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“Anytime I fight for anything in this labor movement, it benefits me in the civil rights movement.”

- Hattie Canty

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PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



OLON OSEI-AGYEMANG

“My name is Solon Osei-Agyemang. I’m currently a senior at Riverdale Country School, and I’ve been a proud member of P-CoC since 10th grade. Outside of school, I’m passionate about a variety of activities—I love playing the drums, running, and engaging in debates. These interests help me channel both my creativity and my competitive spirit. My favorite novel is *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. The book’s exploration of identity, migration, and the complexities of being African in the U.S.A. and U.K. resonated with me as a Ghanaian American.

“One of the most impactful experiences I’ve had so far was participating in the 2024 P-CoC symposium. I was truly in awe of the incredible work my peers had done from poetry to community service projects to research. It was humbling to see the diversity of ways in which people were making an impact. I was particularly thrilled to have the opportunity to present on Patrice Lumumba, an African icon whose legacy has profoundly influenced my own worldview. His courage, vision, and commitment to justice continue to inspire me. Sharing that passion with my peers and seeing the connections we all made during the symposium was one of the most memorable moments of my high school journey.”

BLACK CHAMPIONS OF RACIAL EQUITY AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE WORKFORCE

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH (1889-1979)

A. Philip Randolph became involved in the movement for Black economic and social freedom in Harlem, New York. Beginning in 1925, Randolph worked with railroad car workers to organize the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Finally recognized in 1937, it became the first predominately Black labor union in the United States and set a standard for racial equality..



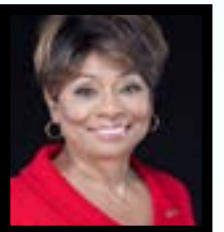
HATTIE CANTY (1933-2012)

Hattie Canty was born near Mobile, Alabama, in 1933. Working as a maid, school janitor, and eventually a room attendant on the Las Vegas Strip, she saw that the labor movement and racial justice were intrinsically linked. Elected to the executive board of the Culinary Workers Union in 1984, she brought together workers from 84 nations and became union president in 1990, the first Black woman and the first room attendant elected to this CWU position in CWU.



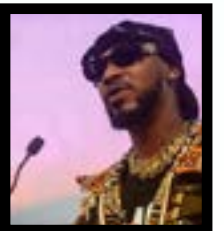
CLAYOLA BROWN (1948-)

Clayola Brown has a long history of labor activism, including her role as international vice president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. She was appointed to the National Commission on Employment Policy by President Bill Clinton in 1994, and in 2004 she was elected to the presidency of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, its first woman president.



CHRIS SMALLS (1988-)

Chris Smalls began working at Amazon, optimistic about his path for development. However, over his years as an employee, he witnessed and experienced grueling work conditions and institutionalized racism. In March 2021, Smalls and his colleague Derrick Palmer organized the Amazon Labor Union (ALU), and the workforce at the Amazon Staten Island warehouse JFK8 voted to establish a union.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Program Committee

Free Screening documentary

On behalf of the Larchmont Public Library, P-CoC is excited to announce the following event:

A special free screening of the documentary

Title: Counted Out

Date: Tuesday, February 4th

Time: 6 PM.

This powerful film explores the challenges of achieving equity in STEM education, highlighting the barriers that disproportionately affect underrepresented communities and underscoring the urgent need for inclusive opportunities.

Following the screening, there will be a dynamic panel discussion with experts and advocates who will expand on the film’s themes and explore meaningful solutions.

Please join this impactful and thought-provoking evening!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Basic Life Support(BLS) Training

Governing Board & Community Outreach Committee

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Be Ready to Save a Life!

Join us for a one-day training program to equip yourself with essential life-saving skills.

February 15th 2025

TIME: 12 noon

Location:

Discovery Recovery Ministry (DRC)
706 East 215th Street, Bronx, NY 10467

SPECIAL OFFER:

FREE for the first 20 applicants!
\$60 per participant after the first 20 registrations.

**Limited Spots Available!
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Benefits:

- Receive a certificate of completion from the American Heart Association upon successful training.
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