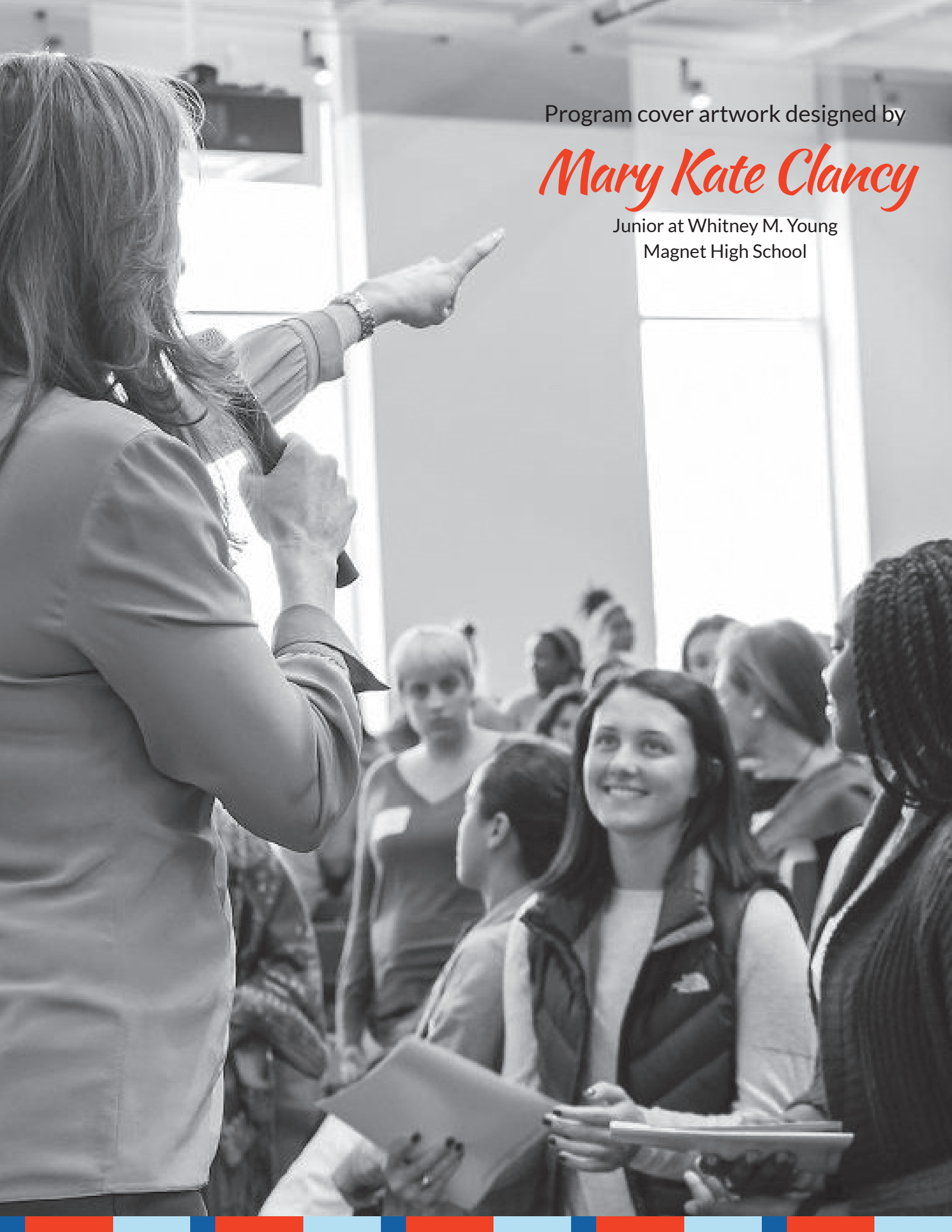




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CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:30am: Registration
- 9:00am: Conference begins: Alex Kumin, Conference Emcee
- 9:15am: Musical performance by Sophia Byrd, Anna Benoit, Caroline McKenzie + Logan Piker
- 9:20am: Welcome remarks from Conference Co-chairs Mya Cavner + Zoe Weinstein
Commissioner Bridget Gainer
- 9:35am: Feminism 101 presentation w/ Professor Annie Warshaw + Sariah Bolden, Sadie Bunting, Michelle Garcia, Mary Catherine Hanafee Laplante, Sarah Johnson, Tema Siegel, Quinn Simons, and Grace Weber
- 10:00am: **Panel 1 – Exploring the ‘F’ word: Feminism in 2019**
Heidi Stevens (moderator), Sophia Byrd, Sophie Draluck, Alycia Kamil Moaton, and Suzy Schlosberg
- 10:35am: Speaker: Chazzie Grosshandler, GenderCool Project
- 10:45am: Keynote speaker: Eva Maria Lewis, The I Project + Co-founder of Youth for Black Lives
- 11:05am: **Panel 2 – Beyond the Ballot: How to Make An Impact, Even if You’re Too Young to Vote**
Jamie Nesbitt Golden (moderator), Bushra Amiwala, Morgan Lyn, Liliana Villa and Kiah Sandler
- 11:40am: Video from RUN
- 11:50am: Spoken Word Performance from Penelope Alegria, Chicago Youth Poet Laureate
- 12:00pm: Call to Action: Commissioner Bridget Gainer
- 12:05pm: Closing/Instructions for Break-out Sessions: Alex Kumin
- 12:10pm: Break-out Sessions
- 12:55-1:30pm: Lunch + Engagement Fair + Networking

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Note: Attendees will choose one of the following break-out sessions to attend.

Option 1: #BeLikeIllinois: Reproductive Health Activism in IL – More than Abortion Choice

Description: There are unprecedented attacks on reproductive health care access occurring in the U.S.; from the rolling back of the Affordable Care Act’s birth control mandates, to some state’s implementation of 6-week abortion bans, to the proliferation of fake Crisis Pregnancy Centers. In this workshop, you will get an introduction to Reproductive Justice which places reproductive rights and health in a broader intersectional social justice framework. Learn what organizations and state legislators are doing to ensure Illinois remains a safe beacon for abortion and comprehensive reproductive health care. We will give you the tools to take concrete actions and provide practical support to current reproductive justice and sexual health/rights issues.

Option 2: Elevating Women in the Climate Movement

