

2021

SHE LEADS ADVOCACY SUMMIT AGENDA

Strong voices, smart choices, and bold actions



The 3rd annual She Leads Advocacy Summit will educate and empower participants to take a stand against racial injustice and inequalities. This virtual event will include interactive workshops, a self-care dance session, girls in leadership panel, and an opportunity to network with influential women.

6th-12th Graders

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

Overview

9:50 AM	Check-In
10:00 AM	Welcome
10:15 AM	Keynote Speaker
10:25 AM	Morning Breakout Sessions
11:10 AM	Stretch Break
11:15 AM	Girls In Leadership Panel
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:15 PM	Energizer
12:30 PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions
1:15 PM	Stretch Break
1:20 PM	Self-Care Session
2:00 PM	Reflection
2:30 PM	Thank You!

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Inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rep. Joanne E. McClinton



Joanna McClinton, Esquire, took the oath of office to serve the people of the 191st Legislative District on Aug. 25, 2015. In Nov. 2018, she became the first African-American and woman to be elected as the House Democratic Caucus chair for the 2019-20 legislative session. In Nov. 2020, she was elected by her peers as the House Democratic Leader. She is the first woman to serve as a Floor Leader in the history of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

A lifelong resident of southwest Philadelphia and graduate of Grace Temple Christian Academy, she became active in the community while completing a two-year internship with the radio station WDAS. Later, she studied Political Science and Leadership in Global Understanding at La Salle University where she was a Dean's List student, student leader and neighborhood tutor.

Immediately after graduating from LaSalle, she enrolled at Villanova University School of Law where she used her legal training to serve the public. She was an intern at Regional Housing Legal Services, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and the Defender Association of Philadelphia. She was an assistant public defender for seven years. In 2013, she became the chief counsel to state Sen. Anthony Hardy Williams. She worked behind the scenes in the senator's Harrisburg and Philadelphia offices, developing policy and legislation.

Rep. McClinton was a youth ministry leader at her West Philadelphia home church, Open Door Mission for more than 10 years where she organized positive mentor programs for children. She is a volunteer with Outreach to Youth and Hands of Compassion American Sign Language Ministry. She was an elected Board Member of the La Salle University Alumni Association Board of Directors, where she helped initiate the Minority Alumni Advisory Group. She also served on the city's bar association of African American attorneys, and as president of the La Salle University African American Alumni Association.

Rep. McClinton has been acknowledged for her commitment to public service and enhancing the quality of life for residents in Philadelphia and Delaware Counties by receiving several awards. They include: City and State PA's 40 Under 40; the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia's Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year award; Successful Women Achieving Goals' Women of the Year award; Fun Time Magazine's Women of Influence Award; the PRE-K for PA Champion award; the Spirit of a Dove Community Servant award; the Lucien E. Blackwell Guiding Light Community award; and the Black Gala Women of Excellence award.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Social Media & Activism

Morning Workshop (6th-8th Graders)

Hosted by #VoteThatJawn, this workshop will engage participants in the power of social media. As we've seen with #BlackLivesMatter, social media creates momentum for social justice movements. Students will create their own Instagram post, guided by prompts and graphic tutorials, that spread awareness on important racial justice issues.



Dr. Lorene Carey, Founder & Director Vote that Jawn



***Youth Leader
Vote that Jawn***



***Marylissa Barbosa-Fish,
Girls Inc.
Eureka! Coordinator***



***Morgan Hartig, MSW
Girls Inc. Post-Secondary
Success Coordinator***

From Stigma to Healing

Morning Workshop (9-12th Graders)

Have you ever wondered why there is such a stigma associated with mental illness? In this workshop, participants will learn that misinformation, embarrassment, and shame can make some people reluctant to seek needed help. Students will explore ways to decrease the stigma associated with mental illness, and how to use creative expression like poetry and music to heal.



***Brionna Pendleton-Wise
Girls Inc. Mentoring &
Leadership Coordinator***

Sounds of Change

Afternoon Workshop (6th-8th Graders)

This workshop will challenge participants to analyze and to reflect on messages presented in songs — and to express their own views about important social justice issues addressed in some songs.



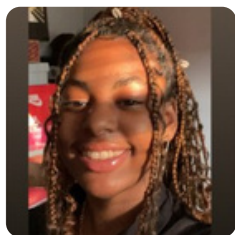
***Helanah Warren, Founder
Wellness Business Academy***

Showing Up for Your Community In Times of Uncertainty

Afternoon Workshop (9th-12th Graders)

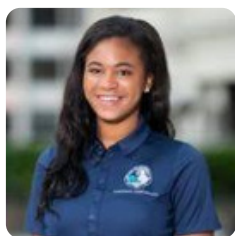
We are often presented with challenging aspects of our day-to-day living, our identity, our history, and our lived experience often come into the conversation, and sometimes into conflict with others around us. How do we be who we are without worrying about doing everything right? How do we take the pressure off ourselves to be perfect while also showing support for causes we care about? Let's take some time in this workshop to uncover the answers to these questions together and set ourselves up for success using grace and patience.

