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## Help DoSomething select this year's 'top young world-changer'

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Teen charity [DoSomething.org](#) hosted its annual Do Something Awards Kickoff event Monday at the Apollo Theater in NYC where this year's top five "young world-changer" nominees were announced. (I was honored to serve as a judge for the first stage of the competition this year.)

The prize? Each of the five nominees receives a \$10,000 grant for his or her community service project and the chance to win the \$100,000 grand prize to be announced on VH1 on July 19.

Here are the 2010 DoSomething.org \$10,000 Grant Winners:

1. Micaela Connery, 23, Hartford, Conn. - Unified Theater
2. Jacqueline Murekatete, 25, New York - Human Rights Corner
3. Wilfredo Perez Jr., 23, Providence - Public Health Program for Haitian Youth
4. Jessica Psoner, 23, Middletown, Conn. - The Kibera School for Girls and Shining Hope Community Center
5. Mark Rembert, 25, Wilmington, Ohio - Energize Clinton County

Congrats, guys!

In addition to the young nominees, the star-studded evening featured performances from the Backstreet Boys (yep, they're back together for a reunion tour) and Everclear frontman Art Alexakis, who provided an acoustic set of the crowd's favorite hits.

With the help of Do Something founder Andrew Shue and wife Amy Robach (Weekend Today), DoSomething announced the 2010 VH1 Do Something Awards celebrity categories, honoring the entertainment industry for its dedication to activism and charity projects.

Help DoSomething select their winners for all categories by visiting [DoSomething.VH1.com](#).

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