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AmeriCorps

Virtual Swearing-In Ceremony & Post-Ceremony Workshops Friday, October 22, 2021

Ceremony

10:00 a.m. – Noon

[Register in Zoom to Attend](#)

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Join your AmeriCorps peers from across Washington state to celebrate service and kick-off the new program year. The morning ceremony will include an alumni panel, networking break-outs, a keynote address by Breana Dorelus of Connecting the Cause (bio below), and the AmeriCorps Oath of Service that members around the country have taken for more than twenty-five years. In the afternoon, members and staff are invited to come back for two workshops.



Breana Dorelus - Keynote

Breana Dorelus is the Founder and Chief Cause Consultant at Connecting the Cause, a consultancy dedicated to dismantling harmful volunteer practices implemented by nonprofits and volunteers towards Black and brown communities. Breana believes in community inclusion in all aspects of the volunteer process and has dedicated her work to ensuring that service is centered around co-liberation and not harmful charity. Starting her decade plus stint in the nonprofit sector as an AmeriCorps member, she has

continuously held positions in leading volunteers, creating programming, and spearheading community initiatives. Breana believes that best practices may not be the best for all and that we must look at service through the lens of community-centered support to create a more just future.

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Post-Ceremony Workshops

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - “Developing Our Resilience & Grit”

Virtual Workshop (90 min.)

Facilitated by Tray Deadwyler, [Think for Good, Incorporated](#)

[About Tray Deadwyler](#)

Participants will learn five proven elements to build and maintain resilience in their personal and professional lives. During the workshop, participants shall consider their key beliefs and disciplines that support perseverance through a myriad of life and leadership situations and identify methods to mitigate burnout from life and leadership.

Tray will also provide a follow-up session on Wednesday, November 17, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

The follow-up session is an optional gathering to refresh your learning. Occurring a few weeks after the workshop, it is an opportunity to review the key lessons, ask more in-depth questions, and allow participants to share how they have applied the knowledge and skills into their life and leadership.

Join this workshop (*The below link is also for follow-up session - copy and paste link in calendar*):

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 849 9446 3028

Passcode: 119864

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

OR

[Join by Skype for Business](#)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. “Defining Our Paths Towards Liberation”

Virtual Workshop (120 min.)

Facilitated by Aaron Carr, [Paradigm Shift Seattle](#)

[About Aaron Carr](#)

This session will support in building shared language and deepening the group’s understanding around concepts related to liberation, healing, and justice. After making collective meaning of these concepts, we will dig into a framework that supports AmeriCorps members and staff in reflecting on how they might intentionally want to utilize this upcoming year of service to experience their own liberation from oppressive systems and support the liberation of others.

Join this workshop:

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Tray Deadwyler

Tray T.S. Deadwyler is the Founder of Think for Good & The Service Nerd Collective- supporting individuals and organizations as they increase their efficacy through creative ideation, planning, training, and implementation. Committed to systemic problem-solving and sustainable practices, Tray is co-creating a theory of change to achieve success in the seven key areas of life and leadership.

Think For Good, Incorporated is a leadership, civic engagement, and strategy consultancy supporting individuals and organizations to boost their efficacy through creative ideation, strategic planning, and implementation. Think For Good is led by Tray T.S. Deadwyler, CVM, CLC, CBC. Tray is committed to systemic problem-solving and co-creating a theory of change to achieve success in a myriad of issue areas. Affectionately known as the “Service Nerd” by his colleagues, Tray focuses on developing cross-sector solutions and training professionals and organizations to effectuate empathy in communities. The pseudonym was derived from his extensive knowledge and expertise in servant leadership, mindful leadership, volunteer management, and national service.

Tray’s civic and professional transcript spans organizations such as the American Red Cross, Atlanta Police Department, Communities in Schools, Morehouse College, Spelman College, Points of Light Foundation, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, Angels in Distress, and Love Beyond Walls. As a result of his work and commitment to communities, Tray has been honored with the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps) Innovation Award, the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, selected as one of Aspen Institute’s Emerging Nonprofit Leadership Fellows and Georgia Forward’s Young Game Changers and named one of the most influential leaders by B. Magazine. Tray and TFG’s priority clientele includes nonprofit organizations, international foundations, municipalities, federal government agencies, and state service commissions.

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Aaron Carr

Aaron Carr is a community builder/ artist/ and entrepreneur working alongside passionate community members, groups, and organizations to create space for anti-racist action. From coaching individuals around connecting their intersectional identities and values to the work they do in the system to organizing large scale community events that promote healing justice, Aaron is devoted to ensuring all community members feel seen, valued, and supported in understanding their place in our collective fight for liberation.

Aaron spent 10 years of their life serving communities across the nation in various non-profits and organizational roles. In the last 3 years, they served as a Program Director overseeing organizational vision towards becoming an anti-racist and youth centered org, utilized human-centered coaching practices that inspired innovation and root solutions, and designed and consulted around community-centered program design. When Aaron isn't using their strong vision to make change in the system, you'll find them producing/singing music or practicing a DJ set for the next party they're working.

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