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WEBELIEVE

THE PREMIERE LEADERSHIP PIPELINE FOR
WOMEN & GIRLS OF COLOR



AN ORGANIZATION &
MOVEMENT TRAINING THE NEXT
GENERATION OF CIVIC & CORPORATE LEADERS



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ABOUT THE MOVEMENT

WOMEN EVERYWHERE BELIEVE, INC. (WEBELIEVE) IS CURRENTLY THE FASTEST GROWING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF ITS KIND NATIONWIDE.



CREATED BY & FOR YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR, THE ORGANIZATION USES A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH THAT PAIRS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING WITH MENTORSHIP, COACHING, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING.



WITH 13 CHAPTERS ACROSS 7 STATES, WEBELIEVE PROVIDES A SUSTAINABLE NETWORK THAT UNLOCKS THE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL OF GIRLS AS YOUNG AS 11 YEARS OLD.

ABOUT OUR CO-FOUNDERS



CO-FOUNDERS AKUA OBENG-AKROFI, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, (MIDDLE) AND CHELSEA MILLER, CEO, (FAR RIGHT) DURING A WEBELIEVE CLOSING CEREMONY

IN 2016, THE DUO LAUNCHED THE WEBELIEVE LEADERSHIP PIPELINE. IN JUST OVER A YEAR, WEBELIEVE EXPANDED TO OVER A DOZEN LOCATIONS. CURRENTLY, BOTH WOMEN ARE SENIORS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. AKUA IS STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY & PRE-MED. CHELSEA IS STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE.

QUICK BACKGROUND

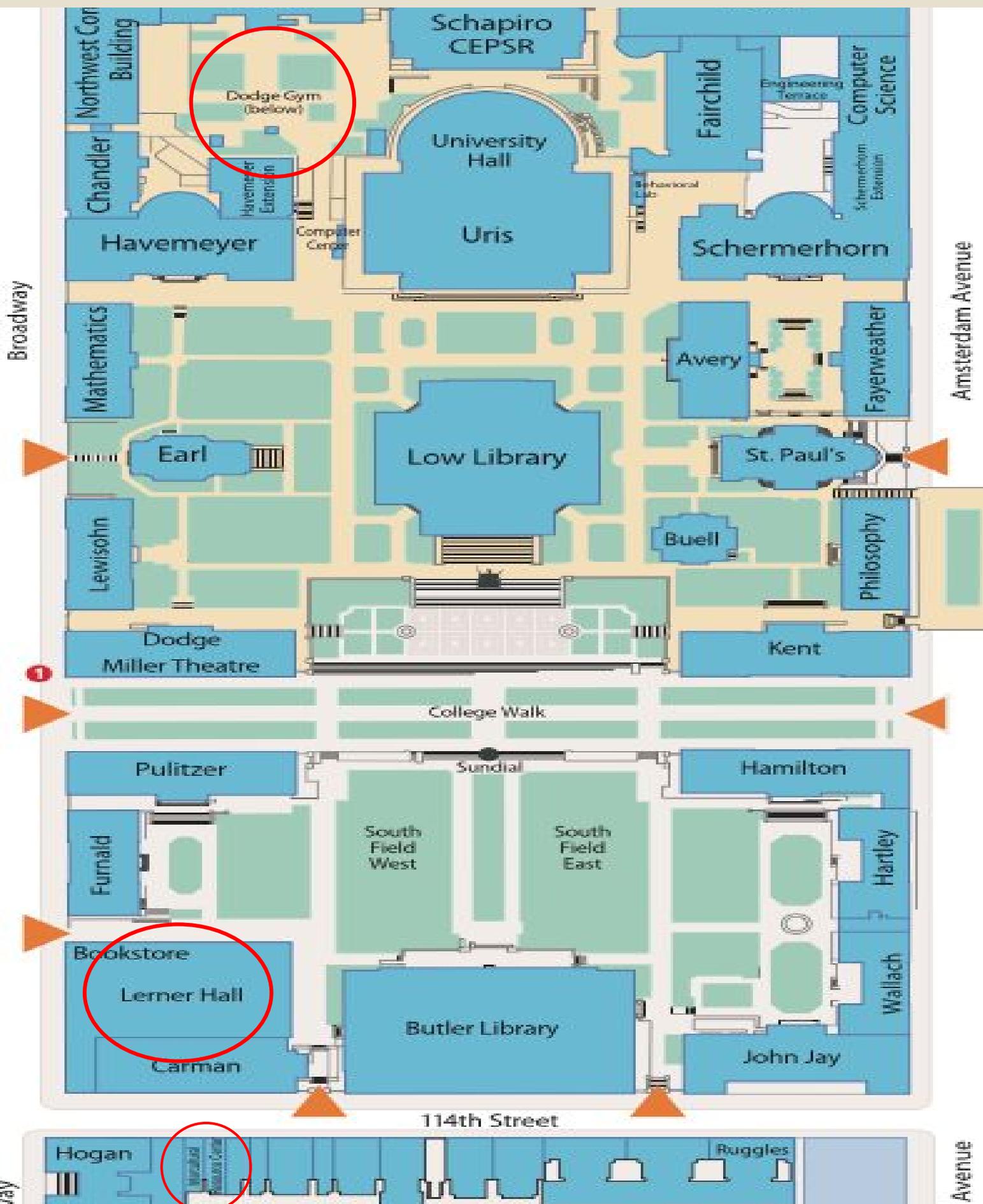
AKUA WAS BORN IN **GHANA** AND RAISED IN GEORGIA. AT COLUMBIA SHE COMPETES AS A COLLEGIATE VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE. SHE IS A NEWLY ACCLAIMED OLYMPIAN, HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE **2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS** IN RIO DE JANEIRO AS A MEMBER OF GHANA'S 4X100 TEAM.

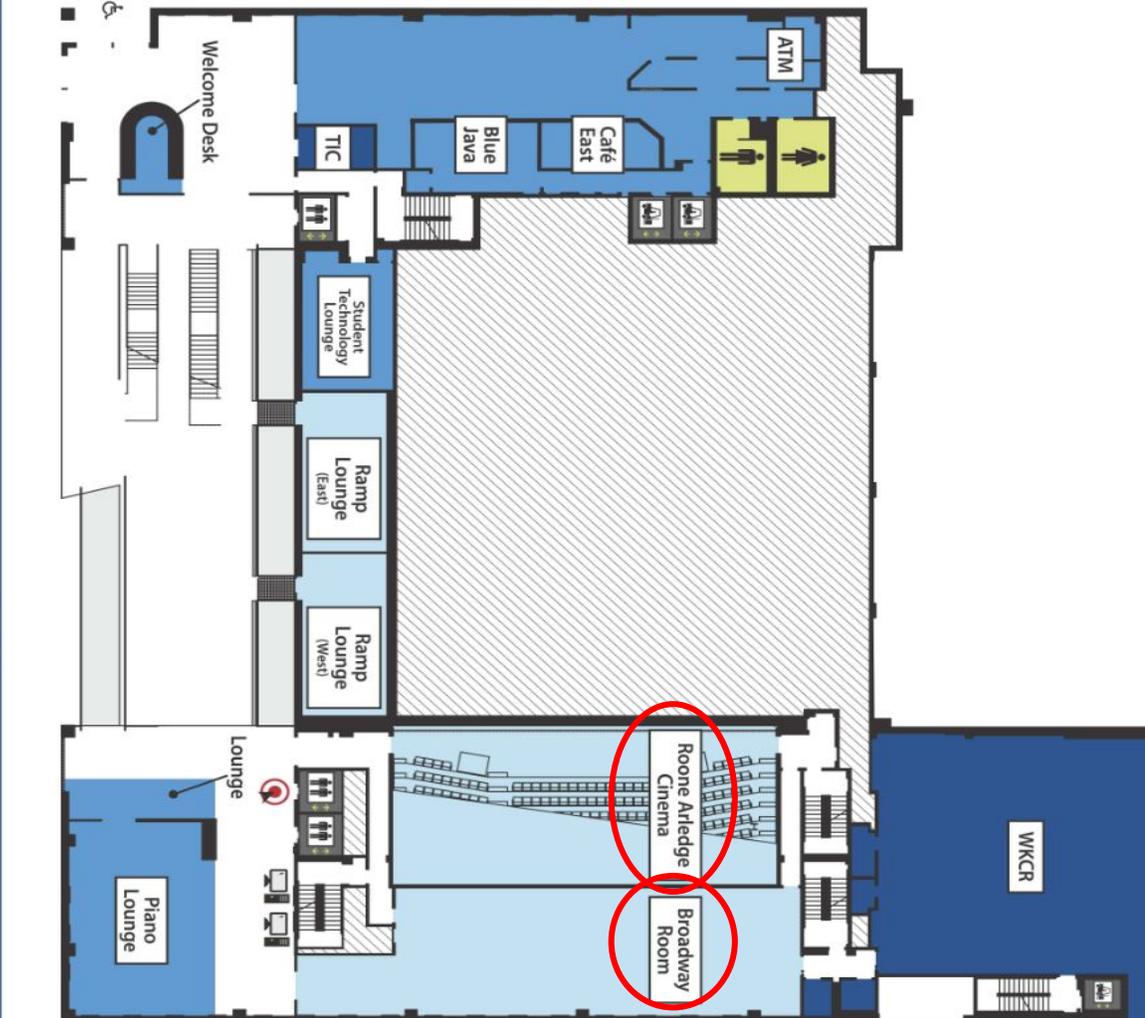
AKUA NOW HAS HER EYES SET ON THE 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES. CHELSEA WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN, NY TO IMMIGRANT PARENTS FROM JAMAICA. DUE TO HER PASSION & INVOLVEMENT WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES SHE'S TRAVELED TO **TURKEY, TUNISIA, & BURMA**. SHE IS A PROUD JACKIE ROBINSON SCHOLAR, HERLEAD FELLOW, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL GLOBAL FELLOW, & A UNILEVER LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT. CHELSEA HAS HONED HER SKILLS INTERNING IN THE NYC COUNCIL, NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM, & THE **OBAMA WHITE HOUSE** WORKING ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. AFTER BUSINESS & LAW SCHOOL, **CHELSEA HAS HER EYES SET** ON RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

