commons
- Environmental Justice (Speak up)
- Love?
- Collective IMPACT
- Community Engagement
- School
- Prevent 4Rs
- Resist Reform Reimagine

Week 2

Monday

MKE raise Your Seat @ the TABLE

You are Welcome

Native American WATER Protectors

How deep is your LOVE?
HARBOR DISTRICT Week 4 Monday

Week 4-Tuesday

What is your project?

Tomorrow

Get

Pre-college Scholarship

Soundtrap

Intern App

MAD
WEEK 5 - Tuesday!

What instrument are you?

Week 5

Tomorrow

Monday!

HANSON DODGE

opportunities

Blue Green Jobs

SOUNDTRAP

send work

info@trueskool.org

breakout

HANSON DODGE

USE FOR your PROJECT

Mom?

7 in 1

Start

HANSON DODGE

 peripherals

idea

ADs

TV

Stories

How would solve it?
WATER

Come to

on Thu.

Deadline:

TEAM 1

wins

See you
tomorrow!

WEEK 8
TUESDAY
Story Popcorn

2 Truths Lie

WEEK 9
TUESDAY
"On a Boat" (Poem)

On a boat surrounded by water,
Fishing with a rod, next to a man,
Who I respect like my own father.

My grandpa was really cool,
Catching fish and shells,
Not scared of snakes or dogs,
That would usually hiss and bark.

Surrounded by water, on a boat,
Cip grilled, you were the goat.

By: Emelly
on a boat

fin

By: Nefedov's
Tueschool Week 2

Milwaukee Water Commons

Environmental Justice

PROGRAM AREAS:
- Water school
- We are water
- Water City 3.0

Agenda:

- 6 initiatives:
  - Blue economy jobs
  - Water quality
  - Drinking water
  - Arts + culture
  - Education and recreation
  - Green infrastructure
- Resist
- Reform
- Re-create
- Re-imagine

SAVING WATER
1. Shorter showers
2. No leaving on when done
3. Reusing rainwater (rainbarrels)
4. Cleaning up outside
5. Reusable utensils
6. Plastic is not getting recycled

2/2: Overload on seakers
3: Save your guppies

MAHOLAI

Goes to the Beach

What Day is nice?
WATER IS LIFE
A few goals of our design project include building curiosity, agency and opportunities for youth and young adult creatives to pursue interpersonal development and education related to design as an innovative problem solving skill by first identifying how we are all positively and negatively impacted by the different points of interest around our great lakes and how it affects us as local residents.

High School students from disinvested neighborhoods and schools will have access to industry standard software demos, tech support art supplies and mentorship from university instructors and support.
Each participant created visual, digital or performance art based on their personal stories that will be told.

Some of the learned objectives included:

Learning how water impacts our physical health

Learn how different communities have different relationships with water

Learn about different initiatives that targeted toward water quality, conservation, and access impact them and their communities

Learn how to have a positive impact on their community through art

Learn how to use art as a tool to communicate one’s thoughts and feelings

Learn how water and art are connectors of people regardless of class, color, gender sexuality, religion or any other identity factors
Environmentalism is a consistent topic amongst the TRUESkool family. Understanding and respecting the world we have been graced to live in is always a moral standpoint we will stand by. One way in which we express our gratitude is through our “How does water connect us?” project. During this time, each TRUESkool individual answers the previous prompt through their own personal perspective via artistic expression.

Music, videography, and photography are a few ways in which participants choose to convey their understandings of our connection to water. Personally, this project has helped me grow as an activist and artist. Usually my activism is based in the ongoing racial injustice of BIPOC, however I have now grown to expand upon that by educating myself more on environmentalist topics.

On the other hand, I’ve grown to further appreciate education through music. I usually don’t hear many songs touching on conservation which is why I thought it would be great for me to create my song “FLOODS”.

“FLOODS” touches on the exploitation and abuse of our water systems by comparing water to human emotion. In all, this experience has been a progressive and entertaining one.

You can listen to “FLOODS” here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHYpCH1vZ9Y
Zoë Darling
Adjunct Associate Professor
First Year Experience / New Studio Practice

“Zoe, Brian and the whole MIAD team that popped in were great to have as support for our virtual session. We all shared a lot and I appreciate the MIAD staff for going the extra mile, participating and demonstrating to make sure the students connected the conversations and concepts to their creations.”

- Fidel V. (TRUE Skool, Co Director)
TRUE Skool and MIAD have worked together for many years supporting local High School youth and MIAD college attendees as they build community and develop arts and culture skills through our collaborative projects and public facing engagements.

This project will strengthen the creative pipeline for area youth, family, business and environmental intersection by using art as a tool to relay messaging of collective impact and relational stories around water. Our project amplifies two creative fixtures that are located on the Milwaukee Riverwalk.

The interest and investment into deeper water education and environmental justice translated through cultural, intergenerational voice, art and solution based experiences is more important now than ever.

TRUE Skool and MIAD and our project network partners such as Milwaukee Water Commons see this project also as a way to further introduce by demonstrating the globally recognized resources and expertise that we are so fortunate to have in our city.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE:

How Does Water Connect Us?

Project Partners:

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

Milwaukee Water Commons

School of Freshwater Science + Harbor District

Hanson & Dodge

Spring 2021 HDWCU Playlist
(Curated by Participants staff & Students)

Mick Jenkins-Dehydration
TLC-Waterfall
Sea of Love-Cat Power
Shakira-WAKA WAKA
Agoriphobic-Corpse
Mick Jenkins-The Waters
Sergio Valentino-Drive Forever
Calvin Harris-How deep is your love
Wreck of the-Edmund Fitzgerald
Thinking-Jane’s Addiction
Mos Def-New World Water
The Black Keys-Walk Across The Water
Jamila Woods-LSD
Mr. Eazi-Pour Me Water
Eminem-Walk on Water
Boyz II Men-Water Runs Dry
Smoke City-Flying Away (music video)
Moana-How Far Ill Go
Jimmy Hendrix-Waterfall
Beautiful creatures from rio 2
Jay Electronica-Letter to Fallon
Bryan Sanon-Just Water