Description: Climate change is one of the greatest threats of our time. And many women and girls across the world, including Greta Thunberg, are leading the fight for climate and environmental justice. This workshop will introduce participants to the fundamentals of the climate crisis, share narratives and stories of empowered women organizing to address the issue, and inspire participants to get involved in movements working tirelessly to avoid a climate catastrophe.

Option 3: Gun Violence is a Feminist Issue - Ending Violence Against Women

Description: The majority of mass shooters have a history of violence or hatred against women, and an average of 52 women are shot and killed a month by an intimate partner. What steps can we take to disarm domestic abusers but also teach young women the warning signs that lead to gun violence? In this session, we will talk about how gun violence directly impacts women and what organizations and legislators are doing to save lives.

Option 4: Beat the Blame Game - Understanding Victim Blaming and Allyship

Description: Victim blaming. The greatest barrier to holding rapists accountable, and giving survivors the critical support they need. Whether it’s slut shaming, or the almost recreational hostility that follows victims when they report, Beat the Blame Game is the powerful reality check that provides the tools to challenge the haters.

Option 5: Campaign Don’t Complain: Political Activism 101

Description: Are you wondering how YOU can impact elections when you can’t vote yourself? Answer: Turn out other people to vote for the candidates you support! This workshop will help participants learn what to expect when they show up in a campaign office, introduce them to the basics of door-knocking and phonebanking for candidates running for office, and prove voter contact is way less scary than you think.



Commissioner Bridget Gainer

Founder of Cause the Effect Chicago

Bridget Gainer founded Cause the Effect Chicago to bring committed women together to take their ideas to action. Since 2015, thousands of women and girls from neighborhoods across Chicago have come together to build community and make change on the issues that matter to them.

Bridget Gainer is also a Cook County Commissioner and brings 25 years of experience in the public and private sector to lead on issues as diverse as the state of women in the criminal justice system, restoring vacant homes and creating a Countywide apprentice program to expand employment opportunities for young people without a college degree. Bridget was born and raised in Chicago and lives with her family in Lakeview.



Meghan Christiansen

Executive Director of Cause the Effect Chicago

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.