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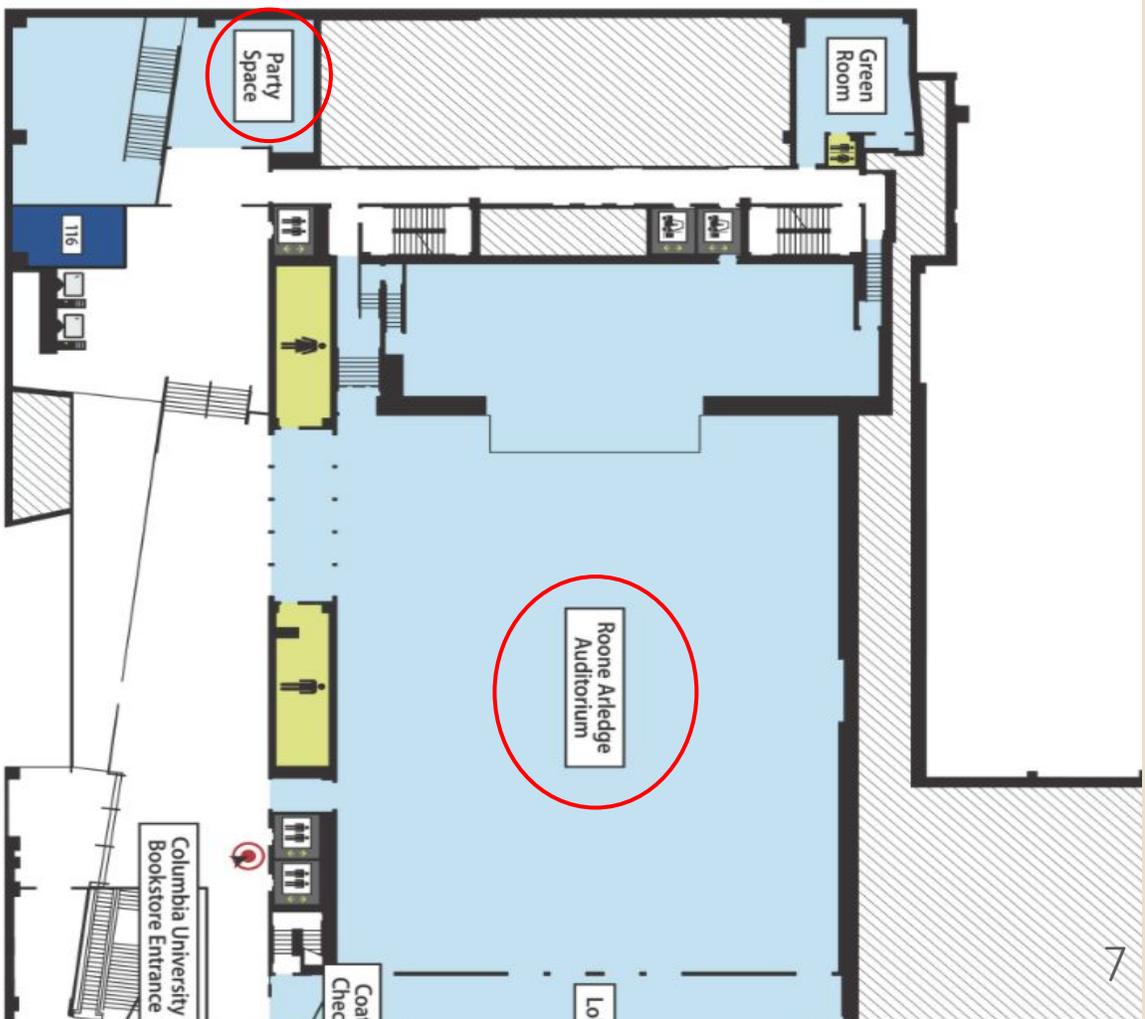
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EAST

- ATM/Banking Center
- Student Technology Lounge
- Café East
- Blue Java Cafe
- Ramp Lounge East
- Welcome Desk
- Ticket Information Center (TIC)

WEST

- Broadway Room
- Piano Lounge
- Ramp Lounge West
- Roone Arledge Cinema
- WKCR



Lerner Hall: 1st Floor

EAST

- Green Room
- Party Space
- 116 ROTC Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps

WEST

- Coat Check
- Columbia University Bookstore Entrance
- Broadway Lobby
- Roone Arledge Auditorium



Lerner Hall: 4th Floor

EAST

- 477 Multipurpose Room
- 478 UEM Technical Services
- Ferris Booth Commons
- Lounge
- Student Package Center

WEST

- 401 CC/SEAS Conference Room
- 402 Center for Student Advising
- 403H CC/SEAS Conference Room
- 403 CC/SEAS Conference Room

Campus
Broadway



Lerner Hall: 5th Floor

EAST

- Theatre Dressing Room A
- Theatre Dressing Room B
- 568 Meeting Room
- 569 Meeting Room
- 570 Meeting Room
- 572 Rehearsal Room
- 573 Rehearsal Room
- Black Box Theatre
- Lounge
- Sawlow Meeting Room

WEST

- 501-502 Alice Health Promotion
- 503 Insurance and Immunization Compliance
- 505-515 Undergraduate Student Life
- 505 Undergraduate Student Life Club Lounge
- 510 Multicultural Affairs
- 510 Dean of Undergraduate Student Life
- 515 Residential Life
- 515 Student Engagement
- 555 Meeting Room
- CTV Studio
- Lounge

Campus
Broadway

Her Legacy

Conference 2018

Friday, January 26, 2018 | **8AM-6:15PM**

8:00am-9:00am	Registration/Check-In - Day 1 <i>*Location: Lerner Hall & Intercultural Resource Center</i>
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Remarks
9:15am-10:15am	<i>Opening Panel</i> Battle of the Sectors
10:30am-11:30am	<i>Workshop</i> Crafting Your Story
11:45am-1:00pm	Mini Career Fair <i>*Location: Dodge Fitness Center</i>
1:00pm-2:30pm	Lunch Mentor Sessions
2:45pm-3:45pm	Let Her Play: A Discussion on Girlhood, Innocence, and Trauma
4:00pm-4:45pm	<i>Workshop</i> Navigating Institutions 101
5:00pm-6:00pm	<i>Closing Panel</i> 5 Under 25
6:00pm-6:15pm	<i>Closing Remarks</i>

8:00am-8:30am	Registration/Check-In - Day 2 <i>*Location: Lerner Hall & Intercultural Resource Center</i>
8:30am-9:20am	Breaking the Cycle: Creating Generational Wealth
9:30am-10:15am	<i>Workshop</i> Building Social Capital
10:15am-11:00am	<i>Workshop</i> Beyond the Check: Finance 101
11:05am-11:45am	Transcending Borders: A Discussion on Intersectionality, Domestically and Abroad
11:50am-12:35pm	<i>Brunch Workshop</i> Reclaiming Your Mind: A Discussion on Mental Health
12:40pm-2:10pm	WEBelieve Beauty Expo
2:15pm-3:00pm	Reimagining Liberation
3:00pm-3:15pm	Closing Remarks

Her Legacy

Gala 2018

Saturday, January 27, 2018 | 7PM-11PM

Introduction	Host: Dolapo Sangokoya
WEBelieve Introduction	Ogechi Nwaopara
Musical Performance	Josette
Award Presentation Presenter: Breanne Colon	Her Impact Award: Omnia Saed
Spoken Word	Cracked Binding
Award Presentation Presenters: Katherine Perez & Charmaine Quick	Her Vision Award: Valencia Clay
INTERMISSION	
Dance Performance	Ijoya
Award Presentation Presenter: Chelsea Miller	Her Legacy Award: Tarana Burke
Piano Selection	Oten Iban
Musical Performance	Bartholomew J.
Closing Remarks	Akua Obeng-Akrofi & Chelsea Miller 11

Honorees

Tarana Burke shares the heartbreaking story behind the genesis of the viral ‘me too’ movement, and gives strength and healing to those who have experienced sexual trauma or harassment. The simple yet courageous #metoo hashtag campaign amplified by actress Alyssa Milano, has emerged as a rallying cry for people everywhere who have survived sexual assault and sexual harassment – and Tarana’s powerful, poignant story as creator of what is now an international movement that supports survivors will move, uplift, and inspire you.

