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EYE-POPPING PUBLIC ART MURALS INSPIRE SAN DIEGO STUDENTS TO ASPIRE TO HIGHER GRADUATION DEGREES

SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- San Diego City Council President Tony Young, MTS Chairman Harry Mathis, educator Ray Kinne and a team of art students recently unveiled a larger-than-life mural at the 47th Street Trolley Station in the Chollas View neighborhood of San Diego. It's all part of a public awareness and education campaign dubbed "You Can Do It!" that encourages local students and adults to graduate from high school, enroll in college and pursue graduate degrees.

At a noon-time celebration on June 28 the City leaders, MTS officials and volunteer artists put the finishing touches on Trolley Station artwork – one of a dozen large-scale photographic installations depicting recent graduates that are now going up on walls of public facilities and private buildings throughout southeastern San Diego, including Encanto Boys & Girls Clubs, Skyline Hills Recreation Center, Paradise Hills Library and Food Land Supermarkets.

"We are hoping to send a big message to local students to stay in school and aspire to graduation degrees," said Council President Young.

According to MTS Chairman Mathis, "The 'You Can Do It' mural is another example of how Council President Young has found a way to beautify a Trolley Station and call attention to the importance of education to the community. The mural will be an inspiration for the more than 2,000 people who go to and from the 47th Street Trolley Station each day."

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