Her Legacy

Conference & Gala

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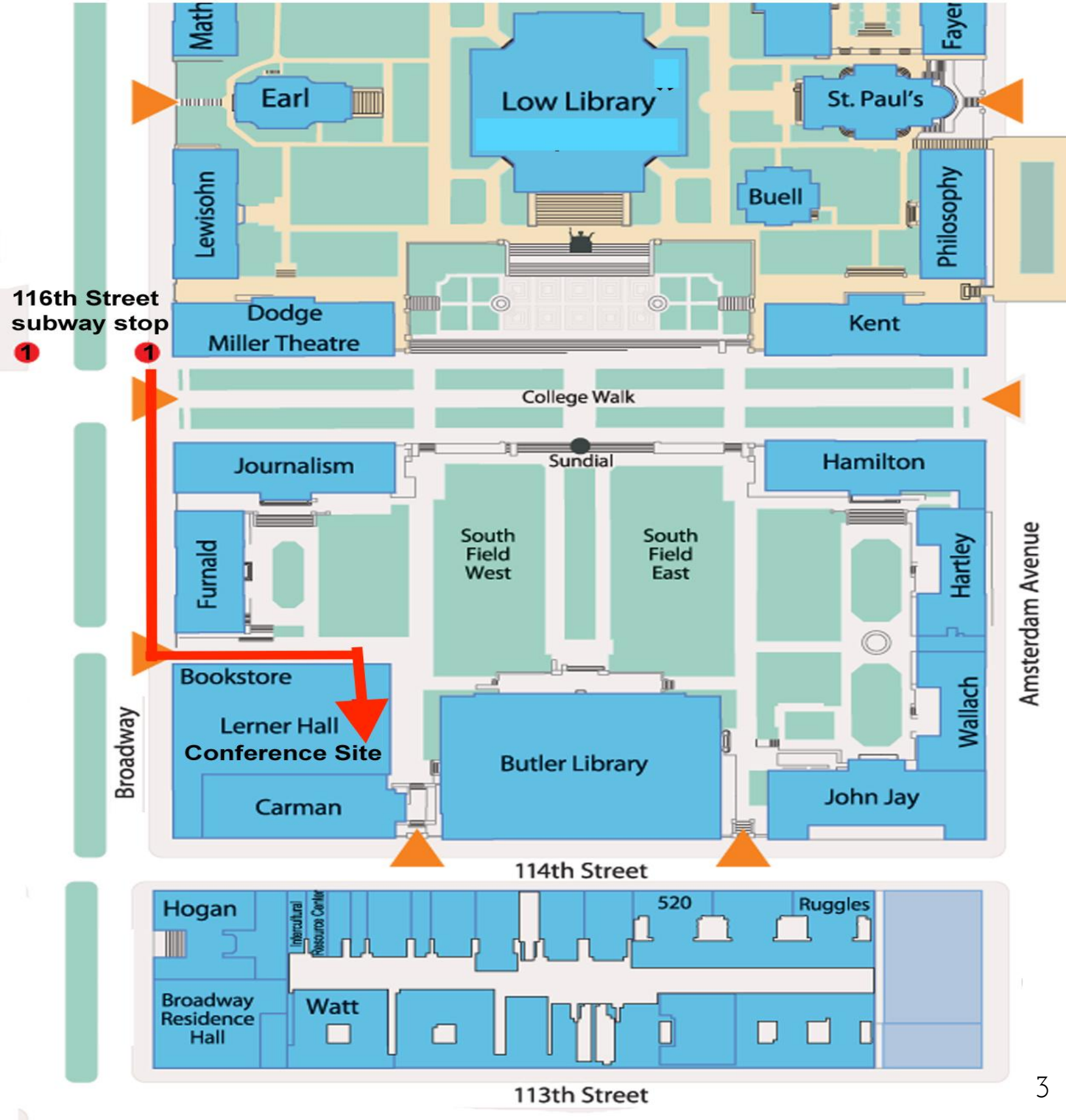