Mya Cavner

Conference Co-Chair

Mya Cavner is a junior at Whitney Young Magnet High School with passions for merging art, fashion, and social activism. Currently, she is the president and art director of Acting for Gender Equality Club also known as AGE. This club focuses on promoting intersectional feminism through art-making and discussion. Last year, AGE hosted "Consent Fest", a school-wide event sparking conversation about the complexity of consent. Through activities, art, and games, AGE was able to engage the entire student body while creating an inclusive space for their peers to become informed. She also is a co-president of Whitney Young's School Beautification Club which strives to create open spaces for students to make art, along with creating installations for the student body.

Mya interns at the Art Institute of Chicago in their Teen Council program and has showcased her artwork in youth-led events at the Museum of Contemporary Art. She aspires to continue creating spaces for people to grow as activists and combine her love of curation, communications, and art history at the University of Arts London in the near future.



Zoe Weinstein

Conference Co-Chair

A sophomore at Jones College Prep, Zoe Weinstein is a passionate student who is interested in empowering women, coaching middle school debate, and the fashion industry. Over the last two years, Zoe has participated in the Young Feminist Planning Committee, a six week travel abroad program for environmental justice, as well as participating in student government as class president. She is a strong leader within her own social circles and believes in the importance of forming strong communities. Looking to the future, Zoe hopes to enact change with the support of those communities in Chicago in order to better the world as a whole.



Cause the Effect Chicago provides a platform for women and girls to effect change through activism and civic engagement.

EMCEE + SPEAKER

EMCEE



Alex Kumin Comedian

Alex Kumin's bold and whip smart standup delights crowds across the city of Chicago and around the US. She is an alumnus of the nation's longest running independent standup comedy showcase, The Lincoln Lodge, through which she also teaches Chicago's favorite all-female standup class, Feminine Comique. Her monthly showcase, Diamond Comedy Hour, takes place at the Chicago Laugh Factory on the first Friday of the month, featuring the premiere female comedians in the city and beyond. She has had the pleasure of working with Patton Oswalt, Maria Bamford, Tom Green, Rory Scovel, The Lucas Brothers, Aparna Nancherla, Greg Fitzsimmons, Jen Kirkman, and Todd Barry, among others and was selected as one of eight comedians at Gilda's Laughfest - Best of the

Midwest Competition 2017. She made her television debut on WCIU's "Chicago's One Night Stand-up" and has appeared in NBC Universal's Breakout Festival ('16, '17, '18), Limestone Comedy Festival, Orlando Indie Comedy Fest and The Chicago Comedy Exposition. In 2016 she was named a comic to watch by Timeout Chicago and was one of Chicago Reader's standout comedians of the year. She has been featured in Chicago Magazine as a comedian with "unapologetic honesty," as she tackles heavy hitting social issues like gender inequality and thigh chafing.

SPEAKER



Chazzie Grosshandler GenderCool Project

Chazzie is a thirteen-year-old, eighth-grader who identifies as transgender. She has a passion for volunteering and spends much of her free time after school and on weekends helping others through multiple organizations in Chicago. She is also deeply interested in other cultures and languages and is determined to be fluent in Spanish by the time she graduates high school. Chazzie is focused on living her life with purpose. Her own journey was the inspiration behind The GenderCool Project, a national storytelling campaign and movement helping to replace misinformed opinions with positive, powerful experiences meeting dynamic young people who identify as transgender. She realizes that by telling her story, she is helping people understand that kids who identify as transgender are just like all other kids.

She's spoken at corporations, conferences and schools across the country and has been featured in national and local media including The Today Show, New York Times, ABC News, NBC News, Pink News, WGN-TV, Chicago Sun Times and Windy City Times.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER + PERFORMER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Eva Maria Lewis

The I Project + Co-founder of Youth for Black Lives

Eva Maria Lewis is a twenty year old queer Black superwoman, activist, and artist from the South Side of Chicago. During her freshman year of high school, she became involved in Young Chicago Authors 'Louder Than A Bomb' - the world's largest poetry competition and festival. After studying abroad in France the summer before her junior year, using interviews and footage shot in France, she created a short film on privilege called "Redefining Opportunity". Soon after, she created The I Project, which combines art and activism to advocate for equity through a lens of intersectionality. In the summer of 2016, she and three other Black girls founded Youth for Black Lives after leading thousands through the streets

of downtown Chicago to protest police brutality. Her senior year of high school, through The I Project, she started the Education Emancipation campaign to financially support her local elementary school, Bouchet Elementary. She's spoken and performed at many places, including the United Nations in New York City twice, for the Commission on the Status of Women and the International Day of the Girl. She has received many awards and recognitions including the Princeton Prize for Race Relations, the Rising Star award from the DuSable Museum, she was named a 2018 'The Root' Young Futurist, and in 2018 she was a Nylon Magazine Cover Star, making their 'Top 25 Gen-Zers' list. Eva is a contributor for Teen Vogue, where she writes about social justice and equality for all people, specifically people of color. She is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania on the Questbridge College Match Scholarship, where she will receive her BA in Sociology and MS in Nonprofit Leadership.

