

Shayla Adams | *HER Story Changemaker*



Name: Shayla Adams

Shayla Adams has dedicated her life to serve and improve the lives of young adults by championing causes that promote educational equity for all. By day she is a U.S. History and Government teacher at Phelps ACE High School in Northeast DC, inspiring bright minds, but outside of her role as a teacher Shayla is a mentor, innovator and dedicated progressive leader. She is the founder of RemixEducation, a non-profit education organization whose mission is to provide innovative solutions in technology for teachers and students in order to bridge the education gap amongst minorities. Operating in North Carolina, Maryland, and Washington, DC., ReMixEducation currently organizes the Gloria Washington Wallace Young Leaders Scholarship in addition to two mentoring programs- H.E.R Story and L.I.F.E. I had the pleasure of meeting Shayla two years ago after signing up to be a mentor for H.E.R. Story in PG County. H.E.R. Story stands for Helping Empower Regalness and works with at-risk young women between the ages of 15-18. The program exposes young women to various post-secondary opportunities including workplace etiquette, CV creation, the college application process, domestic violence, sexual health and numerous community service opportunities. In its first year of operation, 100% of the program participants graduated from high school and were accepted into post-secondary institutions. Shayla is truly a young philanthropist who has given her time, energy and whole self to improving the livelihoods of others. The many lives she has touched through ReMixEducation and her efforts abroad are a testament to her passion to inspire, empower and create lasting change in the lives of our youth.

Dominique Broadway | *Financial Freedom Changemaker*



Name: Dominique Broadway

True change in our community starts not with changing or helping people physically, but changing the hearts and minds of our very own community - providing people with skill sets and belief systems that will not only impact them individually, but allow sustainable, generational success that we as a people can pass to our children and future grandchildren. The reason I nominate Dominique Broadway is because her work not only changes and grows the community, but changes our future. I've seen her start her series, "Finances Demystified", which provides the young community with the resources needed to "demystify" finances and make knowledge viable and accessible for everyone. Her multiple YouTube videos and ehow.com special features help those across the nation. Black Enterprise, Yahoo, BET, WKYS and others have taken notice already of what she does. I have seen everyone ranging from young single mothers to elderly men in tears after speaking to and dealing with Ms. Broadway, because they knew that they now had a future and could provide for their family's or leave a legacy behind. She has taught me that leaving your legacy behind and providing for not only yourself, but also your kids is not something reserved for the one percenters. I write this passionately, because I grew up with nothing. My self worth was once wrapped up with the powerless feeling of what I could not be. I never knew I could control my life and provide a legacy for my future children until Ms. Broadway opened my eyes - and she did not ask for anything in return. I can't say that I nominate Dominique Broadway - her actions nominate themselves. I just ask that you consider her for your award.

Daphne Charles | *Educational Equity Changemaker*



Name: Daphne Charles

Daphne embodies a Changemaker. She is a giver of her time and money to causes she's passionate about. Earlier this year, Daphne led a Capital Cause Giving Circles Project team to surpass their fundraising goal to support a seed grant for the Dance, Dig & Dine summer program, raising over \$2,000 for the project which served 25 youth this past summer. She recently founded a nonprofit called Project Inspire and raises money to support college scholarships for youth in her high school. Over the past eight years, she has distributed almost \$3,000 in book scholarships for incoming college freshman through the scholarship. For the past seven years, Daphne has served as a Rap Director with College Summit, leading and inspiring hundreds of rising high school seniors on the steps necessary to go to college year after year. Almost monthly, Daphne is speaking to students in classrooms throughout Washington, D.C. and Maryland about the value of college and making positive choices. Outside of her volunteerism, Daphne works full time as a Site Coordinator for Community in Schools of Northern Virginia, where she works to reduce the dropout rate and increase the graduation rate at a school for nontraditional students.

Darius Graham | *Social Innovation Changemaker*



Name: Darius Graham

Darius Graham is the founder and director of DC Social Innovation Project, an organization providing funding and pro bono services to help community members and organizations launch or grow innovative community programs tackling pressing social issues in Washington, DC. He also serves as a Social Entrepreneur-In-Residence in the Center for Social Value Creation at the University of Maryland, Robert H. Smith School of Business. Darius was previously an associate in the corporate restructuring group at the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. He has served as a mayor-appointed commissioner on the District of Columbia Commission on National & Community Service and is an alum and trustee of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship. Darius is author of the award-winning book, *Being the Difference: True Stories of Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things to Change the World*. He received a B.A. summa cum laude from Florida A&M University and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley - School of Law where he served as an editor of the *California Law Review* and as editor-in-chief of the *Berkeley Journal of African-American Law & Policy*.