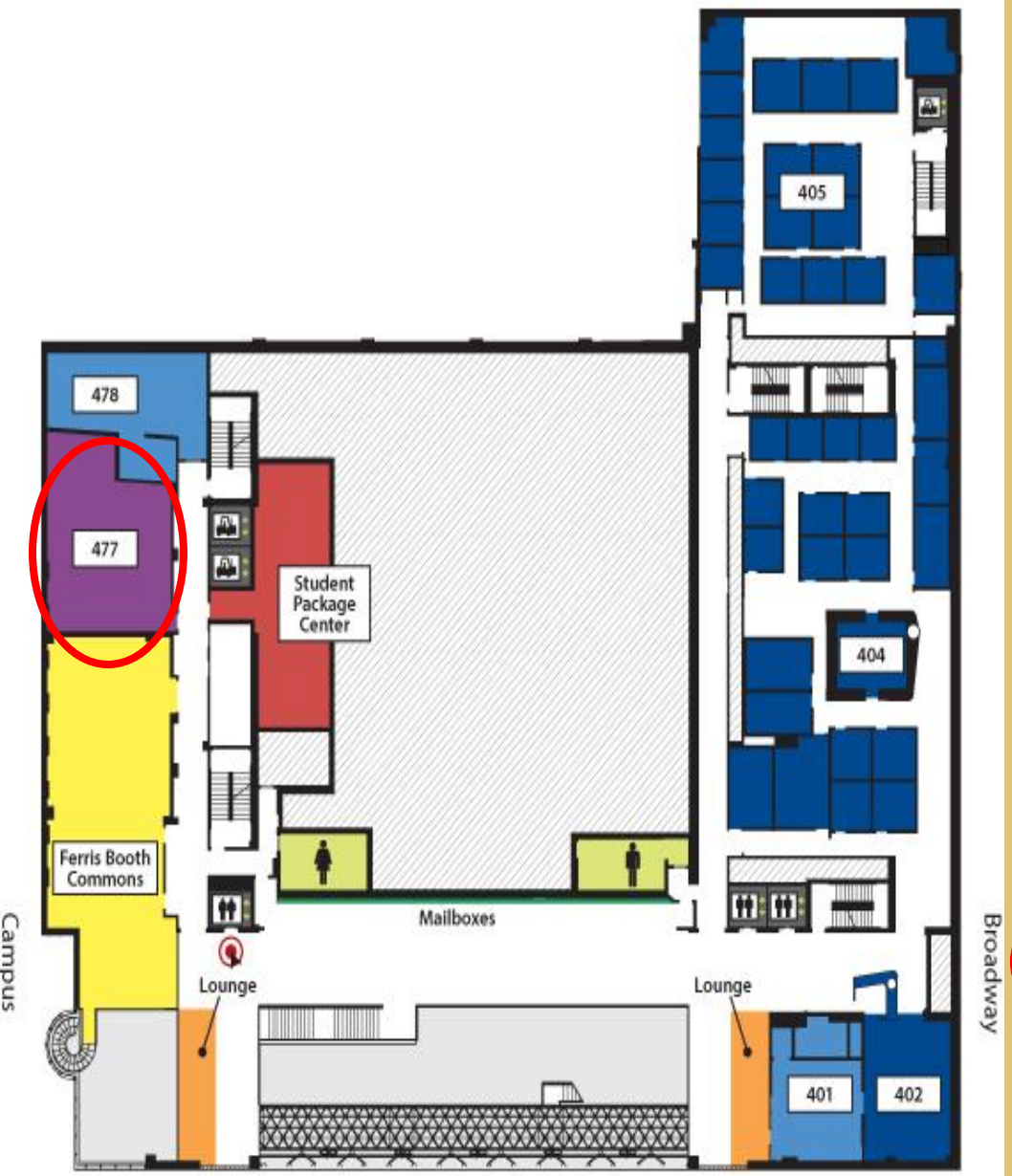

Lerner Hall: 4th Floor

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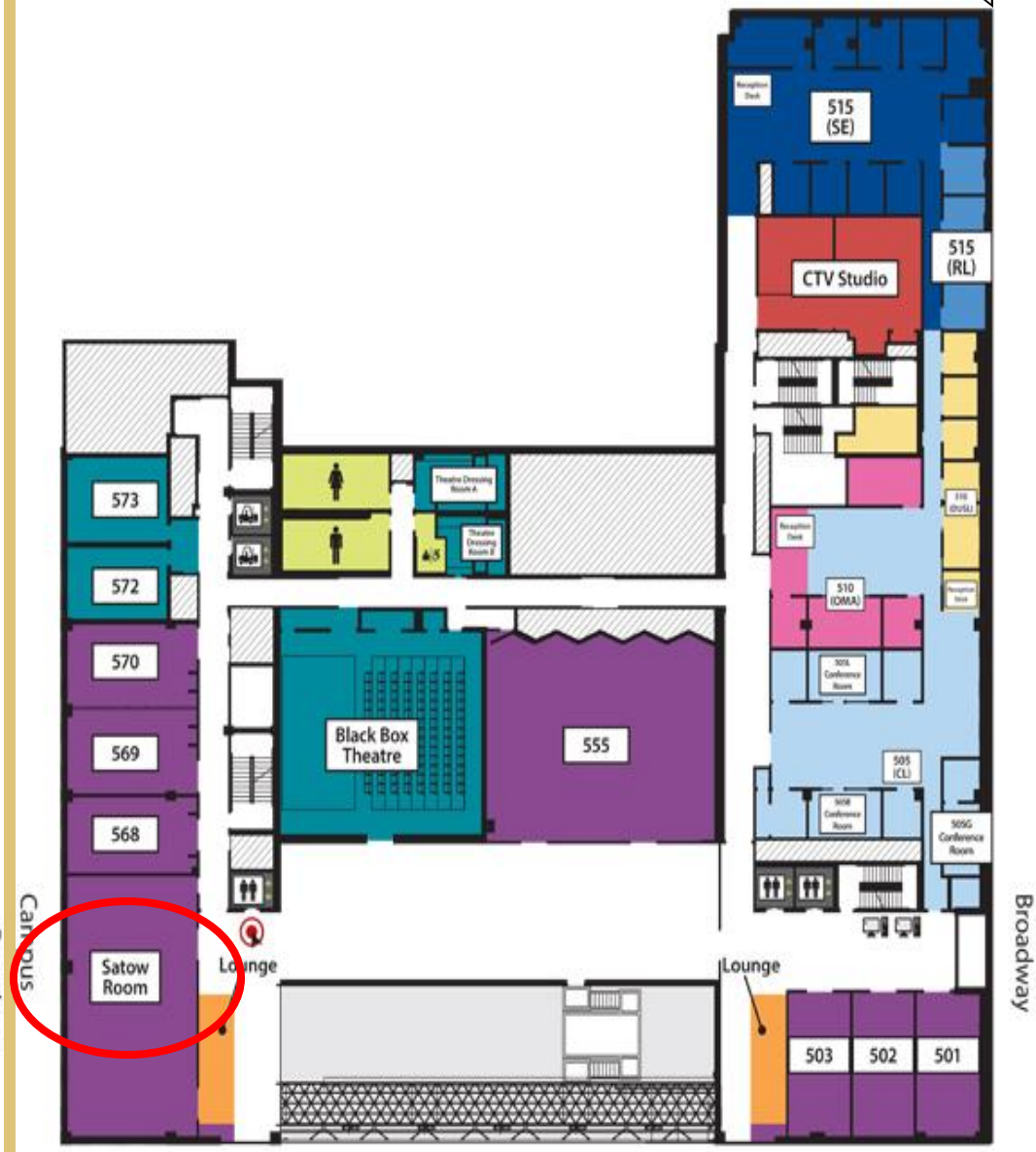
477 Multipurpose Room
478 UEM Technical Services
Ferris Booth Commons
Lounge
Student Package Center

WEST

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



Lerner Hall: 5th Floor

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572 Rehearsal Room
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Black Box Theatre
Lounge
Satow Meeting Room

WEST

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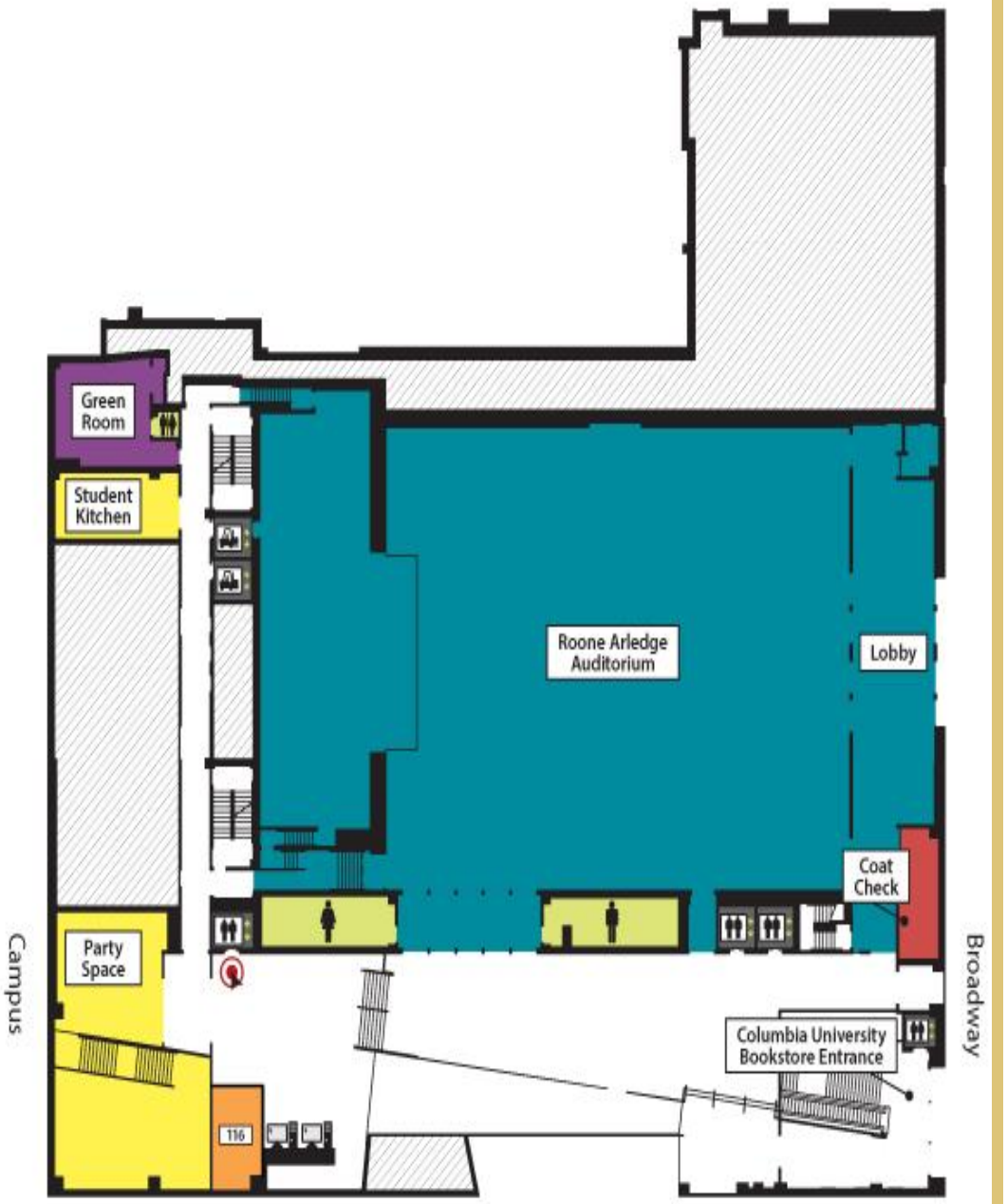
515 Residential Life
515 Student Engagement
555 Meeting Room
CTV Studio
Lounge



