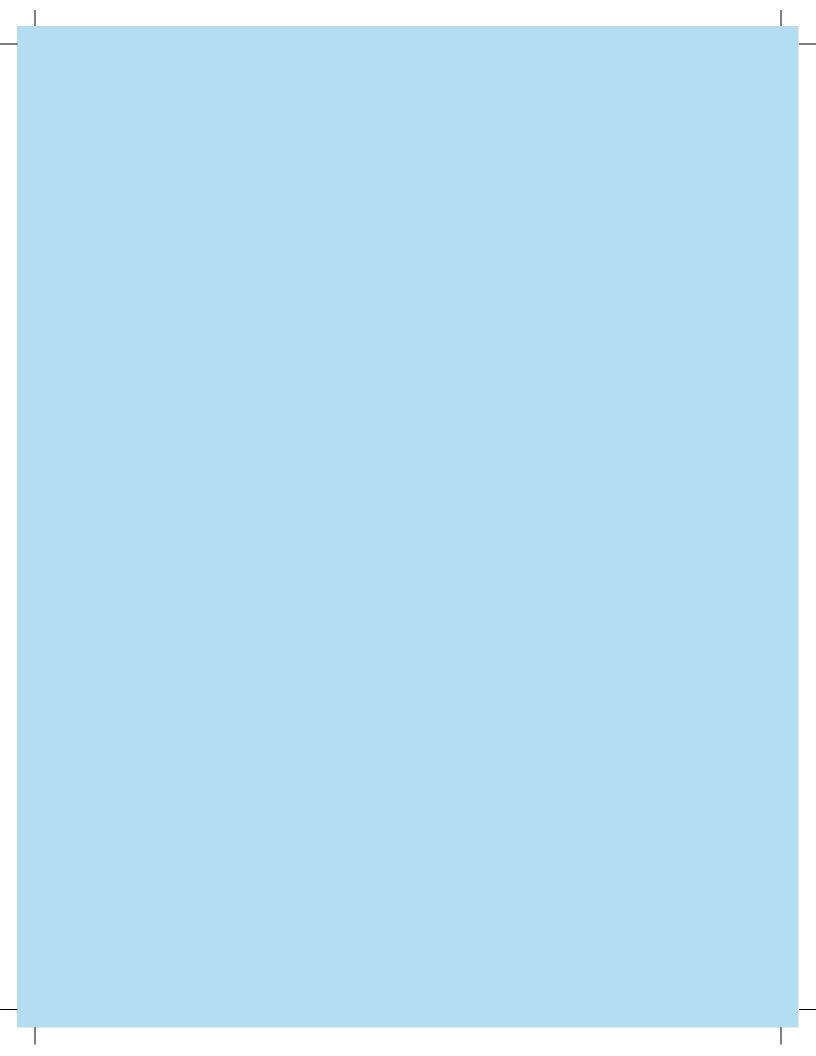


Young Feminist Conference

October 6, 2018



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AGENDA

8:30 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Welcome: Tribble, Carolina Cannon, Iris Postma, and Commissioner Bridget Gainer
9:30 AM	Patricia Frazier, National Youth Poet Laureate
9:45 AM	From Weinstein to Kavanaugh: Turning #MeToo into #NoneOfUs Sarah Karp (moderator), Kelin Hall, Olivia Starr, Carolina Sánchez, Caitlin Tupper, and Jennie Biggs
10:20 AM	Emily Blue, Singer/Songwriter
10:35 AM	Everyday Feminism from Four "Bad Feminists" Heidi Stevens (moderator), Mae Whiteside, Hadiya Afzal, Trisha Prabhu, and Devereaux Peters
11:15 AM	Tonika Johnson, Folded Map Project
11:30 AM	It's Not Chiraq: Violence in Chicago Beyond the Headlines Kimberly Egonmwan (moderator), Nza-Ari Khepra, Jennifer Coleman Abbey Smith, and Sandra Wortham
12:10 PM	Call to Action: Commissioner Bridget Gainer
12:15 PM	Break-out Session 1 (listed on following page)
12:45 PM	Break-out Session 2 (listed on following page)
1:15-2:00 PM Fngagement Fair + Lunch + Networking	

Note: Each of the following sessions will be delivered twice, back-to-back. Attendees may participate in two different sessions of their choice.

