Who we are:
Founded in 2008, Podium RVA empowers youth self-advocacy and education through effective communication. By hosting weekly writing workshops, producing youth publications and showcases, and in our teen professional development programs, Podium works towards a Greater Richmond where all children have equitable opportunities to define and build plans for their future success.

Programs:
• For youth ages 11 - 14: The Teen Scene, Loving Our Languages, Weekly Word, Prep Your Next Step, and The STEAM Machine.
• For youth ages 14 - 20: Power of the Pen, Loving Our Languages, the Writing Mentorship Project, and Teen Professional Conference.

Topics Covered
• Creative prose and story-telling
• Poetry and spoken word
• Journalism and mass communications
• Community justice and self-advocacy
• Science fiction, innovation, & future planning
• Debate and expository writing
• Supporting English language learners
• Peer mentorship
• Financial literacy
• Preparing for high school
• Preparing for college and career

In Podium programs, youth
1. Build self-confidence, critical thinking skills, and academic achievement
2. Use writing and communication as tools for personal wellness and growth
3. Create a plan for high school, college, and career

Contact us!
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“Writing with Podium helps me communicate with clarity while being more productive and focused.”
– Taliya, Armstrong High School