Lerner Hall: 1st Floor

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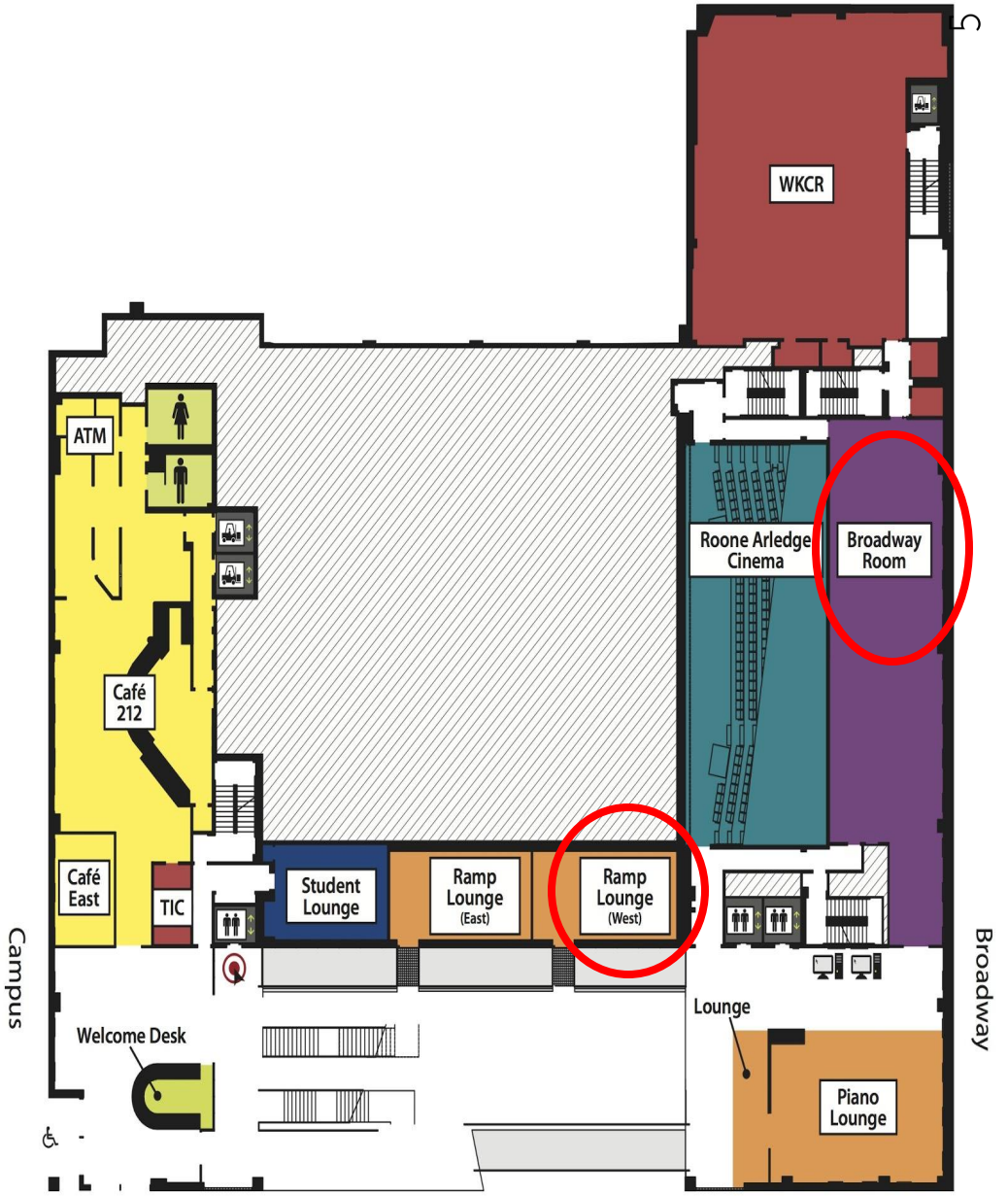
Green Room
Party Space
Student Kitchen
116 ROTC Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps

WEST

Coat Check
Columbia University Bookstore Entrance
Lobby
Roone Arledge Auditorium



Lerner Hall: 2nd Floor

EAST

ATM/Banking Center
Student Lounge
Café 212
Café East
Ramp Lounge East
Welcome Desk

WEST

Broadway Room
Piano Lounge
Ramp Lounge West
Roone Arledge Cinema
WKCR

About WEBelieve

Women Everywhere Believe, better known as "WEBelieve," is a non-profit organization inspired by the vision of a day when all women will believe in their power to change the world.

Our organization was founded by young women of color as a national solution with a grassroots approach, focusing on keeping our programs sustainable, innovative, interdisciplinary, and fun for everyone involved.

Founder/CEO
Chelsea Miller

Executive VP
Akua Obeng-Akrofi

Chief of Communications & Development Officer
Stephanie Jones

National Communications & Social Media Chair
Tatiana Codnor-Perry

Director of Innovation & Strategy
Oten Iban

Director of Social Media
Katrina Sainvil

About Her Legacy Conference & Gala

WEBelieve's annual *Her Legacy Conference & Gala* is a chance for women throughout the community to come together and celebrate our power and strength. This event serves as a critical discussion and celebration of all women's voices.

The **conference** gives college-age women the opportunity to hear from powerful women in different career fields. Our workshops and panels are equipped with influential leaders that are making strides in their respective lines of work while also giving back to the community. The conference also features an arts showcase displaying the talents of trail-blazers in the creative space.

Our **gala** night is where we welcome everyone to an evening of celebration. It is a chance to commend the work of many accomplished women while enjoying food, raffles, speakers, and performances.

The ***Her Legacy Conference & Gala*** is a great chance for women to come together for an experience that will be beneficial both personally and professionally.

Conference Agenda

10:15am-11:00am	Registration/Check-in Day 1
11:10am-12:00pm	Redefining Feminism
12:00pm-12:50pm	Finding & Promoting Your Leadership Skills
1:00pm-2:00pm	Women & Girls & the Criminal Justice System
2:00pm-3:00pm	**Lunch**: What Mentorship Really Looks Like
3:00pm-4:00pm	Women in Law Women in STEM Women in Communications
4:20pm-5:40pm	Resume & Interviewing Women in Physical & Mental Health
6:00pm-7:00pm	**ARTS SHOWCASE**: Presented by Imani Greaves

9:00am-9:45am	Registration/Check-in Day 2
10:00am-10:40am	Coalition Building
10:40am-12:00pm	Public Speaking & Networking Can We Have It All? Women & Families
12:00pm-1:00pm	**Lunch Break-Out** Women in Business Women in Entertainment Women in Politics & Policy
1:00pm-2:20pm	Financial Literacy Trauma Informed Responses
2:20pm-3:40pm	Finding Your Purpose Building Your Brand
3:45pm-4:00pm	Closing Remarks

Gala Agenda

Presented by Staci Childs

7:00pm-8:00pm	Cocktail Hour **Welcome**!
8:00pm-8:10pm	WEBelieve Introduction **Akua Obeng-Akrofi**, *Executive VP*
8:10pm-8:15pm	Howard University Chapter Introduction **Ogechi Nwaopara,** *Chapter President*
8:15pm-8:20pm	Spoken Word Performance **Natachi**
8:20pm-8:25pm	Award Presentation **Oten Iban**, *Director of Innovation & Strategy* **Stephanie Jones**, *Chief Communications & Development Officer*
8:25pm-8:30pm	University of Pittsburgh Chapter Introduction **Sarah Krause**, *Chapter Treasurer*
8:30pm-8:45pm	Musical Selection **Jason Piersaint**
8:35pm-8:40pm	Spoken Word Performance **Cracked Binding**
8:40pm-8:45pm	Temple University Chapter Introduction **Bridget Warlea**, *Chapter President*

8:45pm-8:50pm	Musical Selection **Nkira**
8:50pm-8:55pm	Musical Selection **Oya Noire**
8:55pm-9:00pm	Award Presentation **Katrina Sainvil**, *Director of Social Media* **Tatiana Codnor-Perry**, *National Communications & Social Media Chair*
9:05pm-9:10pm	Speech **Lisa Aidoo,** *Miss Ghana USA 2013*
9:10pm-9:15pm	Spoken Word Performance **Fatima**
9:15pm-9:25pm	Raffle Awardings
9:25pm-9:35pm	Dance Performance **Triana**
9:35pm-9:45pm	Dance Performance **Sabor**
9:45pm-9:55pm	Closing Remarks **Chelsea Miller**, *Founder & CEO*
9:55pm-10:55pm	Open Dance Floor
10:55pm-11:00pm	Closing

Speakers & Panelists

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

Redefining Feminism

Karen Webster,
CFO, COCOTIQUE LLC

Karen brings to COCOTIQUE more than 30 years in executive roles in the jewelry business, most recently as President and co-founder of GLITTERRINGS, a leading manufacturer of fine fashion jewelry specializing in fashion rings. In her past positions in the wholesale Fashion Jewelry business she specialized in Design, Development, Manufacturing, and the Marketing/Distribution of Name Brands & Private Label brands. She is responsible for providing strategic recommendations based on financial analysis and projections, cost identification and allocation, and revenue/expense analysis and overseeing long-term budgetary planning and cost management in alignment with COCOTIQUE's strategic plan.