Why Your Vote Matters and How to Make the Most of it

Love Your Mother: A Break-out on Environmental Activism

LOUNGE

Ask a Dreamer: The Personal Stories Driving Immigration Activism

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

Access Denied: A Break-out on Reproductive Justice

CAFF

Your Voice as a Tool: How to Speak Up to Effect Change

MAIN HALL

Youth Activism with Assata's Daughters

CONFERENCE ROOM 1

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS - FOR PARENTS

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Let's Talk About Sex, Baby:

How to Talk to Your Young Feminist About Sexual Health

How to Raise a Feminist

CLASSROOM 1

CAUSE THE EFFECT

Commissioner Bridget Gainer

Bridget Gainer founded Cause the Effect Chicago to bring civically-engaged women together to turn their ideas into action. For the past three years, the locally-focused organization has built a community of more than 3,500 women from across Chicago who are motivated to effect change on the issues that matter to them.

Bridget Gainer is Cook County Commissioner for the 10th District, representing the North Lakefront and portions of the Northwest side. Commissioner Gainer comes to Cook County Government with 20 years of experience in the non-profit, public and private sectors, a career that has provided a strong foundation in finance, human services and the workings of local government. Commissioner Gainer has devoted special interest to the women and children in the County's criminal justice system. She eliminated the practice of separating new mothers awaiting trial from their newborns, led the fight to ban shackling pregnant detainees during delivery, created the first citizen advisory Board for the Juvenile Detention Center and continues to lead the fight to reduce the number of non-violent offenders in County Jail. She lives in Chicago, IL with her husband and three children.



Meghan Christiansen

Meghan joined Cause the Effect Chicago as its first Executive Director in 2017. She relocated to Chicago after working for Hillary Clinton's Presidential campaign, leading Women's Outreach for the state of Wisconsin. Prior to that, she co-founded the grassroots organization, Milwaukee for Hillary. Meghan is deeply passionate about engaging women through activism and advocacy and remains steadfast in her commitment to electing more women to public office.

Meghan is a graduate of Yale University and is on the board of YaleWomen Chicago and the Yale Basketball Association. Meghan is a New Yorker by birth and a Midwesterner by marriage. She lives with her husband in the suburbs of Chicago.



CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

Carolina Cannon

Carolina Cannon is a sophomore at Columbia University, studying American Studies with a concentration in Gender Studies. In the spring, Carolina planned the "Reason and Revelation" Conference, which aimed to discuss race, feminism, and intersectionality in a religious context. She also volunteers with The Young Storytellers, where college students work with 5th graders to write their own plays then see them performed on stage. In 2017, Carolina graduated from Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, where she cofounded Acting for Gender Equality, an organization that promotes intersectional feminism through discussions, service projects, and speakers. Carolina was excited to return to Chicago for the summer to work with Cause the Effect Chicago in planning the third annual Young Feminist Conference!



Iris Postma

Iris Postma is a graduate of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School and a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis. She first got involved with Cause the Effect (formerly Off the Sidelines Chicago) in high school when Commissioner Bridget Gainer visited the club she co-founded, Acting for Gender Equality. This summer, she is helping to plan the 2018 Young Feminist Conference. At Washington University, Iris studying Sociology, Spanish, and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. She is also on the executive board of a peer education group called Leaders in Interpersonal Violence Education, does tutoring with an organization called City Faces, and is very involved in the Danforth Scholars Program. She is grateful to have been involved in the growth of Cause the Effect Chicago and is even more excited to see how it continues to grow, both with events like the Young Feminist Conference and beyond.



EMCEE + PERFORMERS

Tribble

Tribble is a a stand-up comedian, host and radio personality. She is the creator, producer and host of P Power Radio, a podcast that shares the stories of revolutionary millennial women and the history of the world they are working to change P Power Radio has featured a range of women artists, activists, entrepreneurs and bosses from Chicago and beyond, and was listed on Ebony.com as 1 of 5 Black Podcasts to Have in Your Arsenal. Tribble emcees live events including a monthly womyn's panel called Chit Chat with the Cliche' Collective and trivia nights for Whaddayaknow Trivia Chicago, performs stand-up comedy at venues and curated events regularly, and appears monthly on Chicago Public Radio station Vocalo, as a panelist on The Morning AMp. Tribble is an outspoken advocate for Black liberation and women's rights, and supports and advocates for the LGBTQI community in Chicago and beyond.



