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Enrique on Innovation and How Genetics Might Change the World

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[**Enrique**]: I work in Boyle Heights, California for the i.am Angel Foundation, which is will.i.am's philanthropic organization. And what we're doing is transforming Boyle Heights.

Our vision this year is to transform America. And as we move forward, we really want to come up with solutions for the future to transform the world.

And we're looking at technology to, to provide those solutions and, more specifically, STEAM, STEM education, science, technology, engineering and math; but because of will.i.am, the arts. And really figuring out how can we fuse this to not only engage students but for them to, to innovate.

I come from a community where 32 gangs were created. So, the creativity is there. But who's recruiting them? Gangs. If we get kids to innovate, now you got inventors recruiting them. And these kids, they want to be a part of movements.

I talk to kids every day, and they have super cool concepts. And if they're going to transform communities that they live in, they have to innovate.

We need to narrow that, that gap of knowledge. I would hate for a community that I work in, that's low income, underserved and that gap to keep widening, what's happening in science and specifically genetics. And they're over here and policies are being made that's going to affect them.

My students face diseases that are preventable. Diabetes. You know, they live in a food desert. And if they can really see that there's solutions out there. Or there's research happening. And you don't have to wait to get it; you can be a part of that solution.

So, I want them to be on the forefront of that. And so I'm here because I want them to see or, or know that genetics is here. You got brilliant scientists doing things like bringing the wooly mammoth back.

When I go back to Boyle Heights, when I go home to Los Angeles, I'm going to tell every student. Yeah, multimedia, social media.

Genetics is a futuristic concept. Dig in.