PERFORMER



Penelope Alegria Chicago Youth Poet Laureate

Penelope Alegria is a senior at Niles West High School and is a Peruvian-American of Hispanic lineage. She is the Chicago Youth Poet Laureate for 2019-2020 and a member of Young Chicago Authors' artistic apprenticeship. Her work has been featured or is forthcoming in La Nueva Semana, Muse/A Journal, The Breakbeat Poets Vol. 4: LatINEXT, and elsewhere. Penelope is a Brain Mill Press Editor's Pick and was awarded the 2018 Literary Award by Julian Randall. Her poem, "Papa's Deli Order," will be animated and showcased at international film festivals as part of ARTS By the People's "Moving Words" initiative. She has performed spoken word at The Metro Theatre, University of Chicago, and elsewhere. She is currently working on a collection of poems that explores what assimilation into America means for immigrants and their children.

PANEL 1 – EXPLORING THE “F” WORD: Feminism in 2019

MODERATOR

Heidi Stevens Chicago Tribune



Heidi Stevens is a columnist at the Chicago Tribune, where she has worked as a writer and editor since 1998. Her daily column, *Balancing Act*, tackles race, gender, relationships, politics and pop culture and explores the ways they intersect with current events. Prior to the Tribune, Stevens worked at *The Times* in Munster, Indiana. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1996, where she studied journalism and political science. Stevens lives in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood with her husband and children.

Sophia Byrd Singer + Co-Founder of Youth For Black Lives



Sophia Byrd is a junior at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign studying Lyric Theatre. Sophia began her career singing with the Chicago Children's Choir through which she was able to perform such works as *Otello* and *Carmina Burana* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Riccardo Muti. She has performed alongside artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, Jennifer Hudson, Kurt Elling, and Chance the Rapper. Her song "I See the Light" was featured in the Spike Lee original motion picture *Chiraq*. Sophia made her New York debut in the world premiere of Pulitzer prize nominee Ted Hearne's new work, *Place*, followed by Tony Award nominee, Heidi Rodewald's *The Good Swimmer*, at the BAM New Wave Festival. She appeared in Lyric Theatre @ Illinois in collaboration with Krannert Performing Arts Center's production of *Crazy for You* and placed first at Chicago NATS 2019 for college women, second year. Most recently, she played Sandi in Cedar Point's production of *Beach Blanket Beagle*. This

coming season, Sophia can be seen as Woman 1 in Lyric Theatre @ Illinois' production of *Songs for a New World*, Eve in *Rev23* at the New York Prototype Festival, and will be making her LA debut as Ted Hearne's *Place* travels to Walt Disney Concert Hall.

As a co-founder of Youth4BlkLives, Sophia's passion drives her to validate and amplify the voices of young Black people within the movement, as well as abolish systemic oppression through collaboration, direct action, and artistic expression. Sophia believes that more than simply creating a hashtag, young people can take action to make change and as an artist, she feels that music is more than just notes on a page. It is a way of life. In pursuing a career in music, Sophia hopes to unify people despite their color, beliefs, or sexual orientation. Despite the divisive times our country faces, she hopes her activism and her art will inspire a positive change in her communities.