Emily Blue

Emily Blue's music is a phone call to another universe. Vibrant, neurotic, and genre-bending, the young artist pulls from some of today's most eclectic music personalities (think St. Vincent, FKA Twigs, Pussy Riot). Moving far from her previous work, the upcoming record "*69" is less traditional and more character-driven, painting a portrait of Blue as a fiery pop-songstress from another realm.

Lead singles "Falling In Love" and "Microscope" are catchy enough for the pop lovers and crusty enough for an indie crowd, showcasing the cotton-candy meets LSD production style of Max Perenchio (of the Gold Web). Listen to her previous releases Blackberries // Rico Acid, featured on Starbucks Reserve and Spotify's "Factor Happy" playlist.

Blue's debut album "Another Angry Woman" was featured in Chicago Tribune, Huffington Post, and NPR Illinois and surrounds themes of gender and womanhood. All profits from record sales go to RACES, a rape crisis center in Champaign, IL.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Patricia Frazier

Filmmaker, Activist, Chicago and National Youth Poet Laureate, Patricia Frazier was born and raised in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood. Influenced by the mentors she has growing up such as Fatimah Asghar, Jamila Woods, Regina Berg, and the late Mama Brenda, her writing aims to discuss the intersections of young queer and colored identities living in marginalized neighborhoods. Her work appears in the Breaking the Chains Magazine, South Side Weekly, and Voices of the East Coast Anthology, performing at the Library of Congress and Federal Hall. She is a member of Assata's Daughters, intergenerational, grassroots organization of women and femme identifying folks working to deepen sustain and escalate the BLM movement. The Davis-Putter scholar currently attends Columbia College Chicago studying Cinema Arts and Sciences.



Tonika Johnson

Tonika Johnson is a visual artist/photographer from Chicago's South Side Englewood neighborhood. In 2010, she helped co-found Resident Association of Greater Englewood (R.A.G.E.) and now serves as its full-time Program Manager. She was featured in Chicago Magazine as a 2017 Chicagoan of the Year for her photography of Englewood's everyday beauty, countering its pervasive media coverage of poverty and crime. Her "Everyday Englewood," photography was exhibited at Loyola University's Museum of Art (LUMA) earlier this year. Her current project, Folded Map, visually investigates disparities among Chicago residents while bringing them together to have a conversation, is currently on view at LUMA to October 20th.



From Weinstein to Kavanaugh: Turning #MeToo into #NoneOfUs

Sarah Karp - moderator

Sarah Karp is a reporter at WBEZ-Chicago Public Radio. A former reporter for Catalyst-Chicago, the Chicago Reporter and the Daily Southtown, Karp has covered education, and children and family issues for more than 15 years. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She won the Studs Terkel Award. She has won five Education Writers Association awards, three Society of Professional Journalism awards and the 2005 Sidney Hillman Award. She is a native of Chicago, attended public schools all her life and has three sons.



Kelin Hall

Kelin helps young people and families cope with and overcome the trauma of sexual violence as a therapist at the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago's RISE Center. She holds a masters in social work from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and completed her internship at Live Oak, an LGBTQIA-affirmative, trauma-informed counseling practice. As a therapist, she thinks about how the big picture impacts individuals, including harmful forces like rape culture, racism, and other forms of oppression. She is trained in therapies that recognize how trauma impacts our bodies as well as our hearts and minds, such as yoga-informed therapy, EMDR, and DBT. She is passionate about helping organizations understand the impacts of trauma on their clients and employees, and is co-leading initiatives with this focus at the YWCA. Previously, she worked with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking, as well as DACA applicants as a paralegal and pro bono coordinator at the National Immigrant Justice Center.



Olivia Starr

Olivia has worked with youth in a number of settings, starting as a tutor in schools and later serving as a program director for the Boys and Girls Club. She has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and in 2014 earned a Master's degree in Health Behavior and Health Education from the University of Texas at Austin. In the two years prior to joining Robert Crown, Olivia worked as a Health Educator for the Hult Center for Healthy Living in Peoria, teaching a variety of classes for students ranging from Pre-K to 9th grade. Olivia loves working with adolescents and helping them empower themselves with the skills and confidence to make healthy choices.