Amanda R. Matos,
Co-Founder & Executive Director, The WomanHOOD Project

Amanda Raquel Matos, lifelong resident of the Bronx, NY, has devoted her work to alleviating barriers to reproductive health care and education in communities of color through capacity building, political education, and lobbying at the local, state, and federal level. Amanda co-created a participatory governance model for young women and girls of color in New York City to shape the current political landscape and identify solutions to address problems they face in their communities. As co-chair of the Young Women's Advisory Council for the Young Women's Initiative, which was launch by NYC Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito in partnership with Girls for Gender Equity, Amanda serves in a historic role developing intergenerational and intersectional partnerships between young women and local government...

Adriene Thorne, Pastor
First 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 NYC, 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." University of NY – Empire State College, concentrating in the field of Cultural Studies with a Creative Writing focus...

Sheryl Chen

CEO & Founder, Girls Advocating Leadership & Strength Inc. (GALS)

Sheryl Chen, a senior at Staten Island Technical High School, is the founder and CEO of a female empowerment non-profit, Girls Advocating Leadership & Strength (GALS). She is passionate about serial social entrepreneurship, digital media, community service, youth activism, and women's rights. Sheryl started GALS to empower young, ambitious girl bosses to dream bigger and pursue executive corporate positions. The #WeAreGALS movement came to fruition after winning national business competitions, $10,000 in grants/donations, and sponsorship from Disney Youth Service America, Costco, the American Management Association, and the Federal Reserve Bank of NY. . .

Helen Rosenthal

Council Member, NYC Council

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.

Finding & Promoting Your Leadership Skills

Miriam Altman

CEO, Co-founder, Kinvolved

Miriam Altman is Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Kinvolved. Miriam is responsible for the overall success of the company. When Miriam taught history at a NYC public high school, she developed family engagement strategies to improve student attendance, which she found to be by far the most significant factor affecting her students' academic progress. Her classroom experience informed the design and launch of Kinvolved. Under Miriam' leadership, Kinvolved has been featured in the New York Times and several other national press outlets, and has won the UPenn Fels Institute Policy Challenge, NYU Venture Challenge, Robin Hood College Success Prize, Milken-Penn GSE Competition Grand Prize, and Teach For America Social Innovation Award. Miriam believes it is critical to support others in their journeys to positively impact our world. As such, she served as 2016 co-chair of EdTechWomen's NYC chapter, and mentors female entrepreneurs through the Social Innovation Initiative and Women's LaunchPad at Brown University.

Zsuzsi Evans

Founder/CEO Joli Beauty Bar

As a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, Zsuzsi started her career in NY in Visual Merchandising, working for companies like Bloomingdale's. After 10 years of experience in retail, she was ready for a new challenge. Zsuzsi saw a white space in the beauty service industry, and realized that her calling was to create a haven for beauty at the heart of which was honesty and quality. With Joli, Zsuzsi has added a spark to the East Village community, providing a sanctuary for residents and visitors alike. Her aim is to create a welcoming and friendly environment for both service providers and clientele alike.

Shelley Rawlings

Founder/CEO, *Innovative Marketing Solutions*

Shelley Rawlings is a dynamic, multi-faceted strategist and businesswoman. She is a full time entrepreneur with a passion for Health and Wellness and helping people reach their potential in business and in health. After leading thousands of people in her career and mentoring hundreds of women, Shelley retired from the corporate arena 9 years ago to launch her own consulting company, Innovative Marketing Solutions, where she is able to use her years of corporate knowledge to help businesses increase revenues and improve operational efficiencies. Married over 28 years, Shelley and her husband Bryan are parents to 2 amazing sons, Ryan and Kori..

Women & Girls & the Criminal Justice System

Sarah Zarba

Coordinator, Vera Institute of Justice

Sarah currently works as the coordinator for the Vera Institute of Justice at the Center on Youth Justice. Ms. Zarba also has previous experience working at a residential treatment center with women recovering from addiction. Through her personal experience being incarcerated as a juvenile and an adult, she developed a strong passion for criminal justice reform. She has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College and she is currently a 1st year graduate student pursuing her Master's in Social Work at Columbia University. Ms. Zarba also facilitates groups within women who are incarcerated at Nassau County Correctional Facility on Long Island, and is a member of the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls.

Leyla Martinez

Founder & President, Beyond the Box

Leyla Martinez is a Senior at Columbia's School of General Studies, studying Human Rights. She is a My Brother's Keeper Fellow with the Young Men's Initiative in NYC, the President/Founder of the Beyond the Box Initiative and a member of the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls. Leyla is also a Justice in Education Scholar, Gilman Scholar, Joey O'Loughlin Scholar, Mother's Day Scholar, Women's Forum Education Fund Fellow, Beyond the Bars Fellow, Program for Academic Leadership and Service Scholar, Earth Institute Center for Environmental Sustainability Fellow and Women's Independence Scholar.

Topeka K. Sam,

Founder, *The Ladies of Hope Ministries* | Nat'l Director, *The National Council for Incarcerated & Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls*

Topeka K. Sam is a founding member and National Director of Organizing of the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women (The Council). She is also the founder of The Incarcerated Women (The Council). She is also the founder of The Ladies of Hope Ministries - The LOHM - whose mission is to help disenfranchised and marginalized women and girls transition back into society through spiritual empowerment, education, and entrepreneurship development. . .

Dr. Carla Shedd

Assistant Professor of Sociology & Af. Am. Studies, Columbia University

Carla Shedd is Assistant Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Columbia University. Shedd received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University. Her research and teaching interests focus on: crime and criminal justice; race/ethnicity; law; inequality; and urban sociology. Shedd's first book, Unequal City: Race, Schools, and Perceptions of Injustice (October 2015, Russell Sage), has won multiple academic awards, including the prestigious C. Wright Mills Award, which is given to the top social-science book in the field of social inequality. . .

Victoria F. Pratt,

Judge, Newark Municipal Court

The Honorable Victoria F. Pratt is the Chief Judge of the Newark Municipal Court in Newark, New Jersey. She has gained international acclaim for her work to reform the criminal justice system and has been called a pioneer in procedural justice. She presides over New Jersey's first Community Court, Newark Community Solutions, and provides alternatives to jail to low-level offenders, through community service, social service mandates, and often assigns essays. She has appeared on MSNBC's Melissa Harris Perry's show and MSNBC's The Docket, and featured on the PBS show Due Process. A sought after national and international speaker, Judge Pratt has served as a panelist for the Better Courts Conference in London, England, La Conferencia de Mujeres in the Dominican Republic, the American Judges Association Annual Conference, the Department of Justice's "*Criminal Penalties: Fines and Fees*" conference and the International Community Court Conferences, to name a few. . .

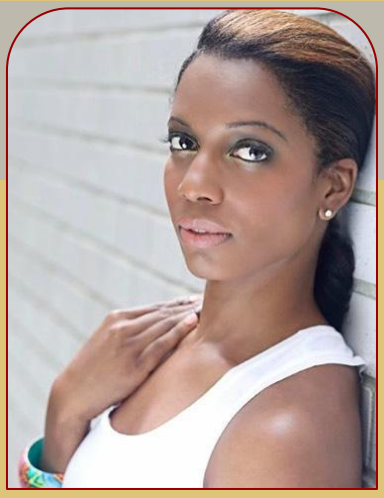
Piper Anderson

Founder/CCS, Create Forward

What Mentorship Really Looks Like

Sabrina Thompson

Filmmaker, Photographer, Entrepreneur, & Activist, KUU Productions | WEEN (Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network)



She's a filmmaker, photographer, entrepreneur, & activist. Sabrina is the Founder & CEO of KUU productions where she films, directs, produces & photographs projects and commercials for major clients (SAKS 5th Ave, HBO, BET, NBA, Verizon, Hillary Clinton and more)! She's also the co-founder of WEEN, a women's non-profit based in NY with 80K members that helps groom young women to be executives in entertainment through mentorship, summer academies, and projects.