Will Jackson | *‘Fellaz’ for the Kids Changemaker*



Name: Will Jackson

William (Will) Jackson has dedicated countless hours to making a difference. He serves as President of The Fellaz Youth Foundation a non-profit organization working to empower and uplift young people. Over the last year Will has raised money to help pay for Prom attire for 3 students whose parents were in need of assistance. He has hosted many workshops on overcoming obstacles and encouraging young people to follow their dreams. His most recent workshop was at the Maya Angelou Academy at New Beginnings (Formerly Oak Hill Detention Center). He held 3 workshops per day for 1 week discussing change, decision making, etc. Will was asked to be the Keynote speaker at Andrew Jackson Academy in Prince Earlier this year will felt like there weren't enough positive images on TV so he decided to create and host his own talk show "In the Studio with Will J." that deals with Teen issues. So he reached out to some contacts he had and began working. Once a month Will invites young professionals and students on his show to discuss a variety of topics. Such as bullying, the Power of social media, Violence in our community, and being a young entrepreneur. He also coaches basketball every year where he not only teaches the game, he also mentors his players and encourages them to focus on school just as much as they focus on basketball. Will loves to help and I am convinced he will continue to do Great work in the community.

Michelle Nealy | *H.O.P.E. Dealing Changemaker*



Name: Michelle Nealy

Michelle is the embodiment of a changemaker. Through her work with The H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Pursue Education) Scholarship Initiative, she gives her time selflessly to the cause of young philanthropy by raising money for the benefit of young people in need of scholarships to attend college.

The H.O.P.E. Scholarship's mission is to make a college education affordable to all deserving students. No one should be denied access to a quality education simply because they lack the necessary funds. Household incomes should not dictate academic outcomes.

Since their inception in 2010, H.O.P.E. has raised nearly \$10,000 and awarded six scholarships to six deserving college students. Through Michelle's leadership as co-founder coupled with the diligence of her amazing team, H.O.P.E. has impacted the lives of young people seeking higher education and has continued to involve other young philanthropists in the giving process.

Carlyn Madden | *Young Nonprofit Changemaker*



Name: Carlyn Madden

The Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Washington, DC (YNPNdc) advances the careers of young professionals to strengthen the nonprofit sector. Through this work, YNPNdc is actively building a community of inspired professionals equipped to lead a diverse and evolving nonprofit sector.

“Having served on the board since 2009, the growing visibility and excitement around YNPNdc’s work continues to amaze me. As Chairman, I was proud to oversee a vibrant all-volunteer organization whose significant accomplishments are driven by the time, talent and enthusiasm of more than 40 leaders who dedicate countless hours ensuring YNPNdc’s programs reflect the needs of its members.”

Carlyn Madden is a proud member of YNPNdc and served on the board from 2009 to 2013. As Principal of Carlyn Madden Consulting Services, Carlyn works with nonprofits to ensure they have the resources that they need to meet the diverse needs of the communities they serve. Previously, Carlyn served as the senior advisor for arts education and capacity building grantmaking for the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. She spent five years at the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation where she managed a diverse portfolio of grantees in the areas of education, community services, health and arts. Carlyn earned her MA in Museum Studies from George Washington University and completed undergraduate work at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