Carolina Sánchez

Carolina Sánchez is the Children's Legal/Medical Advocate and Legal Advocacy Intern Supervisor at Resilience. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Spanish, and Latin American & Latino Studies from DePaul University. Carolina is grateful for the opportunity to provide support and accompaniment to survivors of sexual violence, and is honored to advocate for minors and their significant others. Carolina also manages the response to the Domestic Violence Court House and supervises two interns who assist survivors with petitions for protective orders and provide additional follow up services, as needed. She has provided training on minors' rights in civil, criminal, healthcare, and educational systems, mandated reporting responsibilities of service providers, and child sexual abuse prevention to a wide array of volunteers, community members, and professionals both at Resilience, other non-profits, and ICASA's statewide trainings. She has completed ICASA's 40 hour Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention training, as well as ICADV's 40 hour Domestic Violence training. Carolina is a firm believer in the importance of supporting and empowering people to lead their own healing, and is able to offer services in both English and Spanish.



Caitlin Tupper

Caitlin A. Tupper (she/her) is the Anti-Violence Project Advocate Clinician at Center on Halsted. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and obtained her Master of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work from Michigan State University. It is her personal and professional mission to serve LGBTQ survivors of violence, particularly intimate partner violence and sexual violence. She is committed to advocacy for survivors through offering trainings and education, providing traumainformed clinical services, and engaging in political activism.



Jennie Biggs

Jennie Biggs is a mom of 3 students in Chicago Public Schools. Currently, she is the Communications Director for Raise Your Hand for Illinois Public Education (RYH). She has been on staff or working as a volunteer for RYH for 7 years, using her parent voice to advocate for public school students in Chicago and throughout IL. RYH engages, informs and empowers parents to protect and strengthen public education for all children in Chicago and Illinois, eliminate inequities in public schools, and work at the grassroots for the public good that is public education. Before having children, Jennie was a science teacher at a south suburban high school for 7 years. Her experiences in the classroom and in working with adolescents informs her advocacy.



Everyday Feminism with Four 'Bad Feminists'*

Heidi Stevens - moderator

Heidi Stevens is a columnist at the Chicago Tribune, where she writes 5 days a week about current events, pop culture, parenting, relationships, gender bias and body image. She's worked as a writer and editor at the Tribune since 1998. Heidi lives in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood with her husband and their three children.

Mae Whiteside

As President/CEO, Ms. Whiteside develops and maintains client relationships for CKL Engineers. She directs all engineering and planning projects acquired by the organization and oversees the development of innovative project ideas for community areas in blight. Ms. Whiteside manages projects in the areas of civil engineering, aviation, public infrastructure, utilities and site development with Engineering & Construction Managers within the CKL organization. She is a trained civil engineer and is licensed in the State of Illinois. Ms. Whiteside is active in national political endeavors and local philanthropic causes. She was a 2016 presidential campaign fellow and formerly served as Board Member of St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, a substance abuse recovery home for women and children, in the Woodlawn Community in Chicago. She currently serves as a member of the Lumen Cordium Society of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Ms. Whiteside holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and is a student at Howard University School of Business.

Hadiya Afzal

Hadiya Afzal is an 18-year-old college student who grew up in Glen Ellyn, IL, and is currently attending DePaul University's Honors College. A decorated graduate of Glenbard South High School, she has previously worked as an election judge in the 2016 elections and is now serving as an elected precinct committeeman. A student leader in the Glen Ellyn March for Our Lives protest, she has also previously interned with the DuPage Democrats, working on a county-wide summer issue canvass. Hadiya is running for DuPage County Board (District 4) to bring representation, accessibility, and transparency to her local government.