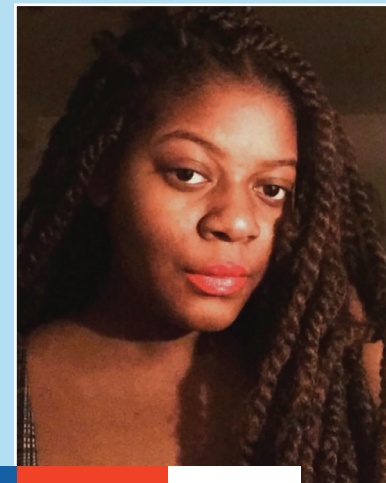


Sophie Draluck Founder of Cycle Forward

Sophie Draluck is a current senior at Highland Park High School and the Founder and Managing Director of Cycle Forward, a nonprofit organization that combats period poverty by providing access to menstrual products for under-resourced women and teens. Cycle Forward also attempts to raise awareness and de-stigmatize menstruation, something that she notes is long overdue. So far, Sophie and Cycle Forward have distributed over 47,000 tampons and pads to women and girls in need in the Chicago area, Florida, England, India and Haiti, while speaking and advocating for menstrual equity whenever she has the opportunity. In addition to running Cycle Forward, Sophie has been engaged in her community as the first Junior Trustee on the Board of the 112 Education Foundation, and has been appointed by the Mayor of Highland Park to serve on the City of Highland

Park Business & Economic Development Advisory Group. Within her school community, Sophie serves as president of Mock Trial and president of Giant Buddies. She is also a member of the Model UN team, GirlUp and serves as a peer tutor at the Learning Center, a P.E. Leader and a Link Crew Leader. Sophie is a self-described empathy enthusiast, with a passion for trying to make the world a better place.

Alycia Kamil Moaton GoodKids Mad City



Alycia Kamil Moaton is an activist, singer, writer, and performer from the South Side of Chicago. She is a part of the youth led anti-gun violence organization GoodKids MadCity, and her journey with being involved in this work started over four years ago. Her background in activism is specifically driven towards finding solutions around gender-based violence, and implementing arts and restorative justice practices in marginalized communities. She's been featured in the Chicago Sun Times, Teen Vogue, New York Times, and the Chicago Tribune. Her work, whether it be poetry or op-Eds, have been featured in many different publications. She's attending The American Musical Dramatic Academy in New York City, majoring in Musical Theatre and minoring in dramatic writing. Her first chapter book is coming out next year.

Suzy Schlosberg Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action



Suzy Schlosberg, a Senior at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, was born in Beijing, China, where she grew up with the consequences of industrial pollution and its detrimental health effects. Once she moved to Chicago, she became increasingly involved with efforts to combat environmental degradation, joining the Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action her freshman year of high school. Now as Co-Director of CYACA, Suzy hopes to inspire and empower others to act together to form an intersectional youth climate movement. Suzy is also on the steering committee for the Ready for 100 Chicago Collective and a student intern at the Sierra Club office. In her free time, Suzy loves journaling and discovering new cafes.

PANEL 2 – BEYOND THE BALLOT

How to make an impact, even if you're too young to vote

MODERATOR



Jamie Nesbitt Golden Block Club Chicago

Jamie Nesbitt Golden is a reporter with Block Club Chicago, a non-profit newsroom dedicated to community journalism. A lifelong South Sider she graduated from Kenwood Academy, majoring in broadcasting before working as a general assignment reporter at the Chicago Defender. Her work has appeared in Time, Salon, xoJane and Ebony. She currently lives in Hyde Park with her husband and son. When she isn't chasing stories, she loves to travel, watch bad reality TV, fall down Wikipedia holes, and ranting about the state of journalism on Twitter (@thewayoftheid).

Bushra Amiwala Skokie Board of Education



Bushra Amiwala is a media icon, student, dynamic speaker, and the Youngest Muslim Elected Official in the United States. At the age of 19, she announced her candidacy for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to serve as a voice for her underrepresented generation and other marginalized communities. Her campaign was covered nationally by outlets such as TIME magazine, Teen Vogue and Scholastic Magazine, to name a few. As a result of her leadership in increasing civic participation, she was named Glamour Magazine's College Woman of the Year, Seventeen Magazine's Voice of the Year and internationally as CosmoGirl's Change maker of the Year. Bushra was awarded the Public Peace Ambassador award sponsored by the United Nations. She is currently a senior at DePaul University and serves on the Board of Directors of the Indo-American Democratic Organization (IADO), GenVote, SheVotesIL, and on the Board of Education in Skokie as its youngest board member.

Morgan Lyn League of Women Voters IL



Morgan Lyn is the Marketing & Communication Specialist at the League of Women Voters of Illinois, a 100 year old civic organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Lyn has worked in several different markets, including Cincinnati, St. Louis and most recently Nashville, TN. She is a graduate of DePaul University, with a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature, as well as a graduate of DePaul University, with a Master's Degree in Public Relations & Advertising. She has a wealth of experience in media relations, social media strategy and marketing and development campaigns. She recently moved back to Chicago with her husband, and welcomed a new son, Graham, this past March.



