

# Outspoken: A Listening Project

## Youth Voices of the BLM Revolution

### EPISODE 3 - PARTICIPANTS & MENTORS



**Oscar Whitney Jr. – Endless Night: The Lion King**

Venmo @Oscar-Whitney-1

*Oscar Whitney Jr.-* Oscar is going into his senior year as musical theatre major at the University of Northern Colorado. Past roles include Donkey in Shrek the Musical, Richie in A Chorus Line, Benny in In The Heights, and you may have seen him in the ensemble of Tarzan last summer at Candlelight Dinner Playhouse! He has been involved with the Black Lives Matter movement as a protester and an avid signer of petitions. Oscar would like to thank God, his family, and friends for their endless support. Insta: oscar\_whitney26.

AND HIS MENTOR

**Ben Butler** – Graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Theatre from Adams State is the performing arts and theatre director for Manual High School. He has been active as a social advocate for the BLM movement and chose to take part in this project to connect with young voices from across the city. He hopes to lift up those voices and stories while also providing a resource and winding board for not just now but the future. He hopes people really listen to these young voices, stories and experiences and expressions and are filled with an appreciation and motivation for what is happening around us. He would, of course, like to thank Lisa Young for bringing all of these annexing people together and creating the space and avenue for these connections to be made and stories to be told.



**Laurence “Nami” Beasley – Slippin- Venmo @Laurence-Beasley**

*Laurence “Nami” Beasley.-* An 18 year old Estes native currently living in Arizona due to Covid-19.

AND HIS MENTOR

Kimani Smith

## Melissa Boateng & Kanara Bramlett –Mother

Venmo @Melissa-Boateng and @kanara-bramlett



*Melissa Boateng.*- A recent graduate of STRIVE Prep RISE High School, Melissa is pursuing a BioMed Engineering degree at the University of Houston. She comes to IDEAs Outspoken with a background in Theatre and Music. She is not just a protestor for the BLM movement but also helped to organize the protest that shut down Pena Blvd in June 2020. She chose to take part in this project because she wanted to be an advocate for change in the black community and this was one way she could do that. She hopes she portrays the pain of the black community and their demand for justice through this project. She hopes you can see how hurt our community has been by the people who are meant to protect us. "We deserve to be treated with respect as any other human being". She would like to thank her parents for raising her to be a fighter and her teachers for guiding her on this journey, she wouldn't be here without them.



*Kanara Bramlett.*- Kanara has developed an appreciation for many things, however her passion truly lies in performance and social activism. She notes Johnny Depp and Tim Burton as the most artistically influential figures in her life. Kanara's passion for social activism began when she first joined Rise, which is a social justice-oriented school. This summer, she, along with four other former classmates, created Denver Metro Black Lives Matter, a student-led organization dedicated to police brutality. This past June, the chapter successfully planned and orchestrated a protest that gained relative attention through local news and media. This event has prompted her to dedicate her life to changing this country for her people and future generations to come.

### AND THEIR MENTORS

**Lisa Young.**- Lisa founded IDEAs when she realized COVID-19 was thought to be more dangerous to art than it's history of systemic racism and discriminatory practices. "The Child who is not embraced by the village will burn it down to feel its warmth" African Proverb will burn it down to feel its warmth" African Proverb



**Ilasiea Gray** is thrilled to be the Creative Director and one of the mentors for Outspoken: A Listening Project – Youth Voices of Black Lives Matter. She is an activist, actress, arts educator having received a True West Award for her impactful work in both. Ilasiea is passionate about work with social justice themes, theatre for young audiences, theatre arts education, and working with the youth. Ilasiea is currently pursuing her MFA in Social and Environmental Arts Practice, headed by Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors.







## Tremaine Butler –BlackBerries Remix- [cash.app/\\$TreB45](https://cash.app/$TreB45)

*Tremaine Butler*- A 20 year old graduate of Green Valley Ranch High School, and current student at the Community College of Aurora, he comes to Outspoken with a background in Theatre and songwriting. He used these skills in the BLM movement as well as signing petitions to impact change. He wanted to be part of outspoken so he could amplify his voice and no longer remain silent. He hopes the rest of the country can get rid of the negative energy and he hopes you gain an understanding of how tired his people are of being dehumanized. He would like to that the entire IDEAS organization for letting him be a part of change and make a positive impact in the world.

### AND HIS MENTOR

*Adrienne Martin-Fullwood*-Executive Partner of 5280 Artist Co-op Entertainment Group. Adrienne has been in the entertainment business for over 35 years. She has performed over 100 theatrical shows; voice over productions, in addition to countless t.v. commercials both local and national. Her credits also include producing and directing which included her most recent directed and produced production of 1 Night 6 Plays. Adrienne has received awards and nominations within the Denver community which included The Henry Awards Nomination for Best Actress in 'Tell Martha Not to Moan' and The Shadow Light Award (created by the late Iconic Theatrical Mogul Jeffrey Nickelson) for Best Actress of the Year



## Sierra Amalbert –Dear Black Girl- [Venmo @Sierra-Amalbert](https://venmo.com/Sierra-Amalbert)

*Sierra Amalbert*- A college freshman at UNC, she comes to IDEAs Outspoken with a background in Musical Theatre and instrumental Music, specifically the cello. She has been a protestor, and event organizer and has been providing research to people who are unaware of the current circumstances of the world. She decided to join Outspoken after Lisa presented the opportunity to her and she was excited to contribute and support 100%. She needed to be creative again, things having not been the same since she had been staying home during the pandemic. She would like to thank her grandmother and Lisa Young.

### AND HER MENTOR

*Krisangela Washington*



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\*\* These brave participants have put themselves, their stories and their voice out there for all the world to see. If you feel moved, we have given you an opportunity to show your appreciation of their work in the form of a tip by including their venmo, cashapp or paypal info.\*\*

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## **Production Team**

Executive Producer/IDEAS Founder – Lisa Young

Creative Director – Ilasiea Gray

Video Editor – Ray Bailey ([www.raybailey.tv](http://www.raybailey.tv))

Score/Music Composer – Alex Burse

Production Manager – Bennie Palko

Post Production Manager – Mark Pergola

Social Media Editor – Peter Trinh

Social Media Score/Composer – Kelly Bidstrup