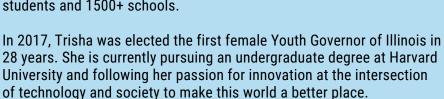






Trisha Prabhu

Trisha Prabhu is an 18-year-old innovator, change agent and Founder & CEO of ReThink, a social enterprise that's working to end online hate and make the Internet a safer place. Spurred into action by the cyberbullying-related suicide of a 12-year-old girl, Trisha invented a proactive solution, ReThink: an award-winning, patented technology solution that detects and stops online hate before it occurs, before the damage is done. Trisha's work has been recognized by The White House, Google, MIT, and WebMD, and featured on ABC's Shark Tank, and TED/TEDx stages. At President Obama's invitation, Trisha was selected as one of few entrepreneurs in the world to attend the Global Entrepreneurship Summit at Stanford University. ReThink works closely with the U.S. State Department's ShareAmerica program, and as a result, ReThink is now available in 3 languages and has reached over 5.5 million students and 1500+ schools.





A native of Chicago, Devereaux attended Fenwick High School in Oak Park. Her high school basketball career culminated in a state championship and after chose to continue her career at University of Notre Dame. At Notre Dame, Devereaux played in two Final Four Championship Title Games and won 2 Big East Defensive Player of the Year awards. Devereaux began her WNBA career as a first round draft pick, – third overall selection, by the 2011 reigning champions Minnesota Lynx. Since she has played for multiple teams in the WNBA and overseas and won 2 WNBA championships.





It's Not Chiraq: Violence in Chicago Beyond the Headlines

Kimberly Egonmwan - moderator

Attorney Kimberley Egonmwan, Esq. is a Chicago-based On-Air Commentator and Host of The Kimberley Egonmwan Experience on WVON 1690 AM and iHeart.com. Kim built her career as a trusted public policy adviser at every level of government. As an Award-winning Activist, Kim has served on the front line of social justice progress, pushing for progress and reform in several key areas impacting the African-American Communities, including criminal justice reform and her work with several organizations helped lead to a US Department of Justice investigation of the Chicago Police Department and a subsequent consent decree.

She is a regular contributor to Chicago Tonight Week In Review, WBEZ's Morning Shift, and Keeping It Real With Rev. Al Sharpton.



Nza-Ari Khepra

Nza-Ari Khepra, Co-Founder of Wear Orange and Project Orange Tree, is a recent graduate of Columbia University where she majored in Economics and concentrated in African American Studies. During high school, Hadiya Pendleton, one of Nza-Ari's friends, was murdered in a senseless shooting minutes away from her school. In response Chicago's violent state, Nza-Ari and a group of youth founded a structural violence awareness organization called Project Orange Tree. Project Orange Tree members transformed the narrative of hunter orange by asking all campaign participants to wear orange and fast from sunup to sundown to commemorate the lives lost in Chicago. Their efforts were recognized globally, and Project Orange Tree's symbolism for orange became the inspiration behind the annual Wear Orange campaign. Nza-Ari had the honor of co-creating this campaign that formed the Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 2nd, Hadiya's birthday. The campaign unifies organizations with a diversity of missions under the common goal of ending gun violence.



Jennifer Coleman

Jennifer has been an Assistant States Attorney in Cook County for 23 years. She is currently the Chief of the Narcotics Prosecutions Bureau where she oversees the Complex Narcotics Litigation Unit, Asset Forfeiture Unit, the Alternative Prosecutions and Sentencing Unit, and the Narcotics Grand Jury Unit. She previously held supervisory positions in the Felony Trial Division, Felony Review Unit, Domestic Violence Division, and the First Municipal Division of the Cook County States Attorney's Office. Jennifer has personally prosecuted hundreds of bench and dozens of jury trials- most of which involved charges of domestic-related First Degree Murder.



Abbey Smith

Abbey Smith is 23 years old and was born and raised in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. She moved to Chicago when she was 17 to pursue her undergraduate degree at Loyola University Chicago. In 2017, she graduated with her Bachelors of Science in Human Services, with extended studies in Social Work, African Studies, and Catholic Studies. Abbey has been invested in the greater Chicago community since she moved here. Starting as a Big Sis for Big Brothers Big Sisters Chicago, she went on to volunteer with CPS, intern for Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement as the K-12 Case Manager, as well as for the National Runaway Safeline. Additionally, Abbey was on the Interfaith Advocacy team while at Loyola, spent much of her time as a family mentor for Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement, and volunteers in the after school programs at the Ark of St. Sabina, where she is a proud church member.

