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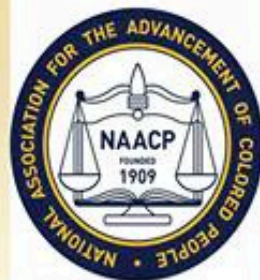


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ABOUT DELITEACH AND CEO - VERDEL JONES

DeliTeach Enterprises, LLC was developed to help individuals realize their full potential. We are dedicated to sharing ideas, and knowledge that informs and enlightens. Our CEO Verdel A. Jones has been an educator for over 20 years and understands the concept of "knowledge is power". Our goal is to give you solutions, strategies and tools needed to help you achieve your goals.

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Verdel A. Jones is the CEO of Deliteach Enterprises, LLC, college planning expert, author of, *The Parent Agent: How to Represent Your Child and Get Them Into the College of Their Choice*, talk show host, educator and speaker. She has been an educator for over 20 years as a teacher, school counselor, and district level administrator.

Verdel continually provides her community with valuable resources regarding various educational topics and passionately presents this information to parents and students. She has visited hundreds of colleges, and can articulate what to look for in a college that will meet the needs of your child. Her extensive knowledge of the college exploration and selection process; current educational issues; and the social and emotional challenges students experience, make her an expert in her field. Being a teacher at heart, her passion is focused on sharing conversations that inform and enlighten – in the hopes that you learn something you did not know. In carrying out this work she is the executive producer and host of the Internet TV show, *Conversations with Verdel Jones*.

Verdel received her master's degree in educational leadership from Long Island University, a master's degree in secondary education from Hofstra University, and obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

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POETRY SLAM SCHOLAR EUGENIA RODRIGUEZ



Eugenia Rodriguez will graduate from Central Islip High School in Central Islip, NY in the top one percent of her class and has taken several AP courses while juggling her many activities.

One of her passions is theater. She is an active member of the drama program at her high school. She was the lead role in, *Guys and Dolls*, *12 Angry Jurors* and *Hairspray*. Her acting skills earned her a Teeny Award nomination for best actress in a musical.

Eugenia is also a member of Central Islip's dynamic and talented concert choir and show choir. She has been the president of the concert choir for grades 9-12 and the vice president all four years for the show choir. Her voice solo at NYSSMA allowed her to be selected for All-County Choir.

She is also first-chair clarinet, and her NYSSMA clarinet solo garnered her a spot in the All-County Band. Eugenia is also the color guard co-captain. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has held a leadership role since her induction. Eugenia was also a member of the track team and plays for her school's soccer team as a left mid-fielder all four years of high school.

Over the summers, Eugenia has secured internships at a theater, bakery and restaurant. She participated in Stony Brook's pre-college institute and Johnson and Wales career exploration program. Eugenia also gives back to her school community volunteering for Breakfast with Santa, orientation tours and food drives.

Eugenia will attend SUNY Binghamton and major in English and Theatre. Eugenia wants to become an actress, an author of several books and her ultimate dream is to act on Broadway.

POETRY SLAM SCHOLAR JULIO SHIMUND TAKU



Julio Taku will graduate in June from Walt Whitman High School in Huntington Station, NY. He is a passionate spoken word poet and high performing academic student enrolled in several AP courses.

Julio has a passion for helping people as well. As a junior volunteer at Northwell Health Hospital in Huntington, he assisted with and spent time with patients. Julio is also a teacher's assistant during a summer youth program in which he works with children with special needs. He is a member of Walt Whitman Natural Helpers, and was selected by his peers through

a school-wide nomination process. Julio is also an active member of his church as an altar server and he trains incoming altar servers. In addition, he assists in the proceedings of mass for Sunday morning services. Julio was selected as a Boys State representative which is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. This week-long program immerses high school youth in citizenship and leadership training.

As a leader in his community, Julio was a core founder and president of the Audio Production & Engineering Club. He also had the honor of participating on the panel: Guns on Long Island, which was broadcasted on News 12 Long Island. As part of the panel, he discussed gun violence and school safety.

Julio will be attending Stony Brook in the fall and will major in journalism.

