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# Introduction

The Next Generation Leadership Institute is the premiere Reproductive Justice fellowship that equips change-makers attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to address pressing Reproductive Justice issues on their campus and beyond.

## Overview

The Programs & Training Department is proud to present the *Next Generation Leadership Institute's 2024 Annual Report*, capturing a full year of programmatic achievements, student-focused initiatives, and key milestones in our efforts to uplift Reproductive Justice. This report highlights our Next Generation Leadership Institute fellows' dedication and the impactful strides they have made toward advancing Reproductive Justice on HBCU campuses and in communities nationwide. The Institute is devoted to equipping HBCU students from across the nation with the tools and resources to tackle the most pressing Reproductive Justice issues of our time.



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# 2024 Graduation Retreat

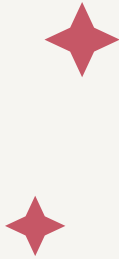
In April 2024, the Next Generation Leadership Institute hosted the **Graduation Retreat** in Washington, D.C., celebrating the **2022-2024 cohort's** unwavering commitment to advancing Reproductive Justice. This dynamic retreat honored the fellows' achievements and prepared them for future advocacy and professional endeavors through an engaging blend of reflection, learning, and celebration.

The retreat began with our **Visualizing and Actualizing a Reproductive Justice Future** training sessions, which set the tone for a reflective and empowering experience. During these discussions, fellows shared their lived experiences and highlighted their activism journeys within the Next Generation Leadership Institute. Fellows explored how their time in the program shaped their perspectives, helped them build a foundation for advancing the Reproductive Justice movement. By bridging personal growth with actionable strategies, these sessions equipped fellows with tools to carry their advocacy into their careers and lives beyond graduation.

Building on this momentum, the fellows showcased their expertise through conducting **Training the Trainer** presentations, offering compelling overviews of Reproductive Justice principles. These presentations underscored the fellows' mastery of the movement and ability to educate and inspire others, marking a significant milestone in their leadership development.

The retreat continued with a visit to the **Black Feminist Exhibit** at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. This immersive experience connected the historical contributions of Black feminist leaders to the ongoing fight for Reproductive Justice, inspiring fellows to carry forward the powerful legacy of Black feminist thought in their work.



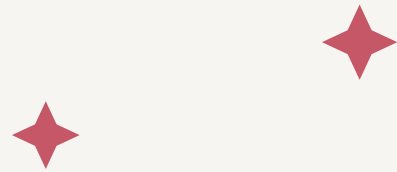


The **Reproductive Justice Networking Lunch** offered fellows a unique opportunity to engage with distinguished speakers Jacelyn Matthews, Aman Tune, and Amber Wynne, who served as panelists during the event. Through intimate discussions, the fellows gained invaluable insights into how Reproductive Justice principles can be applied across industries, learning firsthand how to integrate advocacy into diverse professional paths.

As the retreat progressed, fellows enjoyed an exclusive **White House Tour**, adding a memorable and inspiring highlight to their journey. Walking the historic halls alongside program staff and peers, they reflected on the significance of Black leadership in shaping policies and advancing justice, all while sharing moments of fellowship and camaraderie.

The retreat culminated in a heartfelt **Commencement Ceremony** celebrating the fellows' dedication and growth throughout the program. Each fellow received a certificate of completion, standing as empowered change-makers within the Reproductive Justice movement, ready to bring their skills and lessons into their communities and careers.

This retreat served as a powerful send-off for the next generation of Reproductive Justice leaders, and equipped them to drive meaningful change and inspire future advocacy within the movement and beyond.



# 2024 Satisfaction Survey Results

Listening to our fellows' feedback is vital in shaping the next generation of Reproductive Justice leaders. At the end of the 2024 Spring semester and start of the 2024 Fall semester, the Programs & Trainings department conducted our first comprehensive 15-question anonymous survey to assess the impact, satisfaction, and overall effectiveness of the Next Generation Leadership Institute Fellowship experience. The Satisfaction Survey marked a milestone as the first-ever evaluation allowing fellows to share comprehensive feedback on their entire fellowship journey.