Abbey currently works for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls as a Youth Care Worker on the Boys' Campus. All of these experiences required heavy crisis management and allowed her to encounter humanity, especially children, in a deeply meaningful way. Working with youth ranging from ages 5-23 years old, she is given the ability to see the ways violence in Chicago impacts children at a young age, and the way its effects manifest throughout the rest of their childhood and teenage years. She hopes to continue being present to the resilient youth who inspire her daily, seeking to provide them with the tools they need to navigate a society that conspires against them.



Sandra Wortham

Sandra Wortham is an attorney and a lifelong Chicagoan. Born and raised on the South Side, Sandra graduated from Whitney Young High School, Howard University and The Chicago-Kent College of Law. She then went on to work at the Chicago Police Department as a civilian Deputy Director in the Bureau of Patrol. There she gained extensive experience training officers on legal liability issues related to incident response. While at the Department, Sandra also worked on legislative compliance and numerous issues related to law enforcement administration. After her time at the Chicago Police Department, Sandra founded The Law Office of Sandra J. Wortham, LLC, where she currently practices. At her firm, Sandra concentrates in the representation of individuals in personal injury litigation. Sandra remains active in her community, serving as the President of the Nat King Cole Park Advisory Council. She also serves on the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Civil Jury Instructions and the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Advisory Board.



Love Your Mother: A Break-out on Environmental Activism

Kyra Woods of Sierra Club

Kyra Woods, a Chicago native, is an Organizer with the Sierra Club Illinois

Kyra Woods, a Chicago native, is an Organizer with the Sierra Club Illinois Chapter and advocates for public and environmental health. Currently, she works with volunteers and local organizations to propel an equitable clean energy transition in Chicago. Before joining the Sierra Club, Kyra served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea West Africa. During her service, she partnered with the World Food Programme to monitor, evaluate, and strengthen food security and nutrition programs across 211 schools, more than 50 health centers, and various community agriculture programs. Kyra is a proud alumna of Northwestern University (Environmental Engineering, 2013) and Chicago Public School graduate. She credits her involvement in the Model United Nations student group for her interdisciplinary, environmental advocacy aspirations.



Suzy Schlosberg of Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action

Suzy Schlosberg is a Junior at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School. Born in Beijing, China, she grew up with the consequences of industrial pollution in a large city. Once she moved here, she's been involved in efforts to combat environmental degradation, volunteering for Food and Water Watch, the Sierra Club, and attending summits and workshops for climate activism. As the the Co-Director of the Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action, Suzy hopes to inspire and empower others to act together to form an intersectional youth climate movement. She was involved in a political campaign to elect a progressive Illinois congressional candidate, competes nationally in her school's Policy Debate team, and is Whitney Young's Student Council Secretary.



Allison Cavallo of Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action

Allison, a junior at Whitney M. Young High School, is passionate about addressing the inequalities of climate change and inspiring youth to take control of our future. As Co-Director of the CYACA, she chairs the CPS Sustainability Board, which empowers Chicago students to take action in their own schools. Outside of environmental activism, Allison sponsors refugee girls, sings in the Whitney Young Concert Choir, competes in Model United Nations, and volunteers in the community. Her favorite ice cream is mint chocolate chip, and she loves to travel, read, and listen to music. She hopes to study economics or public health at university.



Why Your Vote Matters and How to Make the Most of It

Nicole Isca of Ballot Ready

Nicole Isca is the Director of Voter Outreach for BallotReady, a digital nonpartisan voter guide on a mission to help every American enter the voting booth prepared to vote on their entire ballot. Before turning her focus to educating voters, Nicole taught high school English and World History for 7 years, first in Indianapolis and then in Chicago. It was through her work with students that she gained a passion and appreciation for the importance of empowering young people to be active citizens. A native Hoosier, Nicole earned her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University and her Master of Arts in Secondary Education from Marian University.



Charise Williams of Stay Woke, Go Vote

Charise Williams is a single mother born and raised on the South Side of Chicago. She was raised by a single mom, who worked as a special education teacher in CPS for 25 years. She attended Mother McAuley Liberal Arts HS, received her bachelors from Lewis University and received a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. Most recently, she worked as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs and worked in both education and healthcare prior to that role. In 2018, she ran for Cook County Commissioner in the 3rd district.

