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**KQED Public Radio Airs Youth ‘*Perspectives*’ about Immigration**

**Sunday, July 1 at 4:30 pm and Wednesday, July 4 at 6:30pm**

**KQED 88.5 FM San Francisco and 89.3 FM Sacramento**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27, 2007 – High school students tackle immigration through audio essays in a special edition of *Perspectives* from KQED Public Radio ([www.kqed.org/radio](http://www.kqed.org/radio)) on Sunday, July 1 at 4:30 pm, and Wednesday, July 4 at 6:30pm.

KQED invited Northern Californian students in the ninth to twelfth grades to submit essays about how immigration has affected them, their family, or their friends. The 30-minute essay compilation includes opinion pieces, serious commentaries, and funny stories that reflect the students’ personal experiences with immigration and what it means to them. Entries were judged on writing style and originality, and the winners recorded their essays in their own voices at the KQED studios.

“Young people don’t often have the opportunity to have their voices heard,” said Raul Ramirez, director of news and public affairs for KQED Public Radio. “KQED is committed to reporting news and information from all Northern Californian communities and wanted to provide a medium in which young people could express their thoughts and share their stories.”

The winners of *Perspectives*’ 2007 youth contest are:

- “Church and Community” by Autumn, age 18, San Francisco
- “Immigration” by Erick, age 16, Atherton
- “My Journey to America” by Jimena, age 17, San Mateo
- “That’s Why I Came to America” by Penisimani, age 16, Atherton
- “My First Experience at the Dance Party” by Tatsuhiko, age 15, Atherton
- “Escaping Violence. Discovering Violence” by Torbertha, age 17, Oakland

The special edition of *Perspectives* will be available for online streaming at [www.kqed.org/perspectives](http://www.kqed.org/perspectives) after its broadcast on July 2.

**About *Perspectives***

*Perspectives* is KQED Public Radio's series of daily commentaries by our listeners. Essays cover a broad range of social and political issues, cultural observations and personal experiences. We strive to present fresh and insightful commentary that give our listeners a reason to pause, to think, to laugh or to consider life from the many points of view that make up our community. *Perspectives* airs weekdays on KQED 88.5 FM San Francisco and 89.3 FM Sacramento, after local newscasts, at 6:07am and 7:37am, and repeats at 11:33pm.

**About KQED Immigration in Focus**

KQED’s Immigration in Focus ([www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus](http://www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus)) is a collection of thought-provoking programs, special reports and events about the complex issues surrounding immigration. With California at the center of the immigration debate, KQED recognizes the need for accurate, balanced information and provides a platform for productive and inclusive dialogue from all perspectives. Support for Immigration in Focus is generously provided by the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund ([www.haasjr.org](http://www.haasjr.org)).

**About KQED**

KQED Public Broadcasting ([www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org)) is a service of Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB). KQED Public Television 9, one of the nation's most-watched public television stations during primetime, is the producer of local and national series such as Quest; Check, Please! Bay Area; Jacques Pepin: Fast Food My Way; and Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures. KQED's digital television channels include KQED HD, KQED Encore, KQED World, KQED Life and KQED Kids, and are available 24/7 on Comcast. KQED Public Radio, home of Forum with Michael Krasny, Pacific Time, and The California Report, is the most-listened-to public radio station in the nation with an award-winning news and public affairs program service (88.5 FM in San Francisco and 89.3 FM in Sacramento). KQED Education Network brings the impact of KQED to thousands of teachers, students, parents and the general public through workshops, community screenings and multimedia resources. KQED Interactive offers video and audio podcasts and live radio stream at [www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org), featuring unique content on one of the most-visited station sites in public broadcasting.

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