Kiah Sandler Chicago Votes

Kiah Michelle Sandler is a New Jersey native and recent graduate of DePaul University with a degree in Psychology and a minor in African and Black Diaspora Studies. While at DePaul, Kiah was an active social justice leader serving as President and as Co-Founder of I.M.P.A.C.T. (I Matter, Political Activism Can Too) DePaul, a non-partisan organization that functions as a campus resource and source of education on political and social justice matters. Three years ago, I.M.P.A.C.T DePaul began their partnership with ChicagoVotes, a grassroots voting rights and activism organization focused on empowering young people with the resources and tools they need to bring about social change. Since that partnership began, Kiah has been primarily involved with their Unlock Civics initiative to bring about equitable legislation to make voting more accessible for those incarcerated in Cook County Jail. Kiah is also a Charter Member of DePaul

University's Upsilon Upsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and is currently a Diverse Learning Specialist at Noble DRW College Prep in North Lawndale.



Liliana Villa Mikva Challenge

Liliana Villa is a first-generation college student in her first year at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Public Policy and her Master's degree in Public Administration. She participated in a variety of civic engagement programs and organizations since high school and is passionate about bringing an equitable, accessible, and inclusive Chicago through her participation. Mikva Challenge has played a large role in her participation in civics. Liliana has sat on the Mikva Challenge Student Advisory Council, Summer Fellows, and Young Women's Leadership Council. Her work includes education policy reform for Chicago Public Schools with Chief Executive Officer Dr. Janice Jackson. She also developed initiatives for Student Election Judge recruitment for Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough. She advocates on policy for women and girls with Chicago Clerk Anna Valencia's Chicago

Status for Women and Girls Working Group. She has also interned for a non-profit, America Needs You, where she worked with first-generation college students on professional development. Liliana plans to continue her engagement with politics and policy during her time at UIC.

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS LEADERS

#BeLikeIllinois: Reproductive Health Activism in IL – More than Abortion Choice



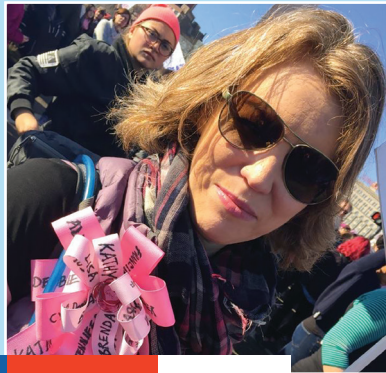
Annie Williams IL Handmaids

Annie Williams is co-lead of Indivisible Oak Park and serves on the Board of She Votes IL. She has also served as Policy Lead for Women's Issues with Indivisible Illinois and was Outreach Leader for the Illinois chapter of the Women's March on Washington. Annie organized silent protests inspired by "The Handmaid's Tale" in support of HB 40 and the Reproductive Health Act. She co-founded Ratify ERA IL which worked to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois. She has also organized voter engagement activities, deputy registrar training, voter education and student voter registration events. She retired from Federal government service as Web Administrator with the Railroad Retirement Board in 2013. Annie resides in Hillside, IL.



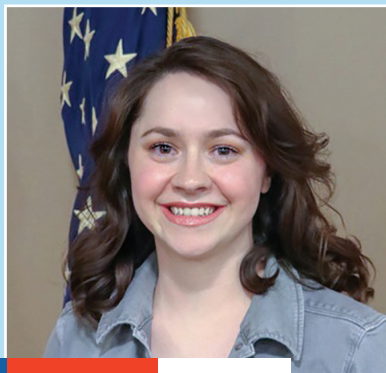
Megan Jeyifo Chicago Abortion Fund

Megan (she/her) began her role as the Executive Director of the Chicago Abortion Fund (CAF) in June of 2019. She has served in various capacities for CAF: as helpline volunteer, helpline coordinator, and board co-chair. Megan is an abortion storyteller with We Testify, a development program of the National Network of Abortion Funds dedicated to increasing the spectrum of abortion storytellers in the public sphere and shifting the way the media understands the context and complexity of accessing abortion care. She is a founding member of the Studio Eight collective, a team of creatives that believes communities thrive when all individuals have access to an ecology of culture, arts, and wellness. Megan lives on the South Side and is the proud Mama of twins who are four years old.