POETRY SLAM SCHOLAR MANDY WAGNAC



Mandy Wagnac is the 2018 Valedictorian of Westbury High School in Westbury, NY. She is of Haitian descent and is fluent in Creole. Mandy is active in her community, she has won several academic and community awards including the Delta Sigma Theta Dynamic Speakers and Orator award.

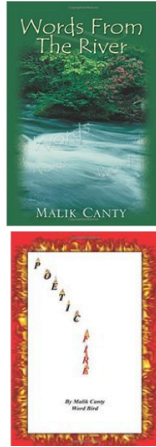
Mandy has held treasury positions in the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Orchestra. She also participated in French Honor Society, Tri-M, Interact Club, Red Cross Club, Philosophy Club, and A/V Club. Mandy is also involved in varsity track and is a scholar athlete.

Mandy has made her mark in the theater

department and has held prominent roles in every musical production during her four years of high school starring in; productions of *Grease*, *In the Heights*, *Guys and Dolls*, and she was Motormouth Maybelle in *Hairspray*.

In her community, she is a peer mentor, volunteer tutor, serves as a translator for Creole native speakers at parent-teacher conferences and she is also a very active member of her church. She is a vacation bible school camp counselor, church child mentor and a member of the church choir and dance team. Mandy also has a passion for music and has been part of her school's orchestra since 2008. She was also selected for All-State Chorus and All-County Orchestra. Mandy has also participated in the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA).

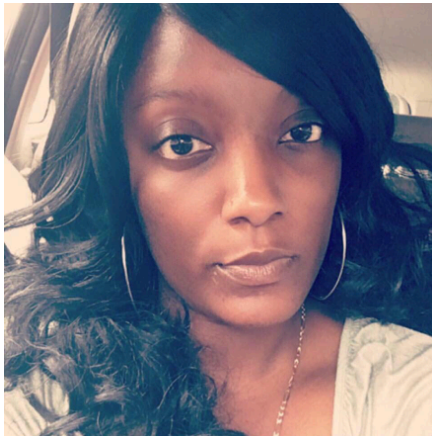
Mandy will be attending Barnard College of Columbia University. She plans to pursue a degree in English with a concentration in Creative Writing and Africana Studies. Her goal is to conduct research at the center for Mass Incarceration and enter a career in criminal justice after attending law school.



MALIK CANTY

Malik S. Canty is a retired teacher, an author and a spiritual poet who speaks for the voiceless. Known around the poetry circuit as the “Word Bird,” Malik has performed in various places, including The Apollo Theatre, Brooklyn Academy of Music, The Schomburg Cultural Center, and McDonald's Gospelfest. In addition, Malik has been published in various magazines and anthologies, and has

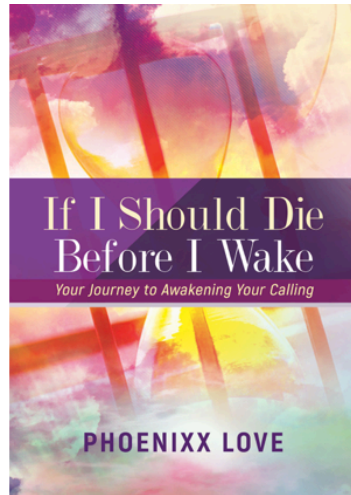
four poetry collections to his credit: *Tears For My Ancestors*, *Poetic Fire*, *Words From The River* and *Who Hears the Poet When He Weeps?* Word Bird writes to reveal the messages in his soul and as a witness of the durability of his people. The spirit and eyes of many speak to his soul, which leads him to intuitively write and speak for those individuals or groups who are afraid, or incapable of expressing themselves, or just don't know how to communicate effectively. This prolific poetic Word Bird also has a great collection of his work posted on Hubpages.com.



DANIELLE GASPARD

Danielle Gaspard is the Founder/Owner/Certified Credit Repair Consultant for, The Beauty Of Credit. She is also an author, financial life coach and event coordinator. Being a helper since she was a child, influenced her decision to start her own credit restoration business. Danielle wants to be able to help as many people as possible, not just with their credit, but also

with their mindsets. She often says, “Credit is power, money is king, but a changed mindset is everything.” Danielle is 30 years old and has resided in Long Island all her life. Growing up in Long Island wasn't always glitz and glamour. There were tough times but that thing called life always has a way of changing circumstances. Danielle is married to her best friend, has three beautiful little girls and enjoys being an entrepreneur.