Dr. Danielle Moss Lee

President & CEO, YWCA of the City of New York

Dr. Danielle Moss Lee joined the YWCA of the City of New York--the nation's first YWCA association--in 2012 as President and Chief Executive Officer, bringing to the role over twenty years of experience in education and human services. Under her tenure, the YWCA of the City of New York has expanded its program portfolio to include a women's speaker series for professional women, girls leadership programs, STEM education for girls and young women, and has increased advocacy for women and girls in New York City. Since taking the helm of the YWCA, she has launched the #YWWomanKind Campaign to amplify the YW's work to engage, uplift, and support women of all ages from all walks of life. . .

Women In STEM

Imani Greaves

Vice-President, Women in Search of Excellence

A NY native, education has always been a cause that is extremely close to Imani's heart; however, her passion lies in the intersections of technology and business. Inspired by the female instructors at a summer internship hosted at Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York, Imani quickly became dedicated to the cause of her instructors: getting women into STEM. 3 years after that fateful summer, she is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Business and Technology Management, with a concentration in Strategy & Innovation from New York University's Tandon School of Engineering.

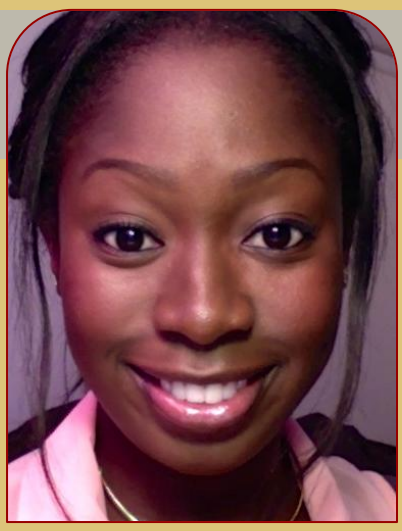
Deborah Owolabi

Current Graduate Student,Construction Engineering & Management, Columbia University

Deborah Owolabi is a current graduate student earning a Masters degree in Construction Engineering and Management at Columbia University. She also received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Columbia. Deborah is known for her heavy involvement and leadership in pre-professional organizations, such as the National Society of Black Engineers, and her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Deborah is passionate about introducing young students and children to the STEM field and showing them all of the opportunities that the future holds in these industries. .

Efe Ghanney

Dir. of Strategic Initiatives, *African Research Academies for Women*



Efe Chantal Ghanney is currently a fourth year medical student at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, applying into Urology. She grew up in Ghana and has also lived in the United Kingdom and France. She arrived in the United States to attend Yale College where she majored in Chemistry and French. Chantal has founded and is actively engaged in several global health projects. At Mount Sinai, she created her own International Palliative care research project that took place in her home country of Ghana, the results of which have been showcased at several presentations across the United States. . .

Marva Allen

Founder & CEO, Wordeee.com

An entrepreneur since the age of 24 Allen has led many companies to success. A Technologist, author, publisher, bookstore owner and Business School college professor, Allen brings pedagogy, vision and experience to the any leadership team. Marva Allen was president and co-owner of USI, a multi-million dollar technology firm that was thrice nominated for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneurship Award. She is the recipient of numerous business awards, including The IBM & Kodak Excellence Award, and was named a Crain's Business 40 Under 40 Award for significantly achieving in business before her 40th birthday. . .

Upasana Chauhan

Banking Analyst, *Wells Fargo/World Pulse*

Women In Communications

Davida E. Arnold

Founder & CEO, Girl Game Changer

Philly born and Brooklyn built, Davida E. Arnold is a power-connector and award winning creator with over a decade of experience innovating, branding, storytelling, writing and future-casting across marketing, media, and communications. Her agile agency, Dark Mother,excels in strategically bringing ideas to life for a range of cultural needle-movers. "Basically, I connect the dots to create blueprints for success," she says. Clients include(d) MTV, Orangetheory Fitness, and private entities. "They are all very different yet they are all uniquely engaged in changing our relationship to and our experience with culture." Most recently, she launched Girl Game Changer™, a platform connecting women to power. . .

Dena Mekawi

Social Entrepreneur, Style &Resilience | WNBA

Dena Mekawi is a Social Impact Strategist, NGO Youth Representative to the United Nations Department of Public Information for Women's National Book Association. Ms. Mekawi holds a master degree in digital publishing from Pace University. She realized her passion for fashion and literacy can be used to make an impact. She used her experiences of growing up facing discrimination, and experiencing self-esteem issues as a tool to empower this generation of youth. . .

Camille Padilla Dalmau

Reporter, El Diario NY

Camille Padilla Dalmau is a metro reporter for El Diario NY where she covers the NYPD, courts, City Hall, and all things affecting the Spanish speaking communities of New York City. Prior to that, she worked as an independent journalist for Spanish and English publications including Univision and Remezcla. She has also worked as a radio producer and social media manager for American Latino Radio. Camille received her masters in journalism at Columbia University where she focused on digital platforms. She was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico and is currently based in Bushwick, Brooklyn. You can find her on Twitter @CamiHabla.

Khadijah bint Costello

Owner, Newark Speaks 2 U

Catherine C. Taylor (better known as Khadijah bint Costello) received a BA in Journalism and International Affairs. She is the owner of a small multimedia organization in Newark, New Jersey. Her work is documentary and digital storytelling based. Khadijah wants to create a voice in the community from a Social Justice perspective. . .

Lauren Marie Galley

President, Girls Above Society

Lauren Marie Galley is a 22-year-old award winning Teen Mentor, TEDx Speaker, Amazon Best Selling Author, White House nominated Gamechanger 2016 and President of Girls Above Society, a non-profit 501 (c3) organization dedicated to empowering tween and teen girls to be confident while maintaining positive morals and values as they face the tough pressures of today's media driven society. Lauren travels throughout the U.S. as a popular voice speaking at schools, universities, corporations and organizations on the topics of body image, leadership skills, self-confidence, social media and "Girl Power".

Women In Law

Esther B. Cajuste

Attorney/Data Manager, Prep for Prep

Esther B. Cajuste is an attorney with a breadth of experience that she uses to give a voice to the traditionally underrepresented. A New York City native, Esther was recruited during the 7th grade to join Prep for Prep, an educational leadership development program that prepares and places inner city students of color into independent schools and provide ongoing support for life changing opportunities. After graduating from boarding school in Kent, Ct, Esther studied Sociology and Psychoanalytic Studies at Boston College and went on to earn her Juris Doctorate from the American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. . .

Catrina R. Shivers

Attorney, Catrina Shivers Attorney at Law

Catrina R. Shivers was born and raised in Mount Vernon, NY. She is a product of the Mount Vernon City School system. Catrina attended Boston University in Massachusetts for undergraduate studies where she earned a bachelor's in Economics. At a young age, Catrina expressed great interest in becoming a lawyer and she went on to earn her JD from American University Washington College of Law. Catrina is passionate about creating opportunities for minority communities and has dedicated much of her time working with women of all ages and backgrounds to explore and identify their interests and potential. Her drive was developed during her adolescence when she participated in leadership opportunities which taught her how to manage a business. In particular, Catrina was influenced by "Project Genesis", a summer youth program that employed teenagers in Mount Vernon to work on "re-engineering the records platform of the Mount Vernon school district. "Project Genesis" exposed Catrina to presentation skills, peer evaluations, business plan development, grant writing and budgeting. . .