#MeToo is not just an overnight hashtag sensation; Tarana has dedicated more than 25 years of her life to social justice and to laying the groundwork for a movement that was initially created to help young women of color who survived sexual abuse and assault. The movement now inspires solidarity, amplifies the voices thousands of victims of sexual abuse, and puts the focus back on survivors.

A sexual assault survivor herself, Tarana is now working under the banner of The ‘me too’ Movement to assist other survivors and those who work to end sexual violence. She is also senior director at Brooklyn-based Girls for Gender Equity. On stage, she provides words of empowerment that lift up marginalized voices, enables survivors across all races, genders, or classes to know that they are not alone, and creates a place for comfort and healing to those who have experienced trauma.

Tarana Burke

Founder of The ‘Me Too’ Movement & Social Justice Activist



Educator, **Valencia D. Clay**, was an active child but dismally motivated to learn in school. On many days, she found herself suspended for fighting. Her life changed when she left New York. Attending Morgan State gave her a fresh start. After graduating, she began teaching at the Baltimore Freedom Academy. There, she found a high need for special educators, so she enrolled in Johns Hopkins University for a Masters of Science in Special Education.

In the midst of earning her degrees and teaching her courses, she co-founded a non-profit organization, The Flourishing Blossoms Society for Girls. The Blossom Girls have traveled to Puerto Rico to volunteer in under-served communities and are heading to the Dominican Republic to complete an arts and mindfulness service initiative this summer.

Valencia is currently completing her 10th year as an 8th grade English teacher and Critical Theory professor in Baltimore, Maryland. With literacy as the foundation, she continues to prompt her students to analyze culturally relevant matters from a critical stance.



Valencia D. Clay

Educator

Omnia Saed is a senior at Columbia University majoring in Political Science and Middle Eastern, South-Asian and African Studies. From Sudan by-way of Northern Virginia, Omnia is a Questbridge and Kluge Scholar. She is heavily interested in media and African diasporic studies and has authored and published a number of works in The Huffington Post, Okayafrica and NBC. She is currently interning for Joy Ann-Reid’s syndicated MSNBC show, "AM Joy."

She hopes to pursue a career in the story-telling of black communities around the world. During her senior year she founded and created AUDRE. an after school program for students in the Harlem-area facing after-school budgetary cuts. In collaboration with black students, professors and organizations at Columbia University, AUDRE. hosts workshops that create and stimulate new understandings of literature, art, academia and identity.

Omnia Saed

Student Activist & AUDRE Founder



Conference Speakers & Panelists

For full bios, please visit <http://webelieve.nyc/her-legacy-conference-gala/>

Opening Panel: Battle of the Sectors



Moderator: Imani Greaves

President, Women in Search of Excellence, New York University



Imani is a marketing obsessed millennial who has worked with numerous brands to help grow their social media presence and engagement with their customer bases. After spending the past 3 and a half years in college working in marketing at startups, she's learned what's truly important in marketing – and it's not mastering the marketing trend of the year. It's how well you connect with and understand the people you're trying to market to.

Imani has worked in marketing in various industries – including baby gear, food and beverage, luxury furniture, and financial services, which happened to be her favorite. Currently, Imani works as a digital marketing intern at a content marketing company named ContentWriters. This summer, she'll be pursuing her passion for marketing within financial services through an internship at American Express in their Global Commercial Payments Group.

Imani is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Technology Management with a concentration in Strategy and Technological Innovation from New York University's Tandon School of Engineering in Brooklyn, New York.



Vanessa K. De Luca

*Editor-in-Chief
Essence Magazine*

Vanessa K. De Luca is Editor-in-Chief of ESSENCE magazine, the preeminent lifestyle magazine for African-American women. As the brand's editorial leader, she oversees the content and vision for ESSENCE's various brand extensions—print, digital, social and experiential, including top-tier events such as the internationally renowned Essence Festival (held annually during Fourth of July weekend), the ESSENCE Black Women in Hollywood Luncheon and ESSENCE Black Women in Music. . .

De Luca was named to the post in July 2013. De Luca received her Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in English and American Literature from Harvard University, and her Master of Science in

Magazine Concentration from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She sits on the board of directors of ColorComm, a networking organization for women of color in communications, and the International Black Women's Public Policy Institute. Her honors include Advertising Age's A-List for 2015, a distinguished Alumni Award from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, and two American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME) Award nominations for Video and General Excellence in the Service and Lifestyle category. She was also named by Fortune Magazine as one of the 55 Most Powerful Women on Twitter. . .

De Luca has successfully fostered strong ties with key civic and political leaders. She was personally invited to the White House by First Lady Michelle Obama to moderate a panel of intergenerational women who have played a pivotal role in the civil rights movement—both past and present—during their honoring Black History Month event entitled, Celebrating Women of the Movement.

De Luca resides with her family in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.



Sherrell Dorsey

*Founder
ThePlugDaily.com*

Sherrell Dorsey is a data journalist and social entrepreneur. She is founder of Charlotte, North Carolina-based Build the Good, a community development consulting firm which also runs daily tech newsletter, ThePLUG, where she leads content strategy, business partnerships, and growth of the first daily newsletter covering black founders and business leaders in the news.

Her work has been featured in Fast Company, The Atlantic's City Lab, The Root, Next City, and other publications. Sherrell has covered high-profile founders, investors, and business trends at the intersection of sustainability, innovation, and equity. She's been a featured speaker and moderator, hosting panels and fireside chats with Steve Case, founder of AOL, and Daymond John of ABC's SharkTank.

She also served as a marketing manager at Uber, and on a contract project with Google Fiber.

Sherrell is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Data Journalism at Columbia University.



Mita Mallick

Head of Diversity and Cross Cultural Marketing, Unilever

Mita Mallick is a corporate change maker. She is a disruptive business leader who has brought her experience in managing P&Ls, brand innovation, and strategic planning into leading cultural transformation. Currently, Mita is the Head of Diversity, Employer Brand and Cross Cultural Marketing for Unilever North America. As a result of her work, UL NA is proud to be gender balanced at manager level and above. In the spirit of “Every Voice Matters, Every Story Celebrated” she continues to create a culture where everyone can bring their full selves to work. Prior to this role, she was a Senior Brand Manager in the Skin Division for Unilever North America overseeing the U.S. Body Care Portfolio (including Vaseline, Suave and Dove Body Lotions.) She was one of the lead architects in launching The Vaseline Healing Project in the U.S., signing award-winning actress & activist Viola Davis as the brand’s ambassador. . .

Mita was honored in 2017 with the first-ever Diversity Innovator Award by the National Association of Executive Women. She was a MAKER Awardee in 2016. She was also on the “50 People Under 40 Shaking Up Beauty” Youthquake List by Women’s Wear Daily. She is a co-chair of GALvanize, Unilever’s business resource group that supports the growth of female executives, and is on the Fundraising Committee for Columbia University School of the Arts. Mita has a B.A. from Columbia University and a M.B.A. from Duke University.

Mita resides in Jersey City, New Jersey with her husband and the two little stars in her life, Jay who is 5, Priya who is 2.

Workshop: Crafting Your Story



Davida E. Arnold

*Founder & CEO
Girl Game Changer*

Philly built and Brooklyn based, **Davida E. Arnold** is a storyteller across verbal, visual and virtual arenas, a noted speaker, serial entrepreneur and award-winning [brand, communications and partnership strategist](#) who excels in bringing ideas to life. “Be evolutionary, y’all,” says the vibrant mother of two. “It’s the only way forward!”

Insights gleaned as a SPOC (Senior Point of Contact) in the women’s marketing and advertising space for select companies inspired her to create, [Girl Game Changer™](#), a start-up tasked with connecting cultural change agents. The plug? #VisionSocial, vision board making salons for game changers. These inclusive workshops leverage accountable visual stories

to create cultural and economic growth, mobilizing on and offline communities. Events range from activations for [Vera Bradley](#), [SheKnowsMedia](#), [Orange Theory Fitness](#) and more.

Follow Davida on these digital streets at:

Girl Game Changer - [Web](#), [Instagram](#), [FaceBook](#)

Davida E. Arnold - [Web](#), [Instagram](#), [FaceBook](#)

Contact [@davida@davidaEarold.com](mailto:davida@davidaEarold.com) #TrustYourLight, xXd



Morgan Brown

*Youtube Creator
ItsHeyMorgan*

Morgan Brown is currently a senior at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, but she is not your average Penn student by any means. Through her YouTube channel, “ItsHeyMorgan”, Morgan has found a virtual stage to share her experiences with over half a million subscribers. She hopes to open her audience’s minds to the idea that there are no defined career paths and that you never know where a spontaneous social media post might take you.



Dena Mekawi

*Founder
Style & Resilience*

As a first generation Egyptian American growing up, **Dena** never really felt a feeling of belonging. Whether it was navigating as a Muslim American the American lifestyle, to seeking guidance about relationship advice. Dena was born in Brooklyn New York, raised on Staten Island, which is predominantly Italians and Irish, so the biggest challenge was lack of representation and diversity. . .