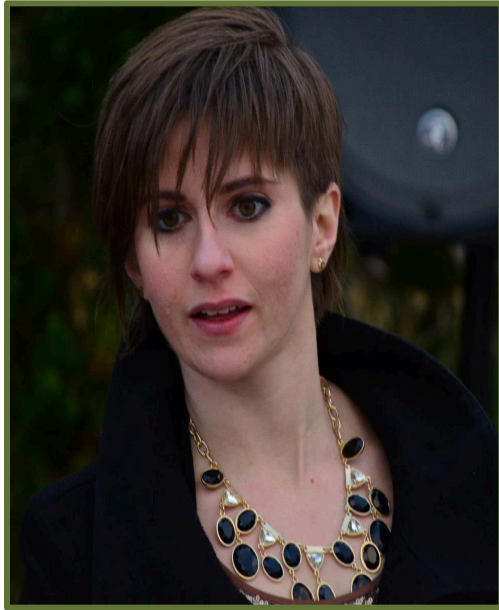
Renette Noel | *NVUL-YPN Changemaker*



Name: Renette Noel

Renette Noel deserves to be the Changemaker of the Year because I have not seen anyone exhibit more drive, determination, and effort to bring change to the communities in Northern Virginia. The Young Professionals Network of the Urban League in Northern Virginia would not have been known for their great reputation in serving the community if not for the time and effort that Renette puts in almost every day. She has planned and led numerous events for NVULYPN, including the 1st African American Read in Day at Drew Model School, the monthly Patrick Henry Shelter visits, the Comcast Cares Day in April, the annual College Survival 101 program, the annual Backpack Drive and AARP Canned Good Drive. In addition, not only does she plan and coordinate, but she makes sure her events get positive and measurable results. For example, after engaging the NVULYPN membership and reaching out to community organizations she was able to nearly double the amount of backpacks compared to last year's backpack drive. During the organization's AARP Canned Good Drive she set a goal for our group to donate 1,000 lbs. of canned goods and personal care items. Through her hard work, we were able to surpass that goal with 1,025 lbs. of donations. She's one of those people that doesn't rest until the job is done and is successful in her mind. And she aims high, knowing that not doing so would greatly hurt someone who is in need. And sometimes, when the help is not there for whatever reason, she will not hesitate to take it upon herself to make sure the community is being served. That's a determination that I have not personally seen very often, and that is why Renette Noel would be a great choice to be this year's Changemaker of the Year.

Caroline Sapp | *Young Foreign Policy Changemaker*



Name: Caroline Sapp

Caroline Sapp is passionate about integrating with and giving back to her local community. She volunteers to: (1) help to develop young professionals in the area of East Asian Studies and (2) work to improve food security for DC low-income families. Ms. Sapp runs the East Asia discussion group for Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YPFP), which is committed to fostering the next generation of foreign policy leaders. For the last two and half years she has built up a community of young professionals that meet to exchange ideas and brainstorm solutions to various policy problems in East Asian countries. In addition to discussions, Ms. Sapp has initiated language exchanges and volunteer projects for her group members.

Ms. Sapp has also participated in volunteer projects with the Urban League and Capital Cause, including assisting with taking children to a local DC museum. She also assisted the National Black United Front with brainstorming solutions to create community gardens in DCs Ward 8 and to get low-income families connected to free vouchers at the local food market. Finally, Caroline volunteers her time on Saturdays at the Mount Pleasant Farmer's Market running a federal benefits match program, increasing the purchasing power of low income families at farmer's markets. While at the market, Ms. Sapp also helps to educate families on how to select fresh produce on a budget and how to most efficiently utilize federal food assistance vouchers. Additionally, Ms. Sapp has begun teaching healthy cooking classes for families at DC Greens with children who are at risk of obesity.

Jeffrey Tribble | *Musical Changemaker*



Name: Jeffrey Tribble

Jeffery is the Executive Director of The MusicianShip, an organization that provides music lessons, opportunities, and experiences for youth who otherwise might not have access. Jeffery is unpaid for the work he does as is the organization's Board, and yet they manage to accomplish amazing results through partnerships with DCPS and other NGOs.

Mr. Tribble and his team works with mostly low-income youth from DC's poorest communities, committing their time to not only instruct them about playing instruments, but also to instill within them a desire to succeed academically. Filling a void that most music programs can't because of budget cuts, the Musicianship is a needed, well-organized, superbly-managed organization in our communities. This is largely thanks to Mr. Tribble who does not ever ask for reward, accolade or recognition for serving tomorrow's youth.

I could boast about the Musicianship winning a \$5,000 grant from the Sinfonia Educational Foundation, who stated that the Musicianship fills a "void" both now and in the future. A comment that was a nod to the leadership of Millennial, Jeffrey Tribble. However, these grants are only an indication of Mr. Tribble's servant leadership and selflessness.

It's for the aforementioned reason and countless others, that he deserves to be 2013 Changemaker of the Year.