

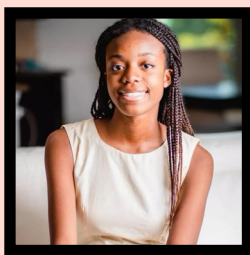
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*“While the legal, material, and even superficial requirements to eradicate racism are well known, its psychological and more deeply spiritual requirements have been persistently neglected—namely, the oneness of the human family. It is this principle of oneness that needs to be the driving force behind the struggle of uniting the races.”*

Sara Harrington, 1988

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## PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



**AMY-RUTH GYANG**

Amy-Ruth Gyang, a freshman at Duke University, is from Orlando, Florida. She is currently the Youth Liaison/Student Ambassador.

Amy-Ruth has been a part of P-CoC for the past 3 years. She got connected to P-CoC through Dr. Damaris-Lois Y Lang. She was immediately drawn in by the message that stressed the importance of unity amongst persons of color and working to combat injustices within the US. As a member of P-CoC, she worked on research that worked to increase educational equity within private and public schools within predominantly white institutions with students of color as the minority. She worked with other members to formulate solutions, collected data, and interviewed students of color who went to predominantly white institutions.

“The experience taught me the importance of creating a world that ensured equity for everyone regardless of race or background.”- Amy-Ruth Gyang.

## WOMEN IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Many women played vital roles in the Civil Rights Movement, from leading local organizations to serving as attorneys on school segregation lawsuits. The Civil Rights History Project includes interviews with over 50 women from a wide range of backgrounds and were involved in the movement. Their stories deepen our understanding of the movement as a whole and demonstrate how vital they were to the gains of the movement.



**Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons** was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and one of three women chosen to be a field director for the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project. She discusses the difficulties she faced in this position and notes that gender equality was not a given but had to be fought for.



**Diane Nash** was, in the view of many, the Nashville civil rights movement articulate, committed, and deeply intelligent, she was nevertheless overlooked as a movement leader in favor of men. She is considered a true unsung hero of the movement in Nashville.



Among the earlier generation of women dedicated to the Civil Rights Movement is **Mildred Bond Roxborough**, a long-time secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She recalls the contributions of women like **Daisy Lampkin**, who was a member of the NAACP board from Pittsburgh in the 1930s and 1940s and who traveled around the country to garner memberships and organize branches, thus contributing to the evolution of the organization and the Civil Rights Movement itself.



**Doris Adelaide Derby**, a SNCC activist, remembers that the challenge and urgency of the freedom struggle was a formative experience for young women, who had to learn resourcefulness on the job: “In the struggle, the women were strong.”



**Ruby Nell Sales**, who later overcame psychological traumas from the racial violence she witnessed in the movement, encourages us to look beyond the simplistic story of **Rosa Parks** refusing to move to the back of the bus in Montgomery. She sees Parks’s action as “a rebellion of working-class women, who were tired of boarding the buses in Montgomery, the public space, and being assaulted and . . . abused by white bus drivers. And that’s why that Movement could hold so long. If it had just been merely a protest about riding the bus, it might have shattered. But it went to the very heart of black womanhood, and black women played a major role in sustaining that movement.”

Source: <https://www.loc.gov/civil-rights-history-project/articles-and-essays/women-in-the-civil-rights-movement/>

## RECENT EVENTS

### Public Engagement and Tabling

*Community Outreach Team*

P-CoC represented at Irvington Farmer's Market Sunday Feb. 25



### Hastings Library Lunar New Year

*Public Relations*

P-CoC Public Affairs Director Clarence Feng participated in the Hastings Library's Lunar New Year event on Sat. Feb. 10.

P-CoC's Dr. Lang, New York State Senate leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, and Westchester County Legislator David Imamura were also present.

The event was organized by Alexandra Manning of the Hastings on Hudson Public Library to observe and recognize the Asian traditions around the Lunar New Year. About 30 people of all ages attended for reading, activities, and small discussions.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### S..A.L.T. TEAM SYMPOSIUM

Join the student ambassador

Leadership trailblazers (S.A.L.T) for an electrifying journey as they share their unique perspectives on a variety of topics! This event showcases dynamic presentations from high school students, driving knowledge and shaping towards a world of equitable coexistence.

**When: Saturday, March 30th at 5 pm**

Where: virtual meeting

Click here to join the video meeting, click this link: <https://meet.google.com/rjd-beos-eto>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 216-930-8307 and enter this pin: 224 160 336#

To view more phone numbers, click this link: <https://tel.Meet/rjd-beos-eto?Hs=5>

### Beneficiary support

<https://www.p-coc.org/beneficiaries>

#### *P-CoC Inc.'s a Brother/Sister Initiative Support*

Funds Award Categories

#### ARTUSO PASTRY SHOP FUND

- For Persons of Color, K-12 Students
- For Persons of Color, College Students
- For a Guttman 'United Men of Color' Student
- For a Female Student of African descent
- For a Male Student of African descent

All Awardees must endeavor to maintain a role as a S.A.L.T. or Y.A.F. Team participant.

#### THE P-CoC INC DIRE NEED FUND

- For Current or Prospective Participants, Volunteers, or Beneficiaries of P-CoC Inc