PHOENIXX LOVE

Phoenixx Love, LCSW is a holistic therapist, wellness consultant, educator and author. She has over 20 years of combined business and clinical experience in consumer research, behavioral science, clinical psychology, child welfare, social services and the healing arts. Phoenixx is currently an adjunct professor at Hunter College. Formerly, she was a mental health administrator, employee assistant program specialist and trainer for NYS Office of Mental Health. Phoenixx is the owner of

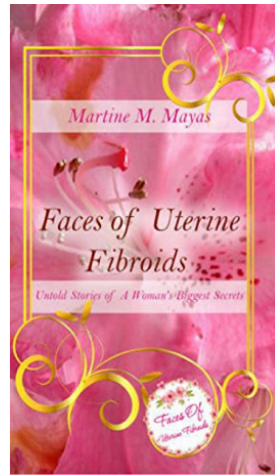
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NICHOLE MARTIN

Nichole Martin is a native New Yorker. She was born and raised in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, New York in the early 1970's. Growing up, English writing was just one of her favorite academic courses, and now as an adult, she's sharing messages with the world via her creative writing. Nichole feels many will be able to relate to her urban

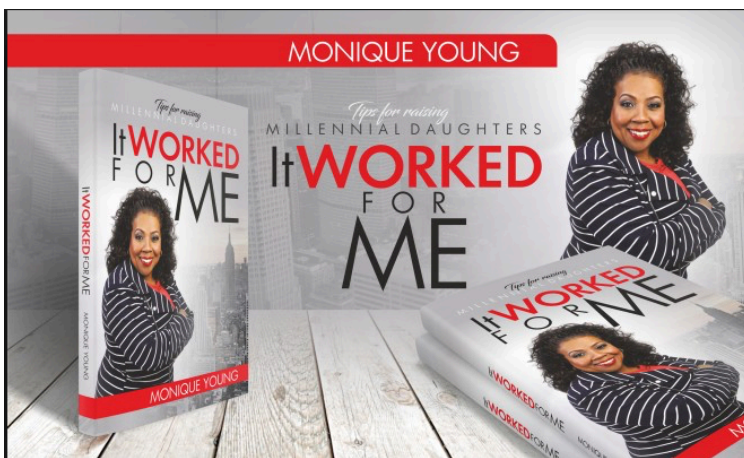
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MARTINE MAYAS

Martine M. Mayas is a womb confident specialist, vision board intuitive and uterine fibroid survivor. Her mission is to help women appreciate and pamper their womb in order to manifest positive energy and health from the inside out in order to prepare them for their future, family and abundance. Martine discovered at the age of 19 she had fibroid tumors that put such a strain on her life to

where she was operating on a blood count level of 5. She dealt with every possible side effect you can think of due to these fibroids. She was told time and time again by various doctors that a hysterectomy was the only way out. Martine knew in her heart that was not the answer. As she got older, she realized that her search for the right doctor was not over, until she met a doctor who changed her entire life. After months of getting her health on track and taking proper care of her heart, mind, body and soul, Martine was able to have the fibroids that made her life difficult, removed and has went on to live an amazing healthy life.



MONIQUE YOUNG

Monique Young was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated from Bushwick High School and attended John Jay College for criminal justice. She currently resides in Hempstead, NY, which has been her home for the past 23 years. She met the love of her life, John in 1986 and is married with four daughters Jeanette, Jahnique, Jorri and Jalena, one son-in-law Hussein and one beautiful

grandson John-Sekou. Monique wrote her first book, *It Worked for Me, Tips for Raising Millennial Daughters*. Her book is a parenting guide about raising daughters. It is a motivational book as well as a resource for mothers, fathers and daughters to breach the gap and for women to learn to understand and encourage each other in various aspects of life. Monique is a Christian, an author, comedienne, spirited speaker and mentor for Nia, a ministry which empowers our young ladies with knowledge of their purpose. Her most sacred accomplishment is being her Sister's Keeper. It is her mission to help educate parents on being better parents and better women to each other.

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