

DISABILITY & IDENTITY

DAY 2

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- Poet
 - Speaker
 - Advocate
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- EMPOWERING STUDENTS WITH HIDDEN DISABILITIES

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

I come from a place of **LOVE**



Back/collar I END UP GETTING STOPPED.

ALGORITHMS JUDGED BY NORMS

WHAT kind of STUDENT has your school/program been NORMALIZED to SUPPORT?

LABELED in 3rd GR. as **DISABLED**

PART of early SPECIAL ED.



MANY students STILL deal with SEGREGATED S.P.A.C.E.S

IT'S ABOUT THE MESSENGER as much as the MESSAGE



GRANDPARENTS

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High School... suffered BREAK DOWN decided I wanted to go to COLLEGE

COLLEGE: Got support PROJECT MENTOR TALKED about DISABILITY!

LOVED WRITING & the ARTS BEGAN ADVOCACY WORK

THE path TO DISABILITY PRIDE



EXPLAIN DISABILITY as ASSET-BASED

ACCEPTANCE is MOST IMPORTANT PART

WHY I do this work?

- Simeon Horne
- NAACP
- CIVIL RIGHTS activist



I protest to change LIFE for better for COMMUNITIES of COLOR

REDLINING = Lake of INVESTMENT - Prevents building of GENERATIONAL wealth



WEALTH GAP IT IS A PROCESS!

Leads to better access & services for students with DISABILITIES

POLLUTION is related to DISABILITY

FOR THE 1 in 4

Near-peer mentors are IMPACTFUL!

BLACK GIRLS OVERREPRESENTED in SCHOOL DISCIPLINE THIS IS EVERYBODY'S ISSUE!

Intersectionality SCHOOL → PRISON! PIPELINE

PREPARE to TAKE ACTION

TALK IS CHEAP

EXAMINE:

- HIRING practices
- BOARD make up
- look at POLICY
- Remove SYMBOLS

I want to SEE schools with LEADERS that look like our STUDENTS

THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE WAS 20 YRS. AGO. THE SECOND BEST TIME IS NOW.

VIDEO SERIES Celebrating Black History & People with Disabilities

ROBIN COSTE LEWIS

BRADLEY LOMAX

CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL!

CRIP CAMP

THIS FOR THE ONES WHO BLOCKED the BUSES THIS IS FOR THE ONES... THIS POEM IS FOR YOU: EQUALITY, FREEDOM, ADVOCACY

THIS IS FOR THE ONES WHOSE MINDS DANCE in DETAIL THIS WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH BUILD A FUTURE in the SERVICE of the MULTITUDE.

MERGE WHO YOU ARE & WHO YOU WANT TO BE...



... I DARE YOU TO DREAM