



Mission Statement

Media Island International is a cultural, educational and networking center, whose focus is to support women of color in their leadership while working with other like-minded individuals and groups who do conscious social justice activism. MII also chooses to support education, organizing and movement building, as well as independent progressive investigative journalism.



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Seasonal Newsletter Summer 2021



To Our Community,

We have really been getting a summer this year with temperatures going into the hundreds, please stay cool drink lots of water and other liquids and get some fresh air and vitamin D, sun in moderation. We are also still in the challenge of dealing with this pandemic so stay safe and healthy, wash your hands and body on a regular basis, as well as keep your environment as clean as possible.

We want to continue to thank our first responders and other folks who still have to work in risky situations and environments. Thank you all for your service.

There still has not been justice for Breonna Taylor and many other Black women and girls, so we will continue to say their names, even though the majority of most popular movements have seemed too forgotten about them. We will not forget, **SAY HER NAME.**

This also brings up the fact that Black women's abuses and deaths are not given as much media coverage and attention as Black men. Some of us Black woman activists are working to make sure their names are not forgotten. Here are a few more for you all, sense we only seem to hear one or two at the most when this topic is brought up. Ralkina Jones, Malissa Williams, Alberta Spruill, Maya Hall, Toyin Salau, Gynnya McMillen, and Deborah Danner. Say Her Name.

Learn more about Black Femicide, go to Black Femicide

<https://www.facebook.com/blackfemicideUS>

Also check out The Pinkm Pill You tube video on Black Women and Highest Homicide Rates here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDJHr_QfKrY&t=1645sm

Be good to yourself, Peace

Commentary by Shawna Hawk M.A.

African American Woman activist.

Radio station host and Dj AKA (Lady Hawk)



The Women Of Color In Leadership Movement

"Why is This Important"

We feel that the work around racial, sexual and all forms of social justice is important so that we all have the opportunities to live the lives we aspire too. In this information age we hope to be one of the many voices that add to critical thinking and work toward equality for all.



"KOWA" Community Radio Station News

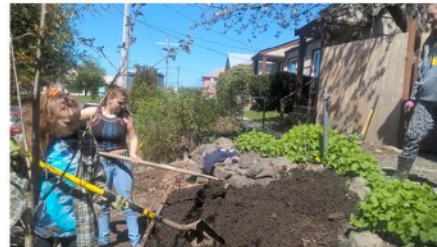
For folks who don't know, we are a community low powered community radio station whose focus is social justice. our broadcasting ours are from 5:00am to 12:00am.

We air shows such as Hard knock Radio, News Views and Hip Hop, is their tag line, Black Agenda Radio, Rising up with Sonali, Letters and Politics, and much more. Tune in at 106.5 fm and you can live stream at kowalp.com.

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Getting some more
work done on our plant
nursery:



INTERNSHIPS

We have been able to work with some amazing interns from St Martins and other near by colleges.



WORKSHOPS

We have been able to give workshops on inclusions and equity, for community members and the city of Olympia, do a few interviews on our non profit work and our views on Black History, on Thurston Community Media. Links below, which is also part of our cultural, educational and mission.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jITndAzLNfA>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGqyXY4m-u>

KOWA Community podcast

Our next feature will be August 26th at 1:00 pacific time, Topic

**Black & Brown People in the
(environmental Movement)**

on KOWA 106.5 FM you can also live stream at kowalp.com
We will also have the video version available as well.

Featured Artist/creators



Rebecca Howard

Rebecca Groundage was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1827. Much later in her life, Rebecca Groundage married Alexander Howard and moved to Olympia, Washington. Rebecca Howard climbed the social ladder due to her hard work and dedication. She became a successful businesswoman, bringing a great reputation to her hotel and restaurant: The Pacific House.

Rebecca Howard had many obstacles in her life: her social status, racism, and stereotyping. However, she used her voice and her mind to overcome any obstacle thrown at her. Her social status improved because of her dedication to her business, helping her gain respect in the community. She proved stereotypes wrong by becoming focused and achieving her goals of being a successful businesswoman. She blocked out the racism and condescending comments and used her voice to clearly correct other's comments. Setting a precedent for women and people of color alike, she has influenced many individuals to achieve their goals through her actions.