Dena has challenged the status quo, from co chairing the youth committee at the United Nations, engaging more millennials to the United Nations, to co-organizing one of the first sustainable fashion shows at the United Nations, to securing deals with Cadillac for Style & Resilience partnership with the Global Goals World Cup, which uses sports as an advocacy tool. Style & Resilience engages through a creative dialogue, creating impactful initiatives. Dena has spoken several times at the United Nations. alongside notable individuals including Leonardo Dicaprio, Michael Douglas, Stevie Wonder, & Former Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon. She was recognized and chosen to moderate International Day Of Peace, 2016 and was recognized by award- winning actor Michael Douglas, sharing a collaborative purpose of collective efforts of peace building.

Amina Yamusah

*Founder & CEO
BLOC*



Shelley Rawlings

CEO & Founder
WellnessAMPED
(Business)

Shelley Rawlings is an innovative entrepreneur with a passion for health and wellness. Her personal mission is to help individuals reach their healthiest self, personally and within their workplace.

Prior to retiring and starting her own consulting firm, Shelley's 20-year career began in Baltimore, Maryland with an up and coming telecommunications company, MCI.

After Verizon's acquisition of MCI, Shelley became the 3rd ranking executive for Network Solutions, an internet services company. As the senior vice president her responsibilities spanned Sales, Customer Service, Training and Quality Control, Corporate Partnerships, Marketing, Program Management, and an annual budget of over \$500mm. With a keen sense for superior customer experience, Shelley received the "JD Powers Best Customer Service" award 3 consecutive years for her performance turnaround strategies and establishment of world-class systems and processes. She also received the Stevie's "Best Customer Service Executive" award and has been featured in Black Enterprise Magazine.



Cydney Taylor

Physician Assistant
Hyperbaric Medical Solutions
(Health & Wellness)

Cydney E. Taylor was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She believes that we were put on this earth to serve, and to be in relationship with others. Throughout both her professional and personal life, she has chosen to actively pursue these qualities. Cydney is a licensed and board certified Physician Assistant. She is currently employed with Hyperbaric Medical Solutions, and contracted with the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Throughout her career she has practiced primary medical care, HIV/AIDS specialty care, substance abuse treatment, functional medicine, and hyperbaric oxygen therapy to various patient populations. She is also a Basic Cardiac Life Support Instructor. She received her B.S degree in Physician Assistant Studies from CUNY/CCNY Harlem Hospital PA Program, and a MPH in Community Health Education from CUNY/Hunter College. For the past 30 years, she has been serving the community as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Esther B. Cajuste

Assistant Law Clerk
NY County Supreme Civil Court
(Law)

New York City native, **Esther B. Cajuste** allowed her educational studies to take her to boarding school in Connecticut, college in Boston and law school in Washington, D.C. Along the way, Esther has taught Constitutional Law to high school students, researched educational issues affecting homeless students in Philadelphia, and litigated child abuse and neglect cases in Queens Family Court. Never shying away from an opportunity to travel, she is an avid globetrotter and uses each experience as an opportunity to inform her understanding of diverse people. Currently, Esther is an Assistant Law Clerk in Manhattan Civil Supreme Court. In addition, she serves as the President of the Haitian American Lawyer's Association of New York.



Kesia Hudson

Program Director
Zahn Innovation Center
(Entrepreneurship & Consulting)

Kesia Hudson plays an integral role in Silicon Alley's emerging startup scene. After developing innovative solutions for large corporations, she started her own entrepreneurial endeavors in the fields of fashion, consulting, and event planning. Today, she manages the Standard Chartered Women Technology Incubator at the Zahn Innovation Center. There, she inspires young women at The City College of New York to unlock their entrepreneurial potential and turn their visions into sustainable business ventures. Ms. Hudson received her BBA degree in Computer and Information Systems Analysis from Baruch College and her MBA in Entrepreneurship from The University of Texas at Austin. She is a Consortium for Graduate Study in Management Fellow.



Helen Rosenthal

City Council Member
(Politics)

Helen Rosenthal is a New York City Council Member representing Manhattan's Upper West Side, District 6. Elected to the City Council in 2013, her vote total in the general election was the highest of any candidate running for City Council in New York City. She is the Chair of the Contracts Committee, and sits on six other Council Committees. She is also a member of the Council's twelve-member Budget Negotiating Team (BNT) and a Co-Chair of the City Council Women's Caucus.



Tanisha Laverne Grant

Entertainment Correspondent
BlackinAmerica.com
(Entertainment)

Tanisha Laverne Grant single-handedly gets the exclusive! A widely respected entertainment journalist known as a "Hollywood Insider" Tanisha is one of the industry's leading go to personalities for all things pop culture! Covering everything from exclusive red carpet award shows, award show press rooms, film festivals, private screenings, press junkets, and film premieres, all which have set the stage for her to interview some of the most prolific icons, game changers, disruptors, and thought leaders in film, fashion, music and politics, with a roster of luminaries including but not limited to Oprah Winfrey, Cathy Hughes, Debra Lee, Debra Martin Chase, Sherry Lansing, Van Jones, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Melvin Van Peebles, Misty Copeland, Whoopi Goldberg, Forest Whitaker, KD Lang, Tyne Daly, Cicely Tyson, Patti Labelle, Lupita Nyong'o, Iyanla Vanzant, Richard Curtis, Yann Arthus Bertrand, Kevin Hart, Issa Rae, and many more.

Tanisha currently serves as a contributing on camera correspondent and content provider for the syndicated site blackinamerica.com which is a part of one of the largest digital media companies serving African-Americans with more than 15 million members and reaches millions of African-Americans each month. With approximately 3 billion views on its suite site the company has become the definitive lifestyle and information resource for African-Americans.



Poet On Watch

Filmmaker & Writer
Newark Women In Film
(Film)

Poet On Watch is an Afrikan-American - southern rooted writer, filmmaker and an award winning multi-media special events producer. She is a media educator who is an innovator and leader in the development of media literacy education in the state of Texas. She has worked with mainstream media outlets, theater companies, universities, cultural organizations, social institutions and individual artists across North America, North Africa, Canada and Europe.

From 2006 until 2013 she was the founder and executive artistic director for the Media Arts & Literacy Institute. The Media Arts & Literacy Institute is a cultural media art non-profit organization organized to provide media literacy education, training opportunities and technical workshops about the state of our media consumption.

She is the producer and director of *No Exemption*, a film about AIDS on a black college campus and the producer and cinematographer of "DRIVER" a short film shot in Newark about a single mother, an estranged father and a new beginning. In 2016 Poet On Watch Co-founded/owner of Newark Women In Film, LLC in Newark, New Jersey. . .

For more information:

www.poetonwatch.com

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Keisher Glymph

Empowerment Speaker,
Wellness Lifestylist, Essential
Oils Educator
(Health & Fitness)

Keisher Glymph is an Empowerment Speaker, Wellness Lifestylist & Essential Oils Educator with a passion to empower individuals towards living their most optimally purposeful and extraordinary lives. Her events support individuals in creating powerful connections, enhanced memorable experiences and abundant, healthy lifestyles and are based in a context of physical & emotional transformation.

In the health and fitness industry for nearly twenty years, Keisher's diverse background is steeped in insight & connection. She is a former collegiate, intramural & post-collegiate athlete in the sports of basketball & volleyball; a NASM Certified Personal Trainer; Fitness Model; Co-Founder of True Control Fitness (Home of *Harlem's Original Boot Camp™*), prior Health/Fitness Expert Contributor to *Essence*, *Crème* & *Women's Fitness* Magazines, former Advisory Board Member to Hip Hop 4 Life Inc.; and a Momentum Education Transformation Coach & Enrollment Team Member.

Hailing from Newberry, South Carolina, with a BS degree from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama, Keisher's southern roots are part of the charm that has her win over our hearts & bodies in her current residence of New York, NY and everywhere else she speaks, coaches & empowers.

Kady Cox

CEO
*Raising Awareness
With Students
"5 Under 25"*

Karen Webster

CEO
*Cocotique
"Beyond the Check: Finance 101"*



Moderator: Nza-Ari Khepra

Student Activist
Columbia University

Nza-Ari Khepra is a student at Columbia University, majoring in Economics. During her junior year of high school, one of her friends, Hadiya Pendleton, lost her life to gun violence. In response to Hadiya’s death and Chicago’s growing violence, Nza-Ari and her close friends founded a youth-led violence awareness organization called Project Orange Tree. Project Orange Tree executed a structural violence awareness campaign that asked all participants to wear orange and fast from sunup to sundown.

Nza-Ari and other members of the organization chose the color orange because hunters use orange to protect themselves from gun violence. The campaign was recognized nationally and worldwide. Project Orange Tree’s symbolism for orange became the inspiration behind the annual Wear Orange campaign that aims to end gun violence across America as well as mark June 2nd, Hadiya’s birthday, as the Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day.



Brittany Brathwaite

Organizing and
Innovation Manager
Girls for Gender Equity

Brittany Brathwaite is a reproductive justice activist, youth worker, and community accountable scholar with a deep-seated commitment to supporting the leadership, organizing, and healing of girls of color.

Brittany is the Organizing and Innovation Manager at Girls for Gender Equity. Girls for Gender Equity (GGE) is an intergenerational, advocacy organization committed to the physical, psychological, social, and economic development of girls and women of color.

She has worked to create change in the lives of girls of color through sexual health education, advocacy, curriculum development, storytelling strategies and participatory action research. Brittany holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Women’s and Gender Studies and Sociology from Syracuse University and a Master of Public Health and a Master of Social Work from Columbia University.