Elsa Stamatopoulou

Indigenous Peoples' Rights program at the Institute for the Study of Human Rights

Elsa Stamatopoulou, born in Athens, Greece, has been Chief of the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs since 2003. She has devoted 23 years of her UN work to human rights, first at the Center for Human Rights and later at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. With studies in law, criminal justice, political science and international law in various countries, she has written extensively on a variety of human rights subjects. Her recent book on cultural rights was published in April 2007 by Martinus Nijhoff Publishers. . .

Janelle Matthews

Staff Counsel, *GEICO*

Resume & Interviewing

Shushan Aleaqui

Founder, *Shushan Aleaqui Consulting*

Shushan Aleaqui's life passion is to help people work to their full potential. As a business and personal development coach she works with entrepreneurs, top executives and business leaders to develop strategies that propels them into their highest level of business and lifestyle success. Shushan is a strong collaborator and a dynamic facilitator, who employs outcome-based design and breakthrough techniques to focus & improve the performance of these leaders, including their teams and organizations. . .

Tiheba Williams-Bain

Benefits Navigator/Recruitment Specialist, *FACES, NY*

Women in Physical & Mental Health

Rupande Mehta

Founder, SAR Foundation

Rupande was born in India & from a very young age had a fierce voice for the less fortunate; her interest primarily stemming from being physically & sexually abused at various times in her life. In 2002, Rupande came to the US in pursuit of her MBA. After working in the corporate sector for 10 years, & the birth of her daughter, she quit her job to work for a local non-profit as a Domestic Violence Liaison. Rupande is also a writer, mainly on women's and girl's rights worldwide with writings featured on The Huffington Post, among others. On November 25, 2016 Rupande launched The SAR Foundation; aimed at eradicating violence against women & girls by providing educational workshops, DV services & creating awareness. .

Lillian Pucha

Youth Advocate, School Based Mental Health, Dept of Education

Lillian Pucha graduated with a Forensic Psychology degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in June 2016. She currently works as a Youth Advocate in a School Based Mental Health program where she assists youth and families by connecting them to the services they need in order to lead healthy and productive lives. She also serves as a mentor to students in grades 9-12 who have been deemed to be at risk of dropping out of high school. On her spare time, Ms. Pucha is the President of the Parent Teacher Association at P.S/M.S 211 in the Bronx and also volunteers at the Columbia Girls Secure Center in upstate NY, working with young women who are currently incarcerated. She understands that there is power through one's own experiences and that we need to use it. There are many other people going through similar situations and education is an important component in order to climb higher and make a change, her goal is to pursue a Masters in Social Work to help youth and families with mental health needs. Ms. Pucha is also a mother to three children and is the first woman in her family to have graduated from college.

Dayana Pichardo

Founder, Purely Positive Women of Purpose

When I tell my mother's friends that, "I'm 20, not married, a student at The College of Saint-Rose," I am often met with a lot of confusion. I suppose it's because nobody expected an Afro-Latina from Washington Heights to make strides towards greatness. Even with all my excitement in proving everyone wrong, my college journey started off pretty rocky. I had high expectations for college – everyone I knew had told me that it would be the best experience of my life, but no one had mentioned how lonely I would be. For the first few months I didn't have many friends. I'm not sure if this was a result of me starting over in a new place or my aversion to introducing myself to my peers. For those first few months, I desperately longed for something that resembled home. Eventually, I found a supportive group of friends at Sadie Nash, one that I now consider family, that allowed me to feel safe, comfortable, & empowered...

Holly Roberts, MD

Sr Director Clinical Development, Acorda Therapeutics

Holly Roberts, MD is A Senior Director of Clinical Development at Acorda Therapeutics. She is a Board Certified Psychiatrist and has held faculty positions at NY Medical College. She graduated and completed a medical internship at Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and was a resident at Yale University. She completed her Psychiatric residency at NYMC Before her work in Clinical Development she practiced Psychiatry in multiple clinical settings. Her work in Clinical Development has focused on Neurology and Psychiatry. She is a Board Member of the LCU Fund for Women's Education and a member of The American Academy of Neurology and American Psychiatric Society. . .

Coalition Building

Dr. Lucinda A. Acquaye-Doyle, Ph.D., *MSW*

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 areas 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. . .

Marilyn E. Alvarado

Paralegal, Safe Passage Project

Marilyn E. Alvarado is the daughter of a Salvadoran mother and a Honduran father. A first generation college graduate, she has earned a degree in Forensic Psychology and an honors minor in Latin American studies and Human Services from CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice. During her time in college, she became a recipient of the Pinkerton Fellowship and worked with court-involved youth. In her senior year, she was selected for the Prison-to-College Pipeline Program, that allowed her to take courses alongside incarcerated students providing her with an insight on the U.S. criminal justice system and education. Her work with Safe Passage Project began as a U-LAMPER (Unaccompanied Latin American Minors Project), which led to her current position as a paralegal.

Leah E. Jackson, MA, NCC

Assistant Director, University Advisement Center, NJ City University

Advocate. Mother. Counselor. Poet. Agitator. Leah E. Jackson is an Assistant Director in the University Advisement Center at New Jersey City University in Jersey City, NJ, working with undergraduates, particularly students planning to enter STEM fields. An experienced professional, she is a 2011 fellow in Leadership Newark, a 2-year fellowship program for qualified professionals committed to the Greater Newark community to debate and discuss public policy issues. Leah regularly gives presentations and conducts workshops, local and nationally, on topics such as healthy relationships, self-care, stress management, disability services, networking and holistic health issues in college. She has worked with diverse and multicultural populations in the NY/NJ Metro area within the areas of event management, publishing, mental health and human services. . .

Ahmad Greene-Hayes
Founder, Children of Combahee

Ahmad Greene-Hayes is a writer, scholar, and freedom fighter whose work bridges the gap between communities of faith, the academy, and movements for racial and gender justice. He currently serves as an inaugural cohort fellow of the Just Beginnings Collaborative (2016-2018), where his project, Children of Combahee, works to eradicate child sexual abuse in Black churches. Through workshops, preaching series, public townhalls, and curriculum development, Ahmad is working with black pastors, theologians, and leaders to respond to the epidemic that is child sexual abuse—from the pew to the pulpit. He is the creator of #BlackChurchSex on Twitter, a progressive digital conversation on gender and sexuality in the contemporary life of the Black church, and he helped plan the #BlackChurchSex convening—"Love Thyself: Black Bodies and Religious Space"—co-sponsored by Princeton Theological Seminary's Office of Black Church Studies and Columbia University's Center on African American Religion, Sexual Politics and Social Justice. . .

Chelsea Miller
Founder/CEO, WEBelieve

Chelsea is currently a junior at Columbia University studying political science and economics. 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. Inspired by the village of women who raised her, in high school she designed an eight-week youth mentorship and leadership program for girls between the ages of 10-14. When she arrived at Columbia, she brought together a team to create what is now known as WEBelieve, a non-profit organization that equips young women and girls with the tools needed to not only positively change their lives, but also the lives of those around them. Thus far Chelsea's traveled to Washington D.C, Turkey, Tunisia, and Burma due to her passion and involvement with social justice and poverty alleviation initiatives. She plans on continuing her travels to better understand and then combat the struggles women face globally. These past few years, Chelsea has honed her skills through her experiences interning in the NYC Council, NYS Unified Court System, and the White House. After Columbia, she plans to go to law school and later on run for public office.

Public Speaking & Networking

Sheilisa McNeal
Writer | Adjunct Lecturer-Marketing Communications, CUNY & NYU

Sheilisa McNeal currently holds several titles including: Author, Writer, Adjunct Lecturer and Marketing/Public Relations Consultant for both national and international clients. As a professional writer and consultant, she has authored speeches, crafted marketing and advertising copy and penned remarks for: *Fmr. President Bill Clinton*, American Express CEO, *Ken Chenault*, National Urban League CEO, *Marc Morial*, Activist, *Martin Luther King III* and numerous other notable figures. . .