Currently, Charise serves on the Board of Directors for Emerald South, is an alum of University of Chicago Booth Business School/Urban League IMPACT Fellow, is a mentor for LINK Unlimited, serves as a co-chair of the Community Development Domain for the Financial Services Pipeline with the Federal Reserve Bank, served as a Co-Chair for the United State of Women Conference, and member of the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP).

During a conversation with her son and some of his friends, they stated that they didn't believe that their vote would count, that politicians don't really care about black kids, and didn't understand the full power of their vote. It was from that conversation that she created Stay Woke Go Vote (SWGV), a youth voter registration movement that engages the hip hop community, business owners, influencers and millennials.



Ask a Dreamer: The Personal Stories Driving Immigration Activism

Ere Rendon of Resurrection Project

Rendón "Ere" Eréndira is the Vice President of Immigration Strategy and Advocacy at The Resurrection Project. Ere has served as the organization's lead strategist and manager on local and state-wide campaigns impacting the lives of immigrants, playing a leading role in the successful passage of many pro-immigrant legislations in Illinois including Driver's Licenses for the undocumented and the renewal of Illinois' All Kids healthcare program. Ere is an undocumented immigrant with DACA protection from Oaxaca, Mexico. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the Civic Leadership Academy at the University of Chicago.



Access Denied: A Break-out about Reproductive Justice

Kanyinsola Anifowoshe

Kanyinsola Anifowoshe is a 17 year old Nigerian-American who is a senior at Whitney Young high school. She is excited about inclusivity and accessibility in the art world, creating space for marginalized voices, and the transformative potential of young people! She is editor-in-chief of Wahala Zine, a platform for the creative work of young people in the Nigerian diaspora, and host of The Now podcast where she interviews young creatives. She is also a co-organizer with Fempowerment Chicago and Youth for Black Lives, organizations intended to amplify the power of young people within activism.



Your Voice as a Tool: How to Speak Up to Effect Change

Leahruth Jamilo of GirlSpeak

Leahruth Jemilo is the Founder and CEO of Girlspeak, a communications and public speaking program for middle and high school age girls. Leahruth has a Bachelor of Science from Carleton College. Prior to founding Girlspeak, Leahruth lived in NYC and worked at Georgeson, a corporate governance consulting firm. To fulfill her desire to work with mission driven organizations, Leahruth volunteered with StreetWise Partners, a career development program for historically marginalized populations. While working with this program Leahruth noticed a relationship between the confidence levels of program participants and their ability to communicate effectively. In 2014 Leahruth began her MBA at Columbia University and in an Entrepreneurship class developed the curriculum for Girlspeak. After graduation, Leahruth piloted the program in NYC at AOL with their #BBGVentures summer interns. She then presented it with NYC public schools before deciding to return to her roots in Chicago and dedicate herself full time to making Girlspeak a reality. Girlspeak has worked with the following Chicago Public Schools: Agassiz Elementary, Murphy Elementary, Dyett High School for the Arts, and Scammon Elementary. Girlspeak is a certified vendor with Chicago Public Schools. Outside of Girlspeak, you can find Leahruth at yoga where she finds her zen.



Youth Activism

Assata's Daughters

Assata's Daughters, currently based in the Washington Park neighborhood on Chicago's south side, is a young person-led organization that organizes young Black people in the Black Radical Tradition through a queer Black Feminist lens. Through political education and revolutionary services, our programs aim to escalate, deepen, and sustain the Black Lives Matter Movement for the collective liberation of Black people.



BREAK-OUT SESSIONS - FOR PARENTS

Let's Talk About Sex, Baby: How to Talk to Your Young Feminist About Sexual Health

Dr. Traci Kurtzer with Northwestern Medicine

Dr Kurtzer is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Medicine and did her general OBGYN residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes in Chicago. After working for hospital systems in the Chicago area, she opened an OBGYN practice in Evanston in 2002. During her almost 15 years of solo private practice she became very aware of the role of interpersonal violence in her patients' health issues. She became involved in Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse awareness and prevention and the specialized care of patients with trauma history. With her transition to a staff gynecologist for Northwestern Medicine in 2015, she now dedicates her spare time to training other health care professionals on Abuse screening and Victim Centered care. She currently lectures on Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking, and the Neurobiology of Trauma/Trauma Informed Care and how these issues impact the medical care we provide our patients. She is the Lead physician for the Intimate Partner Violence/ Sexual Violence Prevention Group for Northwestern Medicine and the physician liaison to the Campus Coalition on Sexual Violence at Northwestern. She is a member of the Healthcare Committee of the Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force and many other organizations working on Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, and Human Trafficking education for health care providers.