When not attempting to save the world, you can catch on her Bed Stuy stoop sipping lemonade and curating [The Homegirl Box](#).



Gladyn Innocent

Manager
Morgan Stanley

Gladyn Innocent is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University with an honors BA in English and Africana Studies. While attending college, Gladyn was a Barnard Opportunity Program Scholar and former Vice President and Public Relations Chair of the Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters (formerly BOSS). She served as a Head Writing Fellow, Senior Interviewer and Blogger for the Barnard Admissions office, and she was accepted into the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship.

In addition to her school activities, Gladyn has interned at Goldman Sachs, the Poetry Society of America, VIBE Magazine, Sarah Jassir Designs, and the Carol Mann Literary Agency. She started her career as a Program Manager in learning and development as well as a Marketing and Communications lead in Goldman Sachs’ Human Capital Management division. While at Goldman, she served on the Black and Hispanic/Latino Network Steering Committee and mentored underrepresented high school students across NYC. Gladyn actively blogs and submits articles covering topics such as sexual abuse, alcohol abuse, and domestic violence. She is now a manager and Content Writer at Morgan Stanley. She is also proud to stand amongst the influential women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and is a Fall 2013 initiate of Lambda Chapter. Gladyn has dedicated her life to mentoring children who “look like her” and have experienced the pains of sexual assault/trauma as well as the lasting impact the foster care system may have on development.



Kenya Crawford

Therapist
*GRL:Grow Rise Lead,
STEPS to End Family Violence*

Kenya Crawford, M.A., Ed.M., is a mental health counselor within the Grow Rise Lead program at STEPS to End Family Violence. She provides trauma informed individual and group clinical services to people who identify as girls, femme, womyn, or transgender women.

Kenya has a specific passion in serving girls of color, youth aging out of foster care, queer youth, and youth experiencing unstable housing. Additionally, Kenya serves as a consultant, leading trainings on racial equity, LGBTQ competency, intimate partner violence, and mental health sensitivity in the workplace.

To complement and lead her clinical and consulting endeavors, Kenya conducts research within the Stigma, Identity, and Intersectionality lab at Columbia University, exploring the intersecting impacts of racism and heterosexism on queer people of color’s mental health.



Sana Shabazz

Chaplain/President
NYS Dept. of Corrections/
Why Cry Productions, Inc.

Sana Shabazz is currently and has been a Chaplain with the NYS Department of Correction and Community Supervision (DOCCS) for 20 years, working at Taconic, Beacon and Bayview Correctional facilities for women, as well as Edgecombe Treatment center for Men and Work Release Center for Women. A graduate of University of Phoenix with a degree in Criminal Justice, Sana continues to pursue an education in Communications & Rhetorical Studies.

A self-published writer, author of "Why Women Cry: A Compilation of Stories, Poems & Positive Responses for the Cleaning of the Eyes & the Soul" and "Stories & Strategies for the Alzheimer's Caregiver" her writings delve into the spirit of daily living. Her books have been included in an arena of book clubs and women's groups; sharing insights on issues such as *Alzheimer's Disease* to her designed curriculum: Preparation for Post Incarceration: *Life Skills - Transition To Society*.

Sis. Shabazz in a native New Yorker, mother and grandmother.

Workshop: Navigating Institutions 101



Cindy Dishmey-Montgomery

Senior Vice President Business
Intelligence & Data Science
Goldman Sachs

Cindy Dishmey-Montgomery is a graduate of New York University with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Computer Science and a Master of Science in Business Analytics from the NYU Stern School of Business. During undergrad she worked as a Web Application Developer for the NYU School of Law as well as a Research Technologist for Rapunsel.

Her post-graduate work experience includes roles at Bank of America Merrill Lynch as a Sales Technology Developer and as an Operations Project Manager. She joined Goldman Sachs in 2009 and she has held Project Management roles across several Operation division business units including Securities Middle Office, Settlement Operations, Client-Onboarding, and Business Architecture and Technology.

At Goldman Sachs, she currently serves as the Senior Vice President on the Business Intelligence and Data Science team. In her role she focuses on business intelligence and analytics capability development.

She is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and was initiated into Lambda Chapter in the Fall of 2003.



Charde Smith

COO
Jolie Beauty Bar

Charde Smith is the Creative Director and Lead Stylist at Jolie Beauty Bar in New York's East Village. Smith is a hairstylist and makeup artist with over 10 years of industry experience which includes working with celebrities like Star Jones, Olivia Culpo, and Tinashe to name a few. Charde is known for her versatility and her ability to stay up to date with the latest hair and makeup trends.

As head of Joli Beauty Bar, Charde can be found working with her loyal salon clientele, networking with other industry leaders, or using her exceptional skills on photo shoots and movie sets. Her ability to create an amazing experience for anyone she works with coupled with her passion to make a difference in the beauty industry are just a few things that have helped shaped her career and what continue to drive her success.



Jewel McGowan Watson, Esq.

Attorney & Co-Host of
*"Unbought. Unbossed. Unfinished:
A Podcast for Evolving Women"*

Jewel McGowan Watson, Esq. is a trusted legal and business advisor to stakeholders and business and legal leaders. She is sought after for her strategic thinking and proven ability to successfully mitigate legal risk.

Jewel is currently a Director at a Fortune Global 500 company where she manages litigation impacting the Company and advises the Business on legal matters. Prior to her current role, Jewel represented large institutional clients in high-stakes, complex commercial matters.

Jewel is passionate about disenfranchised communities and has an extensive public policy background. She has been recognized for her commitment and achievement in providing Pro Bono legal representation to vulnerable populations, such as children facing deportation, victims of domestic violence, and individuals facing homelessness. Jewel believes that education can be the great equalizer and advocates for the capitalization of talent in overlooked communities through litigation aimed at education reform. She also serves on a number of philanthropic boards aimed at talent development in marginalized communities.

Jewel is a woman's woman who finds great joy in uniting women. Jewel is also the co-founder and co-host of Unbought. Unbossed. Unfinished.: A Podcast for Evolving Women: a leadership and lifestyle podcast that focuses on women being open, vulnerable, and honest while shaping a vision for their lives and careers.



Leah Jackson

Assistant Director
New Jersey City University

Leah E. Jackson, Advocate. Mother. Counselor. Poet. Agitator. Ms. Jackson has amassed ten plus years in higher education in the NY/NJ Metro area and fiercely committed to social justice, mental health and activism, both professionally and personally. She regularly presents, locally and nationally, on topics such as self-care, safe spaces, inclusion, networking and holistic health issues.

Leah is the proud mother of two incredible humans, Nekhen and Kai. Nekhen's diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) prompted her advocacy in autism awareness.

Leah received a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from New Jersey City University.



Aarin M. Williams, Esq.

Attorney & Co-Host of
*"Unbought. Unbossed. Unfinished:
A Podcast for Evolving Women"*

Aarin Michele Williams, Esq. is an experienced civil rights attorney presently devoted to impact litigation for a leading national women's rights organization. Prior to this position she was a zealous trial attorney for impoverished people charged with serious crimes. She is identified as a sought-after trial strategy trainer and advocate for disenfranchised communities. Aarin is a popular Adjunct Professor where her courses explore challenging topics, leading to her nomination for the Excellence in Teaching Award. For work in her community she recently received the Humanitarian of the Year Award.

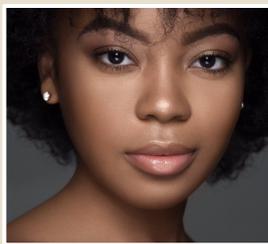
Aarin is a Georgia native, graduate of Howard University and Rutgers Law-Newark, and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. While proud of all her work and efforts she is most passionate about Unbought. Unbossed. Unfinished.: A Podcast for Evolving Women; a leadership and lifestyle podcast that focuses on women being open, vulnerable and honest while crafting a vision for their lives and careers.

5 Under 25



Moderator: Sydney Pickens

President, Lambda Chapter of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Cleopatra Lee

CEO
Cleopatra's Army

Cleopatra Lee is the 21 year old CEO of Cleopatra's Army, an organization that focuses on educating, training, and connecting people with various healthy lifestyles. Cleopatra's Army hosts multiple charity events in New York, Los Angeles, and Atlanta. In addition to running her own business, Cleopatra is also an actress and freelance model.



Kady Cox

CEO
Raising Awareness
With Students

Kady Cox is a Detroit native and graduating senior at Michigan State University. She is known for her continued philanthropy and commitment to people.

Kady is the founder and CEO of Raising Awareness with Students (RAWS) - a registered student organization focused on health awareness and disease prevention. She recently raised funding to send members to Harvard Medical School to attend a three-day conference. By the end of January 2018, RAWS will have expanded to four other college campuses. . .

Kady has attended trainings and conferences through organizations like RunningStart, Ignite, Women's March, AIPAC, VoteRunLead, HigherHeights, and others. In the future, Kady plans to run for office.



Sianni Cabello

Founder
Social Society U

Sianni Cabello moved to New York, from Virginia where she completed her bachelor's degree at Hampton University in Political Science. She is currently working towards her master's degree in Nonprofit Management at Columbia University.