Maureen Keane She Votes IL

Maureen Keane (she/her/hers) has been a community organizer and activist for decades addressing homelessness and educating our youth in the Chicago area. Currently, Maureen is the co-founder of She Votes Illinois which was established in 2017 and advocates for equity and justice across the state of Illinois. Maureen lives on the Southwest side of Chicago and is an amateur photographer, nature lover and solo adventure traveler.



Megan McCullough Planned Parenthood IL

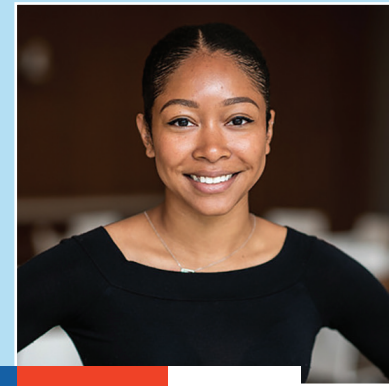
Meghan McCullough (she/her/hers) is the South Suburbs Grassroots Organizer for Planned Parenthood of Illinois and Planned Parenthood Illinois Action. She has been on the ground for roughly six months, working hard to organize community activists and volunteers around Planned Parenthood's mission. Before joining the Planned Parenthood team, Megan worked for the Indiana Democratic Party as a Regional Field Director to elect Democrats up and down the ballot during the 2018 midterm election. Outside of organizing, Megan enjoys baking, yoga, and knitting.



Qudsiyyah Shariyf Chicago Abortion Fund

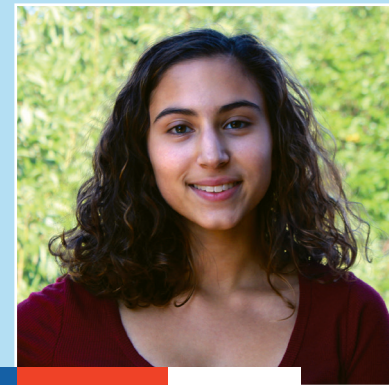
Qudsiyyah Shariyf is the Program Coordinator at Chicago Abortion Fund and a fierce advocate for reproductive justice. While an undergraduate student at the University of Chicago she founded Project Reproductive Freedom, an advocacy group that spreads awareness about reproductive justice issues and works to uplift local reproductive justice organizations. Qudsiyyah is a caretaker for little ones and an aspiring Doula. She has also worked with Women's Medical Fund in Philadelphia, PA and Black Women Birthing Justice in Oakland, CA.

Elevating Women in the Climate Movement



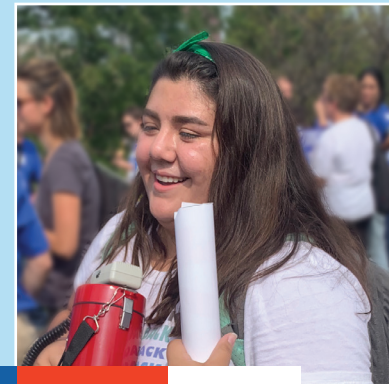
Dejah Powell Sunrise Movement

Dejah Powell is a 2018 graduate of Cornell University with a degree in Environmental and Sustainability Science and minors in Business and Community Food Systems. Outside of her full-time work as an analyst at Civic Consulting Alliance, working within the Economic Vitality platform area, Dejah is incredibly passionate about connecting students to urban agriculture. In 2016, she founded Get Them to the Green, an organization whose mission is to foster a love for the environment amongst youth across Chicago's South Side. In addition to her work with Get Them to the Green, Dejah is also the fundraising team lead in Chicago with Sunrise Movement, a youth-led movement mobilizing to stop the climate crisis.



Allison Cavallo
The Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action

Allison, a senior 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 Chicago Youth Alliance for Climate Action, she chairs the CPS Sustainability Board, which empowers Chicago students to take action in their own schools. In July 2019, Allison was nominated by local environmental and community organizations to serve on the Advisory Board of the Ready for 100 Chicago Collective, where she represents the youth perspective in key decisions regarding the equitable implementation of Chicago's transition to 100% clean energy. Outside of environmental activism, Allison sponsors refugee girls, sings in the Whitney Young Chamber Choir, competes in Model United Nations, and volunteers in her 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 environmental engineering at university.