Dr. Alisha Griffith

CEO and President, Dr. Alisha Griffith, LLC

Dr. Alisha Griffith has been a compassionate professionally trained educator, speech language pathologist, and audiologist for nearly two decades. She has worked in schools, homes, offices, and in her own practice connecting those with speech and hearing difficulties. Through her work, Dr. Alisha has helped many BELIEVE in themselves and SHIFT their self-talk. Although her clients were dealing with disabilities, their confidence levels were no different from others. In August 2016, Dr. Griffith added #1 Best Selling author to her list of credentials with her book *AU-MAZING GIFT: A Journey to Autism Acceptance*. Zachary, who at one time would not engage with people, is now excited to share with others that he and his mom have a book. Now that is an AU-mazing gift!!!!

Can We Have It All? Women & Families

Dr. Shruti Kapoor

Founder & CEO, Sayfty

Dr. Shruti Kapoor is the Founder of Sayfty, an organization that educates, equips and empowers women and girls against violence. The White House recently nominated her as a change maker for the Women Of State Summit. Dr. Kapoor has received several awards including Barclay's We Are The City Rising Stars 2016, The International Women of the Year, 2015, People's choice Femvertising Award, and the Rex Karamveer Global Fellowship for her work on women's safety in India. Most recently, Shruti served on the UN Women's IANYD's Task Force and Social Media Committees to inaugurate the UN Youth Forum for the Commission on the Status of Women. Working under umbrella of UN Women, the Youth Forum acted as the first-ever platform for youth and gender-equality advocacy. Shruti is a distinguished alumna of University of California, Riverside, having graduated with a PhD in Economics. Prior to starting her PhD program, Shruti was consulting at The World Bank and worked on several human development projects related to health, poverty and rural electrification. . .

Lola-Gayle Patrick-Odeen

Business Manager and Human Resources Professional, LOLA

Lola-Gayle is a native of Barbados with post graduate degrees from NYU and Smith College. She is a business consultant and the co-owner of Lola Restaurant with her husband. Prior to operating Lola's full-time, she was a Vice President and Senior Human Resources Business Partner for Chase with direct responsibility for more than 1,000 employees globally. Among her many accomplishments Lola was listed as: One of the "Women Changing the World" by Essence Magazine. She travelled to Ethiopia and Tanzania as a US Delegate and guest of the Sullivan Foundation and has been a keynote speaker for NYC Universities and organizations. She is an extremely charming personality and seasoned professional with responsibility for all staff management, guest relations, branding, marketing and program and events management activities for the restaurant.

Charde Smith

Creative Director/ Lead Stylist, Joli Beauty Bar

Charde Smith is the Creative Director and Lead Stylist at Joli Beauty Bar in NY'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.

Akua Obeng-Akrofi

Executive VP, WEBelieve

Born in Ghana, West Africa and raised in Georgia, Akua is a junior at Columbia University currently studying pre-med and majoring in Psychology. Akua is also a part of the track team at Columbia, recently participating in the 2016 Rio Olympics. Her passion for youth empowerment stemmed from her experiences as a youth at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, where Akua gained an appreciation for community and mentorship. Akua assumes the mentorship role wherever the opportunity presents itself, those of which include tutoring, teaching Sunday school at International Central Gospel Church, and being an advisor to several young girls. Today, Akua is the Executive Vice President of WEBelieve. Her passion for developing the future generation into powerful leaders coincides perfectly with the foundation's mission. . .

Women in Politics and Policy

Asia Young

Hospital Community Benefits Fund Coordinator, Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene

Asia Young currently works in the First Deputy Commissioner's Office at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on policy and programming efforts to create health equity under Take Care New York 2020, the city's blueprint for giving everyone a chance to live a healthier life. Before moving to NYC, she worked to address sexual assault on college campuses at The White House and to expand access to affordable health care at Families USA Foundation. In the future, Asia plans to pursue an MBA to combine her interests in health policy and health care management to address health and health care disparities. Asia is a graduate of Wellesley College where she majored in Women and Gender Studies with a concentration in Public Health and minored in Middle Eastern Studies. She is a native of Washington, DC and currently resides in Brooklyn.

Stephanie Fernandez

Education Assistant Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office

Women in Business

Desiree Reid

GM/ EVP Brand Development, Impala Inc /IMAN Cosmetics/JayManuel Beauty

Desiree Reid is one of the foremost industry experts in global cosmetics, skincare and fragrances. As General Manager & EVP Brand Development Worldwide of Impala Inc., she was part of the team that successfully launched IMAN Cosmetics in 1994 & catapulted the line into a position of brand leadership throughout North America Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. Under her leadership, IMAN Cosmetics has won numerous awards in consumer product innovation including: an Oprah, Essence, Huffington Post and Latina Beauty Award.

Leslie Talbot

Founder & Principal, Talbot Consulting

Leslie Talbot is the Founder and Principal of Talbot Consulting, an independent education management consulting practice. Throughout her career Ms. Talbot has established herself as a strategic partner among educators, schools, state and local education agencies, charter management and other nonprofit organizations, school design teams, foundations and philanthropic institutions. Always seeking to work and provide customized and sustainable solutions, Leslie supports both existing and startup education ventures in the areas of program design and strategic planning; site reviews and evaluations; program model expansion and sit replications; staffing models and retention plans; board recruitment, development and training; guidance and technical assistance in distributive leadership and professional learning community structures and approaches; leadership coaching; and assistance in student assessment and professional development systems. . .

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Women in Entertainment

Tanisha Laverne Grant

Entertainment Correspondent, Blackinamerica.com

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, Congresswomen Maxine Waters, Melvin Van Peebles, Misty Copeland, Whoopi Goldberg, Forest Whitaker, KD Lang, Tyne Daly, Cicely Tyson, Patti Labelle, Lupita Nyongo, Iyanla Vanzant, Richard Curtis, Yann Arthus Bertrand, Kevin Hart, Issa Rae, and many more. . .

Rose Daniels

Host/Producer, Thisis50.com

Born and raised in NYC, Rose Daniels, better known as Rose D, has always been an ambitious women. At age 12, she became a member of the choir which ignited her love for music and her desire for a career within the entertainment industry. Within the next couple of years, she became a Hip Hop enthusiast. By the time she was 14, she began assisting her cousin at a record label, where her talent earned her recognition from some of the most notable and highly respected names in industry. As she began her professional career, Rose D went on to serve as the Head of Advertising for "Hot 24 Seven Magazine," cultivating her ability to work well with artists and their management teams. This passion for nurturing personal relationships led to her position as a Liaison between talent and VP's, which allowed her to tour with Russell Simmons' "Vote or Die." . .

Poet On Watch

Film Producer/Director/Writer & Co-Owner Of Newark Women In 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…. For more information: www.poetonwatch.com

Amber Ravenel

Founder/CEO, The Ravenel Agency

Music industry insider and trailblazer Amber Ravenel was born and raised in NYC. After becoming frustrated with repeated rejections of her applications to internships at major record labels, she decided to take destiny into her own hands and embrace the entrepreneur within. At just 18 years old she began her label, Ravenel Records (later The Ravenel Agency), through which she operates not only artist business relations but also all of her marketing and promotional projects. At 20 years old, Amber won the Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship Goldman Sachs 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for developing a then-pioneering social media mobile application. The award granted her $5,000 to further her business. Through self-taught marketing and sales, Amber has raised over $1.5 million for the events she has produced, earning sponsorship opportunities from premium brands like Reebok Classics, Sprite, New Era, Beats By Dre, Monster Products, FluD Watches and numerous liquor companies.

Chanté D. Dyson

Editorial Intern, NYLON Magazine

Financial Literacy

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 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.

Trauma Informed Responses

Luz Maria Utrera

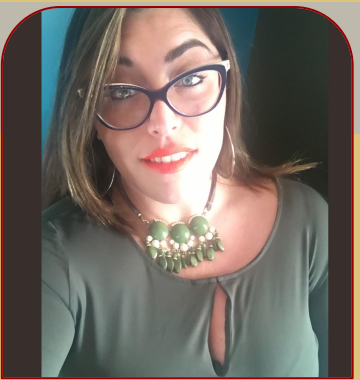
Founder & President, Luz Maria Foundation

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, which is in Consultative Status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Department of Public Information association (DPI). . .

Sana Shabazz

Chaplain, NYS Department of Corrections & Community Supervision

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. Shabazz is also a writer and poet whose work delves into the "spirit of daily living." Shabazz is a published writer.