Sianni has worked with several U.S. politicians including Democratic VP Nominee Tim Kaine, Senator Bill Nelson and Gov.r Terry McAuliffe. She is highly motivated and plans to become a U.S. Senator herself. Sianni's passion stems from the need of mentorship in economically challenged areas and helping youth realize their purpose to promote a better future. Galatians 6:9 is her guiding light. She knows that it takes persistence and stamina to foster positive change. She has recently launched her own organization, SocialSocietyU which is centered on getting kids prepared for and excited about college through mentorship, inspiration, and workshops. Learn more,

www.SocialSocietyU.com



Nzingha Prescod

Athlete, 2012 & 2016
U.S. Olympian

A two-time Olympian and Brooklyn native, Prescod became the first African-American woman to win an individual medal at the Senior World Championships when she took bronze in 2015. Prescod hails from the well-regarded Peter Westbrook Foundation, an organization dedicated to bringing the art of fencing to the inner-city youth of New York, where she has been fencing since she was nine years old. A graduate of New York City's highly acclaimed Stuyvesant High School, she has always dedicated her time to dually excelling in school and fencing and graduated from Columbia University with a degree in political science with a concentration in race and ethnicity.

Prescod displayed an extraordinary talent for the sport at a very young age, winning her first Youth 10 national competition in 2003. By the age of 15, Prescod was ranked in the top five of the Senior division, among the nation's elite and Olympic women's foilists. In the same year, 2008, Prescod won her first Cadet (under-17) World Championship and followed up the next year with her second World Championship title. In 2011, she continued her dominance on the world stage with another World Championship win in the Junior (under-20) category. That same year, Prescod was also featured in Essence magazine as part of the Work & Wealth Power List, with First Lady Michelle Obama gracing the cover. Prescod has since been featured in national and international media, most recently being included in the 2016 ESPN Body Issue.

Prescod qualified for the London Olympic Games at just 19 and returned to the pinnacle of fencing competition in the Rio Olympics at 23 where she finished 11th.



Kendall Reynolds

CEO
Kendall Miles Designs

Magnificent, exquisitely made shoes have captivated **Kendall Reynolds** ever since she could walk. The Chicago native has always had an unerring eye and intuitive affinity for superb craftsmanship and timeless design. Today, she is the CEO and design director of her namesake luxury brand, Kendall Miles Design.

Kendall attended Ars Sutoria, the world-renowned university for shoe and bag design in the center of Milan. While there, she had intensive training in all technical aspects of shoe development, from design to construction. She is committed to maintaining true couture standards, and hand sketches all her creations herself. Additionally, all of Kendall Miles Designs footwear is handmade in Italy.

At just 23, Kendall is already a standout in the shoe industry, receiving high praise from professionals in the field. She is committed to following and realizing her passions, finding inspiration in the innovative and incredibly talented shoe designers who have made the industry what it is today.

"Breaking the Cycle: Creating Generational Wealth"



Moderator: Chelsea Miller

CEO/Co-Founder
WEBelieve

Chelsea is currently a senior at Columbia University studying political science. As a first generation American, and native of Brooklyn, NY - Chelsea attributes her success to the strong female figures in her life that believed in her potential to achieve greatness. She is the CEO of Women Everywhere Believe, Inc. (WEBelieve). An organization focused on training the next generation of civic and corporate leaders by centering the voices of women and girls of color. WEBelieve is the fastest growing organization of its kind nationwide. She is a proud Jackie Robinson Scholar and HERLead Fellow.

Due to her passion & involvement with social justice initiatives she's traveled to Turkey, Tunisia, & Burma. Chelsea has honed her skills interning in the NYC Council, NYS Unified Court System, & the Obama White House working on criminal justice reform. After business & law school, Chelsea has her eyes set on running for public office.



Jamael Lynch

CEO & Founder
Big and Little Skills Academy, Inc.

Jamael Lynch is a professional basketball player and socialite from Brooklyn, New York. He played collegiate basketball at SUNY Cobleskill before attending The University of Rhode Island. Completing his college career at The University of Massachusetts Lowell; Lynch led his team deep into the playoffs averaging 15 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds, and 1.5 steals per game.

Upon the completion of college Jamael started his professional career overseas and then eventually in the NBA D League organization. During his professional career Jamael created a basketball program called the Big and Little Skills Academy, where he teaches kids the holistic viewpoint of basketball.

Lynch is continuing to grow his brand with modeling and philanthropy. Jamael also is a published featured author. He has written segments in books such as One Last Breath and Aligning With Your Life's Purpose.



Chereace Richards

CEO
21st Century Woman, LLC

Chereace Richards is a wife, mom, entrepreneur, founder of the 21st Century Woman community, Network Marketing Million Dollar Earner and author of [Faith. Focus. Action: The Journey to Becoming Who You Are](#) (2013).

In 2006, Chereace was introduced to the Profession of Network Marketing. Having no prior Network Marketing experience, in just under two years, she was able to walk away from her GS14 Federal Government Information Technology position to build her business full-time. She and her husband, who also left his full time job as a bus operator, have built a flourishing business that is rewarding on many levels. Within 4 years, they were reached the top position, became 7-figure earners, and helped other families become financial free.

As a coach and keynote speaker, Chereace has been featured in numerous magazines and books, including Washington Post Magazine, Success from Home Magazine, Fit Figures Magazine, Hustlemama Magazine, HERLIFE Magazine as the January Covergirl, and the non-fiction compilation *Wealthy Direct Sales Women: Their Leadership, Strategy, Money, & Love of the Game*. She has received numerous official citations, awards and recognition including the Woman of Distinction in Leadership.



Lola C. West

Managing Director
Westfuller Advisors, LLC

Lola C. West is co-founder of WestFuller Advisors, a boutique wealth management firm. Prior, Lola served as a senior partner of LWF Wealth Management at Merrill Lynch for almost 10 years. Today, she continues to advise clients and institutions on how to build a vision for the future and directs the achievement of results-oriented financial goals and aspirations. Lola's experience and well-honed skills enable her to keenly assess clients' needs to develop and actualize customized wealth management solutions.

Lola has over a 30 year proven track record as an event strategist, fund developer, conference and meeting planner. She has coordinated events and fundraised for South African President Nelson Mandela, acclaimed opera singer Jessye Norman, playwright August Wilson, Studio Museum in Harlem, etc.

Trained as a planner/administrator, she is a recipient of the Proclamation: "Lola C. West Day" in the NYC for "exemplary prowess as a healthcare administrator." She is listed in Who's Who of American Women. Lola served the BD of Jazz at Lincoln Center and is presently a member of FAAA of Brooklyn Museum; member of Friends of MoMA and a board member of the Hetrick-Martin Institute.

Lisa-Renée Brown

COO
GrantsCom International, LLC
"Beyond the Check: Finance 101"

Workshop: Building Social Capital



Jamé Jackson

Founder
TheBlondeMisfit.com

Jamé Jackson is a natural storyteller, journalist and motivational speaker. Passionate about advocating for more diversity and inclusion in the fashion, beauty, and media industries, Jamé uses her editorial voice to speak on these topics through the eye of a 'misfit' in this world. Inspired after rejection letters from publishers when she first graduated from Howard University, Ms. Jackson started TheBlondeMisfit, which now has a growing audience of people looking to celebrate all things women-empowering and #BlackGirlMagic related. . .

In 2017, Jamé spoke at SXSW on the power of diversity in tech and media, and is continuing to expand TheBlondeMisfit name with speaking engagements, apparel, ambassadorships, and a growing staff. In September 2017, TheBlondeMisfit became a syndicated column for Peer Step Magazine, based out of Chicago, Illinois. Jamé was also most recently featured as a semi-finalist for a CoverGirl ambassadorship through Allure Magazine's incubator program. She is known as a bodacious blonde, the "blonde of all trades", and a woman whose passion shines through in her work and day to day life.



Odette Perriel

Director, Environmental Services
Hackensack University
Medical Center

Odette Perriel is a healthcare and hospitality management leader with a successful track record in devising and executing targeted strategies to drive employee engagement, creating memorable spaces to improve customer satisfaction and loyalty, and facilitating team collaboration through operational and quality improvement initiatives. She currently serves as Director of Environmental Services at Hackensack University Medical Center.

She holds a BS in Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management from Johnson & Wales University, and a Masters of International Management from the University of Phoenix. As a firm believer in mentorship, and in providing tools for empowerment, Odette is pleased to be a contributor in this forum.



Kami Simmons

Multimedia Correspondent & Host
Trensetta Media

Entertainment multimedia reporter, on-air host, producer, radio personality, public speaker and all-around storyteller, **Kami Simmons'** news and hosting experience includes being a guest commentator for TMZ, MTV and guest participant, interviewee, and commentator for USA Today. Kami is also currently the designer, creator, producer and host of #TrensettaReports videos and is also pursuing her M.S. degree in Broadcast and Digital Journalism at Columbia University Journalism School.

Kami has worked alongside some of the biggest names within the world of television, media and entertainment including Sinclair Broadcasting, iHeartMedia, the Voice of America, HLN with CNN and the White House. Kami had the honor of working on First Lady Michelle Obama's Let Girls Learn Initiative during the White House Obama Administration. She has helped with productions of award shows including the Billboard Music Awards, Viacom's BET Honors, Nickelodeon HALO Awards and NBCUniversal Telemundo's Premios Tu Mundo Awards. She is also a proud member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Society of Professional Journalists, Women in Cable Telecommunications and the Overseas Press Club of America.

