
BYTE May Highlights

May has come and gone, check out what we've been up to! Summer is revving up here at BYTE and we are glad to share our fun plans with you! This month we are updating you on our binational arts council and we're also highlighting BYTE's Art Director, Aissa Huerta, whose work has strengthened our year-round programs. This issue also highlights the BYTE Vista Fellowship, which is a great opportunity for exceptional grad and undergrad students!

Thank you for continuing to make our work possible and for supporting kids and communities on the US/Mexico border!

**Binational Arts
Council**



Check out the latest press coverage of this event [here!](#)

BYTE has spearheaded the formation of a binational arts council in Ambos Nogales, bringing together NGOs and government agencies on both sides of the border. This opportunity will promote positive cultural expression and will provide a collaborative medium to create connections between communities.

On May 9th BYTE hosted stakeholders at the Nogales Sonora Art Museum, including the US Consul general to Nogales Sonora and the Mayors of both Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales Sonora.

We're proud to use BYTE's strong track record in the community to support economic development through arts.

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BYTE Staff Highlight



Artist **Aissa Huerta** was born and raised in Nogales, AZ. She is the Executive Director of La Línea Art Studio on Morley- a cooperative art and event space that aims to enrich the cultural environment of Ambos Nogales by connecting artists with their community.

At BYTE Aissa is responsible for Art Programming and curriculum development. She currently offers inclusive instructional Art workshops for adults at the Santa Cruz Day Training Center, a Sensory Art Therapy Program for youth with developmental disabilities in collaboration with the Southern Arizona Autism Association, and a free youth art class to build cultural capital and the tools to refine personal styles. Aissa suggests she "eally likes the relationships she forms in her classes and that art has a healing quality.

Besides the programs she runs, Aissa is spearheading BYTE's mural initiative in Nogales Arizona. In this community development project BYTE will publish an Urban Art magazine highlighting public art from both sides of the border. It will also commission a 120 square foot mural at the Anza Park Tennis Courts, highlight youth and positive cross-border collaboration.



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Looking to join our team?



Are you interested or know someone who may be a good fit for BYTE's team? BYTE is partnering with the Intercollegiate Tennis Association to offer 1-year paid fellowships, through a national Vista Americorp program titled, [Tennis for America!](#) Through this unique offering the ITA joins national Americorp colleagues working to tackle poverty through community tennis in the United States. T4A VISTA Fellows placements utilize post collegiate athletic and academic experience to add capacity to organizations making impact in their communities.

BYTE is seeking graduate students and exceptional upper division undergrads in the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior tennis experience is not required and an ideal candidate will

be passionate about social justice and international development.

Applications are now open and details about this paid opportunity can be found on this [link](#). We are accepting applications now through Jul 10th.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact us at info@bytetennis.org!



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