Ellysa Arias

School Mental Health Manager, Department of Education

Ellysa Arias, LMSW, is a social activist and a trauma-focused therapist for children and adolescents. She currently serves as a School Mental Health Manager in the Office of School Health (OSH) for the NYC Dept. of Education (DOE). Ms. Arias is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of school-based mental health programming throughout the NYC's Public School System under Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray's $850 million dollar Thrive NYC Community Schools Initiative. . .

Sydnee Corriders

Social Worker, STEPS to End Family Violence

Sydnee Corriders was born and raised in Syracuse, NY. Sydnee earned a BA in Psychology and a BS in Child and Family Studies from Syracuse University in May 2014. In May of 2016, Sydnee earned a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University School of Social Work. Sydnee has experience in advocacy, community organizing, and working with court-involved youth and adults. Currently, Sydnee is employed with STEPS to End Family Violence where she works to prevent and support those impacted by intimate partner violence. . .

Finding Your Purpose

Claudia Espinosa

Executive Director, Latinas On the Verge of Excellence

Ms. Espinosa moved to New York Cali, Colombia in 2000. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Forensic Psychology with Magna Cum Laude honors from the City University of New York – CUNY. Ms. Espinosa received her second Master's degree in Public Administration from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at NYU. Ms. Espinosa currently devotes her time to her very own brainchild, the Latinas On the Verge of Excellence – L.O.V.E. Mentoring Program. . .

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Building Your Brand

April Chu

Associate Brand Manager, Big T NYC

April Chu is an Associate Brand Manager at Big T NYC, a wellness-driven organic tea company based in New York City. She earned her Master's Degree from NYU and has worked internationally across a variety of marketing organizations, including L'Oreal, Cartier and Nautica, prior to joining Big T NYC in 2015. April focuses on growing luxury brands sustainably through a strategic, long-term view.

Karen Webster

CFO, COCOTIQUE LLC

Artist Showcase

Presented by Imani Greaves

Gail Anderson is the creative director of Visual Arts Press at the School of Visual Arts in NYC. She is also a founding partner at Anderson Newton Design, and serves as chair of the design subcommittee on the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee for the United States Postal Service. Her work is in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, the Milton Glaser Design Archives, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Anderson received the Lifetime Achievement Medal from AIGA in 2008, and co-authors a dozen books on design, illustration, and typography.

Anu Ono is building a following for her dynamic watercolor and acrylic paintings that consistently portray what she knows best: the feminine aspect of life. "I believe that women have an immense degree of power and this can be seen through hundreds of years of artwork. The female energy/body have been glorified in this manner by artists who are able to appreciate this." Anu draws inspiration from her own perspective of the world and the spiritual processes that she believes are intertwined.

Chioma Nwana, also known by her Instagram name, "foundchichi," is a junior studying neuroscience at NYU. Though she almost never shows her face, she loves capturing the faces of others with her camera. Despite her workload, she spends almost all of her free time taking photos. She is currently an intern at SVGE Magazine and an in-house photographer for Daring Imagery Model Management. She specializes in editorial and portrait photography but is well-versed in many other styles of photography.

Olive Nash is a documentarian with an explicit focus on Women of Color; every photograph is an effort to create balance among representation in a world that limits the celebration of melanin. By showcasing the endless diversity of Women of Color, Olive strives to encapsulate the concepts of sisterhood and solidarity through intimate portraiture. These snapshots serve to breed and reflect self-awareness within herself and other Women. As a full time student and full time artist, there is no end or limit to the potential for education and expression, whether it is being given or taken.

Junior Rodriguez, a New York City based artist, got an early start in the world of art and fashion from a young age. Having a father as a graffiti artist in the 80s and a mother who was a fashion designer, art was in his blood. As a graduate from FIT, he gained insight into the evolution of his own art and eventually, collaborated with numerous leading publications for his famous "Dark but Chic" illustrations. Currently Rodriguez is producing and creating two fashion lines, "MuglerBoy" and "Jorge Couture," which will be unveiled this February.

Crystal Ife Sekhem, "The Love Power Expressionist," is 25 years of age and a New York Native. Her philosophy is that the power of love could heal all things, especially when creatively communicated. Her passion for the arts manifest visually in paintings, woodwork, and on stages to perform dance, and spoken word. She currently dances with United African Dance Troupe under the leadership of the amazing cultural warrior and pioneer, Ghizamboule Robinson. Although Crystal has been dancing as long as she can remember walking, she became a visual artist by simply making a choice at age 19 and sticking to it. Practice and consistency has been her best teacher, since she never went to art school. She is inspired heavily by West African culture and intends to have her own studio that will also share the culture into the community. She had her first art gallery in December 2016 "Love 25" and is planning for the next one in 2017 "Love 26."

Robert Newman III has been painting and drawing for over 15 years, but it wasn't until recently that he decided to turn his passion for Art into a professional career. Robert became an Artist because of his Grandmother, a porcelain doll maker, seamstress, painter, jeweler, & more. Her wisdom and influence has fostered his creativity and interest in all things Art related.

Maria Rivas is a Latinx artist, musician , & activist born & raised in Brooklyn, NY. Her art explores themes of feminism and mental health through the use of synthetic colors & visual displays of emotion.

Tony Anderson "I can't remember becoming an artist because I have always been one. I don't remember a time in my life when I was without paper and something to draw with. I am an artist because art helps me to express myself when I do not have enough words to do so. A drawing that I create can mean one thing to me but have 100 different meanings to 100 people. It's a beautiful experience when a person looks at something that i've created and tells me how it coincides with their life or if they can relate with what was going on in my head when I made it. I believe that no matter what the style or form, art puts us back in touch with our abilities as creators. Whatever thought, motion or sound we as artist think of, we find a way to bring it into existence. But besides all that, I'm an artist because I have an overactive imagination that never shuts off. If I don't get some of these images out of my head and on some paper I'll never go to sleep."

Stacey Billups was always artistic. A NY native, she was inspired by her mother who encouraged her creativity. At age 13, Billups father passed away, and she put her artistic aspirations on hold throughout her high school and college years.

Upon college graduation, she explored various artistic endeavors and moved back to NYC with hopes of pursuing an art career, but quickly started a family, and again put her aspirations on hold. She attended *Art Basel* in 2013, and it was during this event where she became further committed to pursuing her art, and in 2014 she began sketching - commissioning her first piece, "Isa" graphite on paper.

Billups works primarily with the mediums of pencil and charcoal, and in 2015, discovered oil painting with her piece "Flower Girl." She describes her style as figurative realism that examines the essence, plight and beauty of all women on their journey to peace and credits Kerry James Marshall, Frida Khalo, Diane and Leo Dillion, Ruth Owens and Lois Mailou Jones as her artistic influences.

In 2015, Billups participated in her first group show titled *ArtLovher*. In 2016, she exhibited works from her series Portrait of a Lady at Barons in Brooklyn. In January 2017, she is participating in the For Us, By Us group exhibition at Long Gallery Harlem. Her most recent work includes includes 4 oil paintings for the series Sweet Solitude.

In between her work as an middle school social worker, she spends time concepting

Jonelle Boafo is a New York photographer, who goes by "oftheessencee" on her Instagram. She is studying global public health and pre-med at NYU. Though she doesn't major in photography, she loves to shoot during her free time. She has had her work featured in girlgaze and in an art show before. Jonelle specializes in portrait and editorial photography but is skilled in other forms of photography.

Cyd Scotton,

Brooklyn bred artist, Cyd Scotton is known for his Vibrant, mix-medium pieces, portraits and woodwork inspired by pop and nyc culture. Cyd has done over 200 commissioned paintings in his short 3 year painting career, with clients including Nas and Voletta Wallace.

"Before my Grandmother passed, I promised I would finally live up to my potential, by nurturing this talent and allowing it to flourish, hopefully inspiring someone along the way."

Breanna Seward

From the innocent age of 5 I knew I had a creative path ahead of me. By the time I was 16 I was blessed with making my first sale right out of my sketchbook! From then I was hooked. Determined to see how far following my dreams will take me with the help from some of my friends and a whole lot of discipline anything is possible.

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