Carmen Del Valle

Campus Engagement
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Workshop: Beyond the Check - Finance 101



Lisa-Renée Brown

CFO/Director of Human Resources
Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

Lisa-Renée Brown is Chief Finance Officer & Director of Human Resources with Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School; a 675 student charter school located in the heart of the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. In this role, which she has held since Feb 2016, she is responsible for a \$12+MM budget and 100+ employees. . .

Throughout her career Ms. Brown has taught financial literacy classes to small business owners learning about cash flow for borrowing to high school students establishing credit and navigating the intricacies of a new banking relationship.

Lisa-Renee has a Bachelors of Science degree in Communications and Business Administration from Cornell University, in addition to education, she is passionate about reading historical fiction, writing poetry, yoga and traveling the world.



Maggie Obeng-Akrofi

Marketing Director
World Financial Group

Maggie Obeng-Akrofi received her Masters in Organizational Management and is currently a Marketing Director at World Financial Group, a business dedicated to helping people from all walks of life build a better financial future. Her office is located in Atlanta, Georgia, yet her work requires her to travel across the nation with her team in order to educate families.

Her journey within the financial industry began at Wachovia Bank in 2000 and later went to SunTrust bank for a total of eleven years in banking. World Financial Group platform offers the opportunity to impact families by helping them attain financial literacy. She has organized events and panels which serve to inform on college planning, saving strategies, retirement, protection (all of which include life, health, long-term care, and disability). Maggie is a licensed agent in multiple states including Georgia, New York, California, North Dakota, Michigan, and Virginia.



Karen Webster

CFO
Cocotique

Karen began her journey as an entrepreneur, founding her first business in 2005: GLITTERINGS Inc., a fashion jewelry design and wholesale company. Since then she has gone on to Co-Found, Cocotique LLC, a beauty box subscription service for women of color, and Fria LLC, a MedTech startup focused on technology based solutions for hot flashes.

Karen recently launched, DivineLife Dating, which is dedicated to lighting the path to transformation of the online dating experience from Dismal to Divine. As the Coach she invites and engages both men and women to elevate and evolve the conversation around dating issues and develop the Attractive MindSet for Love. As the Attractive MindSet Coach, she also offers guidance for: Self-Love, Health & Wellness, and Entrepreneurship, Career and Life Transitions: Divorce and Menopause.

Karen mentors' youth and aspiring entrepreneurs and volunteers with C.A.A.N: Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. She enjoys spending her spare time being out in nature, spending time with family, socializing with friends, and LOVES to go dancing whenever the opportunity presents.

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Shelley Rawlings

CEO & Founder
WellnessAMPED
"Mentor Sessions"

Transcending Borders: A Discussion on Intersectionality, Domestically and Abroad



Moderator: Ashaki Lloyd

Student Activist
Columbia University

Ashaki Lloyd is a student activist at Columbia University, where she majors in Human Rights with a Political Science specialization on the Pre-Medical Track. She has decided to merge her interest in the medical field and human rights with policy-making to better equip her to effect tangible change.

Ashaki is a New York Times Scholar. In her sophomore year, she reported for The Times' Science Desk where several of her pieces were published. As a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Emerging Leader, Ashaki interned on The Hill for Congressman Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08) this past summer. In her senior year at Columbia, she currently serves as the Senior Chair of the Black Students' Organization.



Jamira Burley

Head of Youth
Engagement & Skills
*Global Business
Coalition for Education*

Jamira Burley is a White House Champion of Change and Forbes 30 Under 30 Honoree. For over a decade she's worked as a strategist for both private and public entities with an expertise at the intersection of youth, policy and social good.

Currently, Jamira is the Head of Youth Engagement and Skills for the Global Business Coalition for Education, helping to ensure a collaborative relationship between youth and business leaders; to enable innovative ways to educate, engage and activate young people around the world.

Prior to joining the Global Business Coalition for Education, Jamira was the National Deputy Millennial Vote Director at Hillary for America.

Tyler Jones

Student Activist
Columbia University



Luz Maria Utrera

President & Founder
Luz Maria Foundation

Luz Maria Utrera is the President and the Founder of the Luz Maria Foundation an organization dedicated to helping women who experienced domestic violence and women in need in the US, Argentina and around the world. She is also a founder and President of Fundación Luz María in her hometown of Santiago del Estero, Argentina. Throughout the years, the Foundation has received help from donors, sponsors, and government grants. Her experience includes support and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence. She was a lawyer for an NGO, which deals with matters of domestic violence while creating the Foundation.

She also spoke throughout the world. Fundación Luz María just received Consultative Status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) That status allows Luz María to participate in conferences at the international level and partner and connect with different organizations around the world. . .

Luz Maria has a license as attorney of law in Argentina. She took a specialized course in International Law of Human Rights. She recently attended a workshop at Yale University and a Domestic Violence and the Law seminar at Columbia University Law School as well training courses at the Foundation Center.



Dr. Lucinda Acquaye-Doyle

Director, Social Work Program
Dominican College

Dr. Acquaye-Doyle joined the college in the Fall of 2014 and was appointed as Program Director Fall 2016. She received her B.A. from the State University of New York at Buffalo, M.S.W. from Stony Brook University and a Ph.D. from the Howard University School of Social Work. Her areas of specialization include Internationalizing Higher Education, International Experiential Learning with special emphasis on Social Work Education, International Social Work & Displaced Populations.

Dr. Acquaye-Doyle and is a two-term appointed member of the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Council for Global Learning, Research, and Practice and is newly appointed to CSWE's Council on Human Rights.

Dr. Acquaye-Doyle has research experience and interests in the area of Attitudes toward Internationalization, Transformational Leadership, the Institutionalization of Experiential Learning Programs; African Immigrants and Mental Health; Study Abroad, Exchange, and International Service Learning programs, Cultural Competency, and Social Work Education.



Liza Bowers

Program Administrator
*New York City Department of
Health and Mental Hygiene
(Assisted Outpatient Treatment)**

Liza Bowers is a Program Administrator for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In that capacity, Liza ensures adults in New York City with severe mental illnesses who have difficulty staying in treatment can receive services so they can remain safely in the community and live their best lives.

Liza has over 20 years of experience in the human services field and believes the most valuable resource on the planet are the people who occupy it. She has a passion for caring for people, especially those who are disadvantaged and underserved.

Additionally, Liza is a certified instructor in Mental Health First Aid, whose goal is to remove the stigma of mental health issues and teach people to recognize signs of mental health issues so they are equipped to help.

Liza holds an A.B. degree from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from New York Law School.



Dr. Alisha Griffith

CEO
Dr. Alisha Griffith LLC

Dr. Alisha “Ali” Griffith is the proud mother of Zachary, her bright and extraordinary son, who is on the autism spectrum. She is also a trained educator, speech-language pathologist, and audiologist for more than 20 years. A best-selling author, maverick for change, transformational speaker, and autism parent ignite coach, she boldly launched her own autism parent development program in 2015.

Dr. Ali also launched two other programs, So Smart Kids, Inc., and Smart Fit Fam., dedicated to children and families on the spectrum learning more about wellness, fitness and nutrition. She believes in remaining focused, maintaining a positive mindset and creating unique power moves, as instrumental keys to success. Dr. Ali Griffith has been featured in the Huffington Post, The Network Journal, Autism Parenting Magazine and Blog Talk Radio. She lives in Brooklyn, NY.

For more information go to www.dralishagriffith.com and to purchase books go to info@dralishagriffith.com.



Sydnee Corriders

Racial Equity
Consultant & Therapist,
*SRCorriders, LLC & STEPS to
End Family Violence &*

Sydnee Corriders is a freelance Racial Equity Consultant and a licensed social worker living in Brooklyn, NY. As a Racial Equity Consultant, she works with organizations to support them in understanding and working to actively address (and heal from) racism and its impact on their organizational system(s) and greater community.

Additionally, as a social worker, Sydnee works with STEPS to End Family Violence as a therapist and program coordinator aiming to prevent and support those impacted by intimate partner violence through counseling services and educational workshops. Sydnee earned Bachelor degrees from Syracuse University and her Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University School of Social Work.

Sydnee is passionate about a variety of social justice causes including the equity, empowerment, and advancement of womyn and girls of color. She is honored to be a part of this event and looks forward to making connections with the attendees.



Catherine-Khadijah Bint Taylor

CEO
NEWARK SPEAKS 2U

Catherine-Khadijah Taylor is a Rutgers University graduate with a BA in Journalism and International Affairs. She is the first Puerto Rican-Muslim woman to own a media company in Newark, New Jersey. Her company Newark Speaks 2U LLC, brings community awareness through storytelling. She is a partner at Express Newark collaborative space for artists and community residents.

On November 2017, Mrs. Taylor and two other filmmakers created Strong Women In Film, with a vision to bring, through film, topics that affect families and communities. Her most recent work is called A Mothers’ Cry, a docu-series focusing in the process of grieving after a mother loses her child to gun and street violence.

Mrs. Taylor is also the author of The Search for Khadijah, a memoir of peace and acceptance. Her memoir is based on personal experiences throughout her battle with mental illness and the long lasting effect of relationships.



