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(She/Her)

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett is an Assistant Professor of Immunology and Infectious Disease at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a Research Fellow for the Coronavirus Vaccines & Immunopathogenesis Team at the National Institutes of Health. Using her expertise in viral immunology, Dr. Corbett acted as the scientific lead to the research team who developed the mRNA-1273 or Moderna vaccine. Through her accomplishments, Dr. Corbett has been awarded several prestigious awards, including the Benjamin Franklin Next Generation Award and the Salzman Memorial Award in Virology. She also spends time advocating for increased and improved STEM education and vaccine awareness in underserved communities.

Raykeea Raeen-Roes Wilson

“Angel Haze”



They/Them

Raykeea Raeen-Roes Wilson is an American singer and rapper who is professionally known as Angel Haze. Part Black and Native Cherokee, Angel Haze always felt that they were two-spirited – a term used by some indigenous people to describe having both a masculine and feminine spirit. Often using explicit lyrics, their music centers on socially relevant themes, including racism, rape culture, and homophobia.

Angel Haze has also advocated for mental health and mental health treatment, openly discussing their experiences with post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anorexia. In 2015, they began working on a project titled, *The Naked Eye*, which incorporates nude photography and interviews with individuals who experience body dysmorphia. Angel Haze started this project intending to challenge long-established, Eurocentric, and heteronormative beauty standards while honoring those who struggle to feel comfortable in their bodies.

Vanessa Nakate



She/Her

Vanessa Nakate is a Ugandan climate and justice activist. She is the founder of the Rise Up Climate Movement, an organization intended to support the efforts of other African climate activists. In 2019, Vanessa individually protested outside the gates of the Parliament of Uganda, demanding action against the climate crisis and its effects on poverty, hunger, disease, and conflict throughout the African continent. With the help of social media, Vanessa rose to fame and drew support from other African youth and environmentalists.

Later that year, she was invited to speak at the United Nations Climate Change Conference alongside Greta Thunberg and Alejandro Martinez. More recently, Vanessa established the Green Schools Project. This project aims to transition schools and other education facilities across Uganda from electric to solar energy.

Kevin Saunderson, Juan Atkins, & Derrick May



Collectively, Kevin Saunderson, Juan Atkins, and Derrick May are Detroit-based American producers and musicians. Known at the time as The Belleville Three, the trio founded the music genre Techno in the late 1980s and early 1990s as high school friends growing up in Belleville, Michigan; the trio bonded over listening to music from Prince, the B-52s, and Kraftwerks and started creating electronic music together in their basements. Influenced by the transition from industrialism that was prominent in Detroit at the time, the trio was obsessed with futurism, machines, and the sounds of technology, which is reflected throughout much of their early music.

Decades after its creation, the music genre continues to grow in popularity globally and, most notably, in many European countries, including the UK, Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. After working in the dance music scene independently, under several different performing names and titles, the trio began to work collaboratively again as The Belleville Three and performed together at Coachella in 2017.

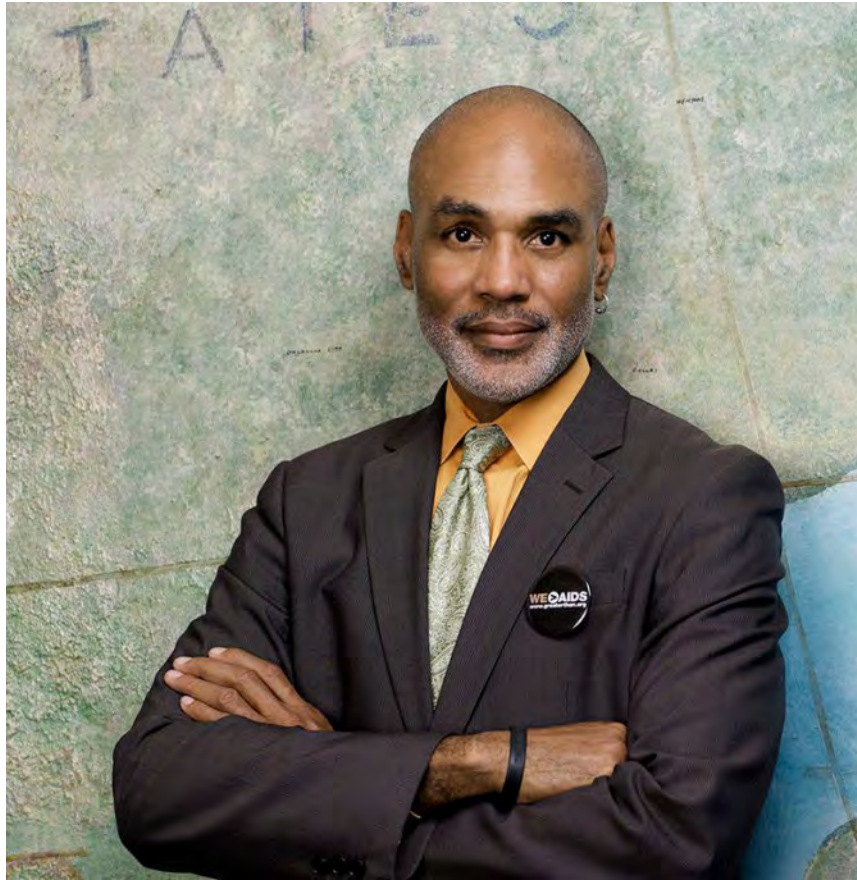
Rachel Cargle



She/Her

Rachel Cargle is a writer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist who regularly contributes to many major publications, such as the Washington Post, New York Times, New Yorker, and Harper's Bazaar. In 2018, she founded The Loveland Foundation, Inc., which offers free therapy to Black women and girls. Her umbrella company, The Loveland Group, also features social ventures such as The Great Unlearn, an educational space providing discourse and resources to aid in unlearning and to help people commit to navigating the world with curiosity for curiosity about what is possible. She has also founded Elizabeth's Workshop & Writing Centre, a space designed to amplify and celebrate the work of writers who have historically been excluded from social, cultural, and academic areas.

Phill Wilson



He/Him

Phill Wilson's career as an activist began in the 1980s when he and his partner were both diagnosed with HIV. At this point in the AIDS epidemic, Phill did not feel anything was being done to bring the Black gay community together. After working with various HIV/AIDS organizations, he founded the Black AIDS Institute in 1999. Wilson was also the co-founder of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum and the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention.

In addition, Phill Wilson has been involved in founding several other AIDS service organizations and community-based organizations. He has worked extensively on HIV/AIDS policy, research, prevention, and treatment issues. He currently serves on the board of amfAR, whose mission is to end the global AIDS epidemic through innovative research.

Ericka Hart



She/They

Ericka Hart is a Black kinky, polyamorous femme who works in various arenas as a sexuality educator, writer, model, and activist with a master's degree in education in human sexuality. She had taught sexuality education for youth and adults across NYC for the past decade, before which she served as a Peace Corps HIV/AIDS volunteer. Ericka is a breast cancer survivor and realized that neither their identity as a Black queer femme nor their sex life as a survivor was featured in her treatment in any prominent way. Thus, they are often seen going topless in public to show their double mastectomy scars to work toward increasing visibility and representation for Black, brown, and LGBTQIA+ folks in breast cancer awareness. Erica is dedicated to shifting cultural views on chronic illness and dismantling anti-Black standards of beauty that deeply affect queer Black and brown folks' daily existence.