She is a board member of Chicago National Organization for Women and an active member of Moms Demand Action (for Gun Violence Prevention) Evanston.

How to Raise a Feminist

If E Williams of BYP100

Pascale Ife Williams is a Black mixed-race queer feminist, artist and organizer. Ife graduated in 2015 from DePaul University with a BA in Community Psychology and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the School of Human Ecology. She is a Chicago native with over ten years of experience in justice-driven arts and community-engaged work; engaging community through visioning activations and facilitation of multi-expressive learning. Her life's work explores and complicates racial, gender, and wellness equity. She is a founding member of the Healing & Safety Council in BYP100 (byp100.org) and the P.O.W.E.R. Collective (UW Madison). Ife's biological and chosen tribe are most precious to her. Kamari, her 6 ¾ year old son (who loves ninja's and asking questions like "mama, is Michael Jackson up in the sky? I miss him.") is a constant source of humility, inspiration, reflection and action.



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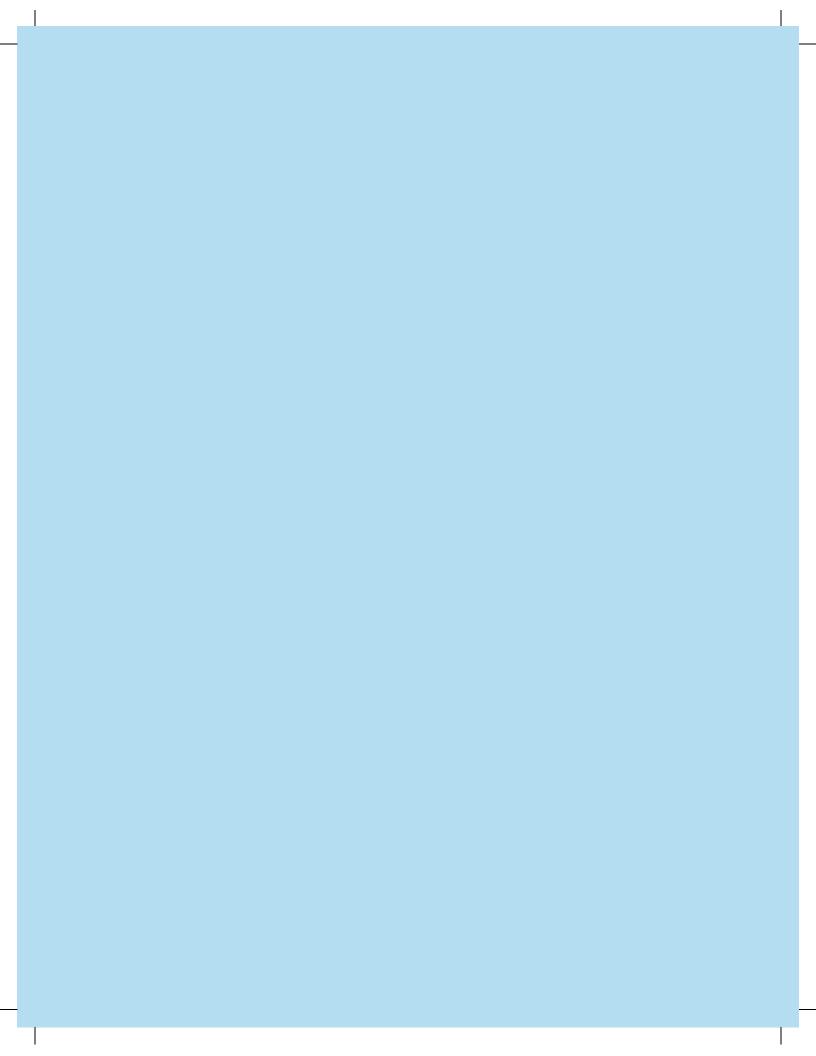
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