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THE POWER OF GIRLHOOD PRESENTS



THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF THE GIRL  
10.0

OCT 11, 2022

6-9 PM



# *G*reetings Powerful One!

My name is Ber-Henda Williams and I am the first of my name!

Yes this is a reference to Game of Thrones. I am Black Woman, Blerd, Lover of Christ and believer in the unparalleled power of girlhood.

On December 19, 2011, United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child, to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.

The Power of Girlhood has been hosting IDOG events for the last 10 years and like any other tween, we are testing limits and boundaries and we hope that you will too.

We have heard time and again that the future is female and while that is true, it is also intersectional and fluid.

These last 11 years have been one of growth and actualization. The pandemic ushered us into evolution. Our program has 2 major events a year, The International Day of the Girl and our annual meet up. I invite you to open your heart and mind to explore the parts of your inner girl regardless of your gender.

There is a glorious feminine spirit that informs your intuition, creativity, and empathy. You will meet our collaborators, performers and girls at large, this evening. I pray that you feel my gratitude for your presence and support!

Yours in Girlhood,

**Ber-Henda Williams**





## Meet Your Mistress of Ceremonies, *Summer March!*



From an early age, Summer had a love for service and for people. She has been an educator in Metro Detroit for eight years, mainly in early childhood.

She proudly served on the board for the Power of Girlhood for 3 years and enjoyed supporting girls in the local area. Summer's purpose has shown through her work in activism. For the past 5 years, she has advocated on behalf of black women and black communities through events, forums, political work, or simply highlighting the excellence of the culture.



## A word from Priest *Anthony Estes*

### Introduction, founder of The In(her)Voice Project and The Power of Girlhood

#### Youth Poets:



Cassidy Connely from Figure Skating In Detroit

Cassidy is a 16-year-old who lives life full of passion and experiences. She finds interest in learning new things and gaining new skills that builds her character in a positive aspect. One of her biggest passions is politics as she serves on the MIHSD executive board as Vice Chair 2022-2023 and served as MIHSD Diversity Director 2021-2022. Her lists of true passions could go on forever as she displays commitment to figure Skating, dance, music, poetry, and so much more.



Kaelyn-La'Shaye (Pheonyx) Walker is a senior at The School at Marygrove in Detroit and is a member of the school's Citywide Poets. She began writing poetry in sixth grade as a means of coping with depression. In addition to writing for CityWide Poets, she wants to become a therapist so she can teach others how to cope with trauma through poetry. As well as writing and drawing, she collects vinyl records and spends time with her dog, Ra.



Alaya Smith is 15 years old, a sophomore at The School at Marygrove and is a member of the school's Citywide Poets. She loves writing, especially short stories and poems. She also loves singing and wants to be an author when she's older. Her goal is to become one of Detroit's best selling authors to show kids from the "hood" that they can be famous and successful too. Her hobbies are skateboarding, singing, and anything that has to do with being creative.



Bayan the Poet is an award-winning poet, Detroit educator and youth mentor. Hailing from Algeria and Hamtramck, Michigan, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Women's Studies (2014) and an M.A. in Educational Leadership and Policy (2019). She is a 2021 Kresge Arts Gilda awardee, an InsideOut Literary Arts writer-in-residence, and a 2019 Motown Mic finalist. She has two self-published poetry collections covering themes of home, immigration, diaspora, and belonging: *Diary of a Daughter in Diaspora* (2018); and *HERE TO STAY: The Literary Mixtape* (2021) paired with her spoken word album *HERE TO STAY*. She currently teaches 10th grade English and Creative Writing at The School at Marygrove and is their Citywide Poets site leader.





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# THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL 10.0 POWER PANEL



**Summer  
March**

**Reem  
Abou-samra**

**Danielle  
North**

**Ebony  
Bagley**

OCT 11, 2022 6-9 PM  
8850 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

Panel of **POWER**: Hosted by Summer March





## Meet Summer March

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## Meet Ebony Bagley

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Ebony is a communications professional with 15+ years of experience. Today, she is the Communications Director for the American Heart Association of SE Michigan, an Oakland County Parks Commissioner & Vice President of National Congress of Black Women Oakland County Chapter. As a former teacher she enjoys reaching the youth with discussions of internet wellness & cyber security. Additionally, she is the owner of the Ebony Heritage Collection, celebrating Black culture & heritage. Ebony is also is a proud wife and mother to two children.







## Meet Danielle North

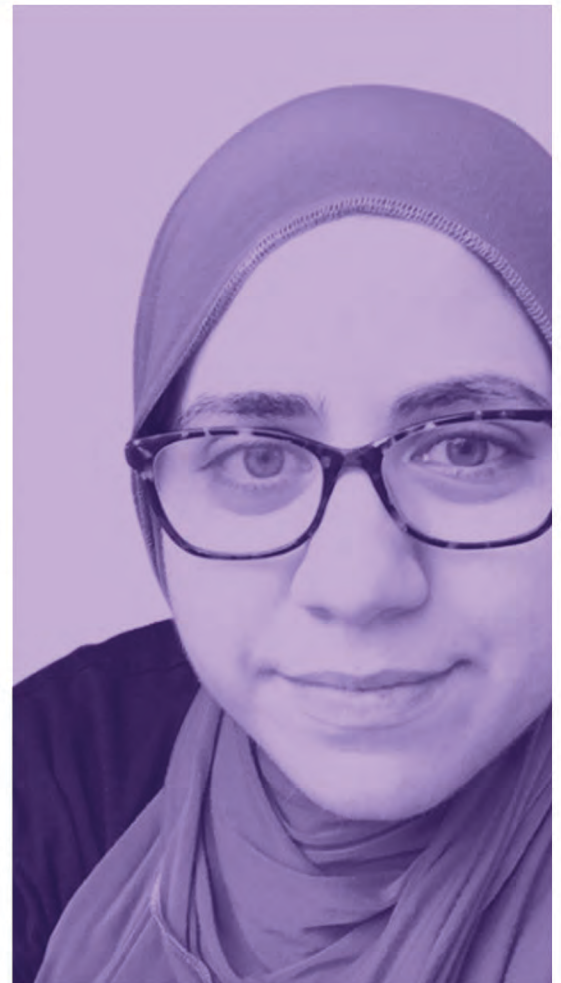
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A wife, mother of three, runner, author, entrepreneur, & first-generation college graduate. In 2008, she became a community developer with Warren-Conner Development Coalition in Detroit to make a lasting impact in her hometown. She is also a charter school authorizer as the Deputy Director of Charter Schools at Detroit Public Schools. She launched her education consulting firm – EdReform Partners – in 2015, and in 2021, became the Founding Executive Director of Degree Forward & Partner of Diploma Equity Project. Her other initiatives include: Kidz Kingdom, Detroit's first indoor playground, Detroit Women's Leadership Network, & Biz Kidz. She is a proud alum of the German Marshall Memorial Fellowship, a Detroit Free Press Shining Light Mayor Dave Bing Future Leader, & a Crain's Detroit Business 40 under 40.

## Meet Reem Abou-samra

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Reem is a Muslim, Arab, second generation Syrian-American. She is an activist, an oral historian, a spoken word artist, & a mother to two daughters. She has a doctorate in Political Science and a Masters in Near Eastern Studies from Wayne State University in Detroit. She started writing poetry in third grade & has been performing spoken word for over 18 years. You can purchase Reem's poetry collection Fractured: Between Truth and Lies on sale through Amazon. Her upcoming book Just: enough will be released in November.



Closing Panel Poem by Reem Abou Samra

Brief Intermission

African Drum and Dance

The Amen-Ra Dancers





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