



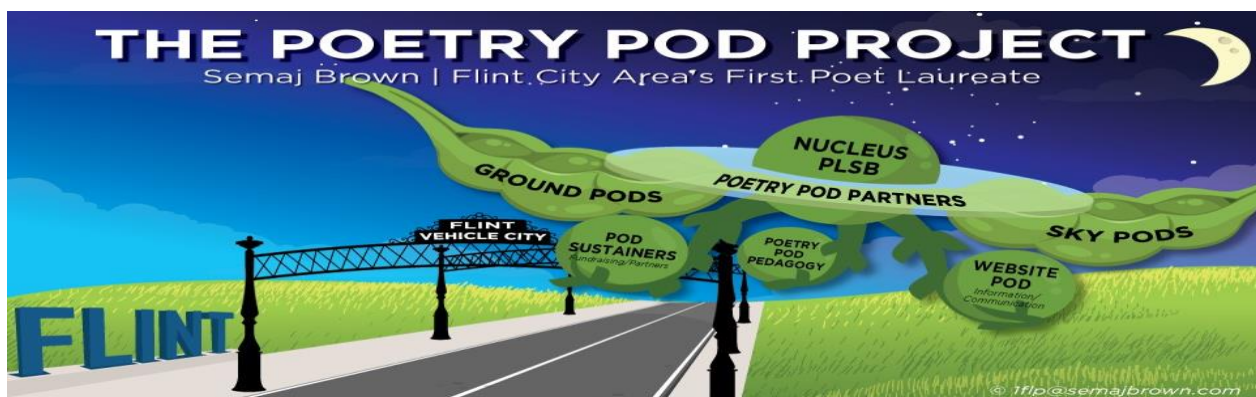
# SEMAJ BROWN

## Flint's First Poet Laureate, Semaj Brown— Platform

**The Poetry Pod Project (P3)** is the interdisciplinary intergenerational literacy platform of Flint's First Poet Laureate, Semaj Brown who is recognized by the Academy of American Poets. P3 utilizes poetry and literacy games to teach reading and writing while incorporating the arts and the sciences.

**Reading Word Warriors**, a component of the Poetry Pod Project addresses the significant "Word Gap" between poor children and their wealthier peers. Flint and Friends of Flint are encouraged to participate as reading volunteers. Reading Word Warriors or volunteers are asked to sign up to read to either, Early Childhood Development (children 0-5 years of age) or Elementary School students.

**Poetry Pod Workshops** are derived from the interdisciplinary, interactive methods created by Poet Laureate, Semaj Brown, coined —TiSiWiDi. Semaj, an educator and curriculum builder has incorporated TiSiWiDi, science /art applications since 1989 to expand the imagination and skill set of students. TiSiWiDi methods have also been utilized as a professional development tool for teachers, to elevate standardized test scores, and as a self-actualization program for women.



***"Poetry advances the quality of life of citizenry when organized as a precious power tool. There is poetry in a painting and in the curl of sculpture. Song is poetry. Dance is poetry and then, there is the math of poetry:  $PL=1(SB)$  to the power of FLINT."***  
—Semaj Brown



**Flint's First Poet Laureate, Semaj Brown's Poetry Platform Partners:**

**The Pierians, Incorporated-Flint Chapter**

**Flint Institute of Arts**

**University of Michigan-Flint Department of English  
College of Arts and Sciences**

**The Flint Courier News**

**Flint and Genesee Literacy Network**

**GISD Early Childhood Development**

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Zeta Beta Zeta**

**Freeman Elementary School**

**Grace Cathedral Community Church**

**Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church**

**Flint Freedom Schools Collaborative**

**Woodside Church**

**Genesee County Medical Society Alliance**

**James E. Kennedy Family Life Center**

**Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church**