Zuleka Henderson

Lecturer
*Columbia University
School of Social Work*

Dr. Zuleka Henderson is a Lecturer at the Columbia University School of Social Work. She is a licensed social worker from Brooklyn, New York with practice experience delivering school and community-based mental health services using African-centered wellness approaches. Grounded in the theories of historical trauma and post-traumatic slave syndrome, her research explores African American adolescents' attitudes and beliefs on trauma, healing, and mental health service use.

Dr. Henderson's work aims to contribute to the development of culturally relevant, trauma-informed treatment models that resonate with African American adolescents' values and orientations toward healing.

Dr. Lucinda Acquaye-Doyle

Director, Social Work Program
Dominican College
"Transcending Borders"

Reimagining Liberation



Moderator: Kidd Matthews

Student Activist
Columbia University



Adriene Thorne

Reverend
Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn

The **Reverend Adriene Thorne** is a dancing theologian and ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America. She serves as pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn in New York City, where she creatively shares the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. First Church Brooklyn is an intentionally inclusive and diverse Christian community committed to serving God in our world. Every Sunday, their amazing choir makes a joyful noise to the Lord and the community welcome and hospitality has been described as "something else." . . .

Prior to ministry, Adriene danced professionally with the Dance Theatre of Harlem's Workshop Ensemble and toured the US and Canada in a Broadway musical. She has performed at The

Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Hall, and Radio City Music Hall where she held the center spot as a World Famous Rockette. Reverend Thorne is the founder of Everything That Breathes, a national organization connecting artists with faith communities for the purposes of sharing the gospel in fresh and creative ways. . . .

Reverend Thorne is passionate about retreats, prayers, and preaching. She enjoys good food, good music, and good community. She is thrilled to offer her gifts in faith communities interested in following God's lead and living the good news with playful imagination. Rev. Thorne resides in Brooklyn with her husband, stepson, and daughter.

Letitia James

NYC Public Advocate

Nicole Russell

Founder
Precious Dreams Foundation

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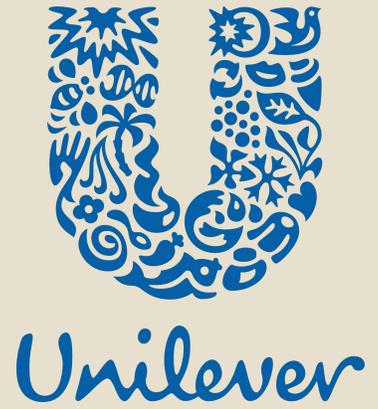
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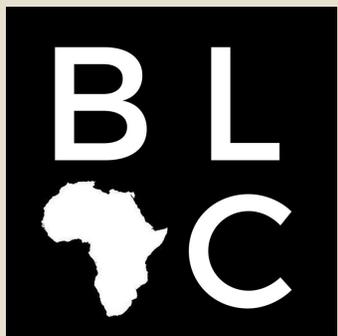
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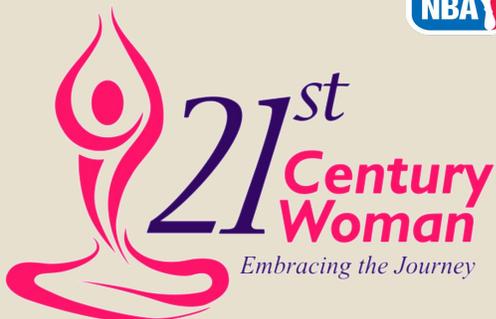
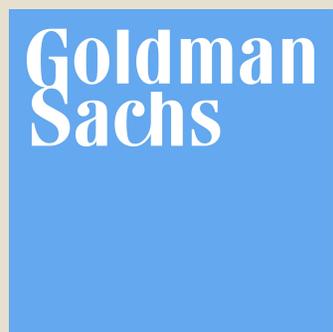


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Alexis Bryan, also known as “Flex Murdaa” has been a freelance makeup artist for about 5 years now. She goes by this name because at first it was her social media handle, and she loved the sound of it. However, while growing as a makeup artist over the years, the name stuck with Alexis & she combined it with her brand. Alexis’s clients can request a natural Murdaa, full Murdaa or even a traveling Murdaa. So instead of clients saying “she beat my face” they can say “wow, she murdaa’d my face.” Alexis thinks it’s pretty dope that she can have her own description for her makeup that people can remember.



Sherese Gould is a 21 year old Brooklyn based makeup artist. She is currently a full-time college student at York College and full time makeup artist. Sherese started pursuing makeup during her early years of high school where she was in a cosmetology club for all four years. She has worked with celebrities such as Cardi B, Carolyn Maraj, Joseline Hernandez, and Dream Doll. Overall, Sherese loves what she does and plans on expanding her brand (*Rese’s Makeup Artistry*) in the near future.

Kimberlina Folie is a freelance makeup artist from Brooklyn, constantly building her brand through social media awareness & personal clients. She strives on making people feel like their best selves no matter the brand or type of makeup. Kim focus on quality over quantity and anticipates to inspire for years to come. She has been in the beauty industry for 6 years and worked with celebrities, large campaign companies, etc and plans to continue to grow her craft.



Teisha Taylor is a 22 year old Brooklyn based makeup artist. She started practicing doing her eyebrows first and it began there. After a year of practicing on her face, learning to apply foundation, concealer, highlight, blush, and learning how to blend the correct way; she finally saw the potential she had to be an amazing makeup artist, but she knew she still needed to practice in perfecting her craft. A few months later, her aunt was getting married. She had a hard time finding a makeup artist so Teisha's mother referred her to her aunt. Teisha was very nervous; she had never done anyone else's makeup before, so doing 5 faces was a big deal to her. She told herself she can do it, she gained the confidence and she made it happen. Everyone was in love with their makeup. They couldn't believe she hadn't done other people's makeup before. It was that very moment after seeing how much faith her family had in her and how happy and beautiful everyone looked that Teisha felt the passion in her heart to persevere becoming a makeup artist professionally and making other women feel happy, confident and beautiful. Teisha now attends John Jay college of criminal Justice and is continuing to pursue her dreams as an makeup artist as well.



Shaina Rene is a Freelance makeup artist and the owner of a beauty lifestyle brand by the name of Blink Beauty Co.



Blink Beauty Co. provides luxury hair extensions and mink fur strip eyelashes. Her hair line consists of a variety of products such as, full lace wigs, frontals, closures, and of course individual hair bundles. The goal of Shaina's brand is to provide quality products at a reasonable price and make every woman feel fabulous on the inside and outside. Her brand has been up and running for the past 2 years and with time and consistent effort, it continues to get better and better.



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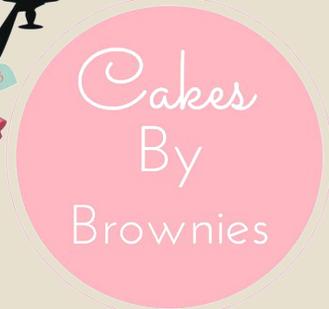


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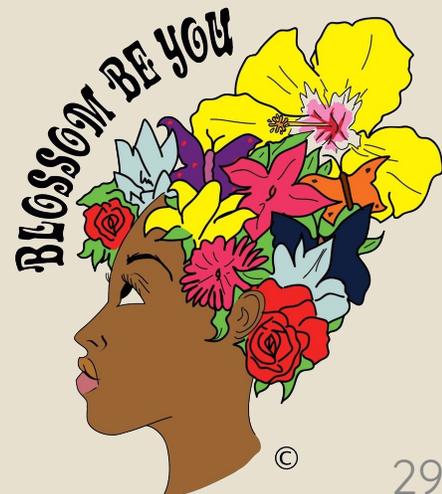


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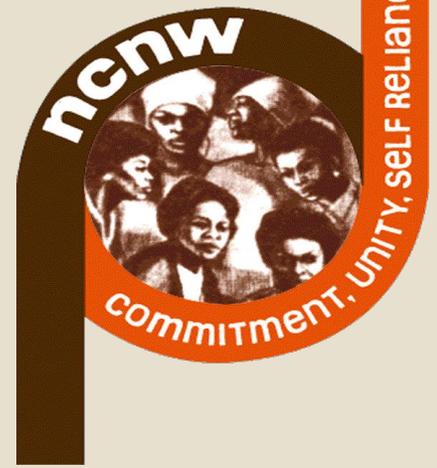
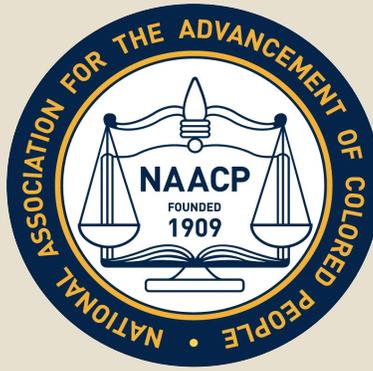
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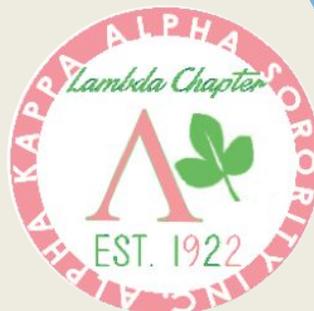
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