Outside of her work, Rebecca was a mother to Isaac I. Stevens Glasgow, a part-native American child of an American settler with the name of Thomas Glasgow. Although Howard didn't have blood-related children, she prevented other kids like Isaac from being mistreated like she once had. She was also able to voice her opinion through the church, where she was "a faithful message and liberal supporter of St. Johns." Overall, Rebecca G Howard fought against the odds and for the better environment of minorities like herself.

From The City of Olympia:

Traffic Garden: Through a partnership with Safe Kids Thurston and the Child Care Action Council, the City of Olympia has helped create a temporary traffic garden at Garfield Elementary. The traffic garden is a painted chalk street course located near the playground that provides a safe environment for youth to learn about bicycle and pedestrian safety skills. There is another temporary

traffic garden at Roosevelt Elementary and a permanent one at Mountain View Elementary. Consider bringing your bike, scooter or skateboard and give it a try!

LoveOly SummerFest:

The Olympia Downtown Alliance will be hosting the LoveOly SummerFest in downtown Olympia every Saturday 12-6pm until August 28. There will be live performances, family activities, food vendors, and yard games provided by Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation. Click here to see the full entertainment line up.

New West Olympia Library open at the Capitol Mall
<https://www.trl.org/locations/west-olympia>



"HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US"

You can support us in a couple of ways, one direct way to send funding to our PayPal at

shawna@mediaisland.org.

You can also go to our website at

media-island.networkforgood.com

go to the drop down and either choose The Women of Color In leadership Movement, Media Island International, Or KOWA 106.5 for the radio station, or all three. You can become a sustaining supporter, which means a monthly donation.

If Media Island International got 28 people to donate \$50 a month that would cover our monthly cost of \$1,400.00. This would cover our operational cost, as well as the radio station cost. We are a 501c3 nonprofit, so for those who need it you can get a tax write off for helping us out. We are also apart of the Community Foundation's Give Local this year so look for us on that list as well,

Thank you in advance for helping this Black women lead organization.

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING" News from The Women of Color in Leadership Movement



News from the women of Color in leadership movement

Due to our continuous struggles with this pandemic, we have not been able to hold our monthly support group meetings, but we have been able to meet on an individual basis and give each other support in creative ways. We partnered with Media Island International, The Hawk Foundation for Research and Education in African Culture, Olympia Parks and Arts and the city of Olympia and the City of Olympia to put on its first Juneteenth event right here in our community! It was an amazing event and we had a very good turnout of support. More on that in the next few pages.

Community Corner Juneteenth 2021!




JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATE FREEDOM

**"The Olympia Juneteenth Celebration of
Liberty and Freedom"**

Presentations and performances by
The Hawk Foundation, for Research and Education in African Culture,
Buffalo Soldiers, Ayan Agalu, SangoSakin Ajala, and many more.

Presented by The Women of Color in Leadership Movement, The Hawk Foundation
for Research and Education in African Culture,
Media Island International & in Partnership with the City of Olympia.

The Fertile Grounds park, Address 311 9th Ave SE, Olympia, 98501
June 19, 2021
time 1:00pm to 5:00pm



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We were so inspired, happy honored to be able to put on a Juneteenth event for our African American Ancestors. We partnered with Javoen Byrd of The Hawk Foundation for Research and Education in African Culture, and we were supported sponsored by and partnered with the Parks, Arts and Recreation and the City of Olympia Some of our presentation included the Buffalo Solders, Ayan Agalu, Sango Sakin Ajaja and more



Thank you and recognitions

We would like to say thank you to the Olympia Downtown Alliance for including us in the community list of Cultural Ambassador's, as well as giving us the opportunity to nominate Our own community historical figure, Rebecca Howard for the Downtown Banner Project, more about this in our next issue.