Adelina (Lina) Avalos Youth Climate Strike IL

Adelina Avalos is a senior at Whitney M. Young High School and a resident of Chicago's Southeast Side. She frequents the phrase "environmentalist first, student second". Adelina is a Director for Youth Climate Strike IL, and one of the main organizers of the Chicago Youth Climate Strike protests. This being her main project when it comes to Environmental Justice, she also volunteers with the Ready For 100 Coalition through Sierra Club, and the Chicago Environmental Leadership Initiative. In addition to environmental work, she works with Mikva Challenge on the Youth Safety Advisory Council, advising Superintendent Eddie Johnson. When she is not fighting for what she believes in, she enjoys hunting for the best iced coffee in Chicago and listening to her vinyl record collection with friends.

Gun Violence is a Feminist Issue

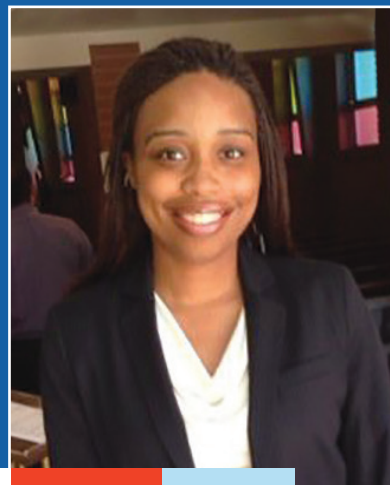
- Ending Violence Against Women



Kina Collins

Chicago Neighborhood Alliance and Congressional Candidate

Kina Collins is a nationally recognized gun violence prevention and healthcare advocate, who is running for the IL-07 Congressional District seat in 2020. Kina is from the Austin neighborhood on the West Side of Chicago, where she witnessed a shooting in front of her house at seven years old. She served on the National Leadership Council with Generation Progress, which brought young adults together from across the country to address the root causes of gun violence and criminal justice reform. Last year, Kina co-wrote the Illinois Council on Women and Girls act. Kina is the founder of the Chicago Neighborhood Alliance, and serves on the local boards for Women's March - Illinois, Chicago International Youth Peace Movement, and I Grow Chicago.



Ciera Walker

Live Free Chicago

Ciera Walker was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago. She is committed to the fight for social and economic justice by strengthening communities through radical theology. As the Executive Director of Live Free Chicago, Ciera is working with black churches to create safe, economically viable, and self-sustained black communities. Prior to Live Free Chicago, Ciera served as the senior organizer at a faith-based organization. Ciera received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Lamar University, and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is currently studying at McCormick Theological seminary for a Masters in Theological Studies. In 2013, Ciera was ordained a minister through the Church of Jesus Christ House of Prayer Inc., where she served as the Youth coordinator from 2010-2013. In addition to her commitment to racial justice, Ciera is the proud mother of three daughters.



Anna Buckingham

Former Director of Gender Services at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

Anna Buckingham is an accomplished therapist, caseworker and community collaborator with more than 10 years of experience. A fierce advocate for youth, she previously served as the Director of Gender Services at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. She also served as a Steering Committee member for the Coalition on Urban Girls- Chicago and as a Clinic Coordinator at JCFS. Anna holds a master's degree in art therapy from Lesley University. She lives in the Chicagoland area and is a mother of three young feminists: Carolina (5), Wilhelmina (19 mos.) and Freya (5 mos.).

Beat the Blame Game

- Understanding Victim Blaming and Allyship



Anne Dufault

Catharsis Production

Anne Dufault joined Catharsis Productions in 2014. As senior educator, Anne has traveled the world facilitating Catharsis's innovative programming, and also trains new educators how facilitate, educate, and fight fire with funny. Before her work with Catharsis, Anne worked as an actor in New York City, Cincinnati, and Boston, and a teaching artist with various theaters and programs, including Timeline Theatre Company and Explo at Yale. She is a graduate of Skidmore College and the National Theater Institute at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center.

Campaign Don't Complain: Political Activism 101



Meghan Goldenstein

Mikva Challenge

Meghan joined Mikva in 2010 following previous work as a children's librarian, a teacher, and a field organizer during the 2008 presidential campaign. Having been transformed by her own campaign experiences, she loves encouraging and empowering youth to become active participants in elections (much earlier than she did). As the Elections in Action program director, she works with Chicago area teachers and campaign staff to create opportunities for Mikva youth to gain hands-on experience with electoral politics.

Note: Attendees will choose one of the five break-out sessions to attend.

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