GIRLS IN LEADERSHIP PANELISTS



Anjali Robinson-Leary | Strath Haven High School, 11th Grade

Anjali is active member in Girls Inc.'s Ambassador Club and a former member of the 2020-2021 Girls Inc. National Teen Council. She represents her school in CoSaTIDE-recognizes the lack of student involvement in the implementation of DEI efforts. Anjali passionate about social justice as well as STEM, the social sciences, and the humanities/arts.



Andrea Rose Oates | Agnes Irwin School, 12th Grade

Andrea is the Eastern Regional Teen President of Jack and Jill of America Inc. and the 2021 National American Miss Pennsylvania Teen. She started her very own foundation, Girlz Rize, Inc. which is targeted toward helping educate young girls in the area of reading. She has organized several book drives to benefit the children of the Christian Street YMCA in South Philadelphia.



Jaymaba Ndiye | University of Pennsylvania, Freshman

Jaymaba was a Girls High Graduate and former Girls Inc. Ambassador Club member. She has a passion and interest in STEM, healthcare, and higher education. She was the Co-founder of College and Career Readiness at her school and participated in the Girls' One Diaspora internship. She plans to pursue a career as a physician, along with venturing into Public Health.



Jasmin Powell | Brown University, Senior

Jasmin is a student in the Program in Liberal Medical Education, which is an eight-year combined BA-MD program. She currently serves as the President Emerita of Brown College Democrats, which is the University's largest political organization. She is also a weekly program facilitator with the Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP), which serves children in the greater Providence area by educating them on the health, wellness, and medicine at afterschool programs. Jasmine is passionate about health policy and addressing the social context of health and disease. She is particularly interested in the health of women and girls and related advocacy work. She is passionate about female empowerment and finding ways to better support women and girls of color. Jasmine is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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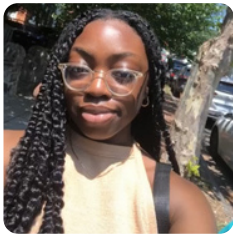
Safiyyah Franklin | Cornell University, Sophomore

Safiyyah is a Girls Inc. Alumna and former 2019-2020 Girls Inc. National Teen Council Member. She is currently majoring in Civil Engineering. She is passionate about STEM, civic engagement, advocacy, and volunteerism. Safiyyah is currently to become a Civil Engineer.



Taymar Gamble | Parkway Center City Middle College, 11th Grade

Taymar is an active member of Youth United for Change (YUC). She is an advocate and is committed to the improvement of disadvantaged neighborhoods in Philadelphia. Taymar is a strong believer in social justice,. She feels that everyone deserves equal access to wealth, health, well-being, privileges, and opportunities.



Olubukola Alliyu | Central High School, 12th Grade

Olubukola is an active member of Youth United for Change (YUC) community chapter. She became interested in advocacy after taking a class called migration into global perspectives where she learned about stateless people and the different conditions immigrants face. Through YUC, she has rallied people to vote in every election.

SELF-CARE WORKSHOP LEADER



Eryka Lynn Waller | Owner, The Quinn Center for Performing Arts

Eryka Lynn Waller attended Temple University and obtained her bachelor's degree in Social Work. Immediately after graduating, Eryka was accepted into the Advanced Standing Program at Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research where she obtained her Masters of Social Services. Eryka is a licensed social worker in the state of PA and has worked as a social worker in the medical, school, early intervention and adoption fields. Now, Eryka owns her own business, The Quinn Center for Performing Arts, where she uses her background of social work combined with performing arts to impact youth in Philadelphia and the surrounding areas.

Eryka, a Pennsylvania native, began dancing at the age of three. Her first dance experience was with The Children's Ballet in Philadelphia. Eryka has studied at many local dance schools: Progressive Center for Dance, Canaan Institute of the Arts, Gwendolyn Bye Dance Center, Napoli School of Music and Dance, Koresh, Eclipse Performing Dance Company, and Beyond Dance Company. Eryka has studied various genres of dance, including: ballet, jazz, hip hop, and modern. Eryka was also a member of Academy of Notre Dame Dance Company throughout her high school years.

Eryka has performed on stages in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and New York singing, dancing, and acting. She has been blessed to work with many Broadway professionals and choreographers through her participation with Broadway Dream Foundation. Eryka has also had the honor of working with two-time Emmy nominated choreographer Spencer Liff.