Using a five-point Likert scale, the survey explored key aspects of the fellows' development. Responses to survey questions—such as, "**How effectively did the curriculum address practical aspects of Reproductive Justice issues?**" and "**Did the program provide tools and resources for future advocacy?**"—provided valuable insights.



Notably, **100%** of the fellows who responded reported an enhanced understanding of Reproductive Justice concepts, including the critical intersections of race, gender, and socioeconomic status. The fellows gave a **100% satisfaction score**, affirming that the program equipped them with tools and resources to support future advocacy and professional endeavors in Reproductive Justice. Networking opportunities were another standout success, with **100% of responding fellows rating the program as highly valuable for expanding connections within the Reproductive Justice community**. Furthermore, **86%** of participants agreed that the fellowship effectively fostered a strong sense of community and support among fellows and program staff. A core goal of the Next Generation Leadership Institute is to prepare the next generation of Reproductive Justice leaders, and this mission was reflected in the program's outcomes. All of the fellows who participated in the survey awarded the program a **100% effectiveness score for equipping them with the resources and skills necessary for future advocacy or professional work in Reproductive Justice**.



Beyond leadership development, the program prioritizes addressing Reproductive Justice issues and gaps at HBCUs nationwide. Fellows reported that the program provided sufficient resources and support for their student-led campus initiatives. Overall, the training curriculum received an **86% impact score** for addressing practical aspects such as advocacy, leadership, and community organizing.

The Programs & Trainings department remains committed to celebrating these achievements while addressing areas for growth. By continuously refining the fellowship, we aim to cultivate leaders who drive meaningful change in the Reproductive Justice movement. Fellows shared glowing testimonials, including one participant who remarked: **"This was my favorite fellowship. The mission, kind staff, informative training, and amazing events made this experience unforgettable. I'm forever thankful and excited to continue my Reproductive Justice work!"**

As the fellowship continues to grow, we are thrilled to report that **100% of alumni reported that they would recommend the Reproductive Justice Fellowship to other HBCU students.** With the support of our dedicated fellows, the Next Generation Leadership Institute is poised to expand its reach and impact, inspiring and training the leaders of tomorrow.



**100%**

**Equipped**

Our fellows are prepared with tools & resources to advance the Reproductive Justice movement.

**86%**

**Connected**

Our fellows experienced a strong sense of community & support within the Next Generation Leadership Institute.

**86%**

**Impactful**

The Next Generation Leadership Institute fosters radical growth in advocacy, leadership, & community organizing.

**100%**

**Recommended**

Our fellows are proud to recommend their peers to the Next Generation Leadership Institute.

# Next Generation Leadership Institute 2024 Recruitment: Amplifying Engagement and Diversity



The 2024 Recruitment Cycle was a landmark period for the *In Our Own Voice's* Next Generation Leadership Institute. With a dynamic and inclusive strategy, the Programs & Training department achieved unprecedented success in expanding participation, which made this cycle the most impactful in the Institute's history. By leveraging traditional and innovative recruitment methods, we attracted the most inclusive class of students to-date and expanded our reach to more HBCUs than ever before, increasing the number of Next Generation Leadership Institute campuses by **30%**.

## Building an Inclusive Future

The 2024 Recruitment Cycle set a new standard for accessibility and representation within the Next Generation Leadership Institute. By expanding its reach and fostering diversity, the Programs & Training department created opportunities for a new generation of HBCU student leaders to engage in Reproductive Justice advocacy.



The Programs & Training department implemented a comprehensive approach to connect with students, which combined proven methods with fresh, creative initiatives:



### Traditional Outreach:

- **Blogs:** Published informative articles showcasing the Institute's opportunities and its broader impact on Reproductive Justice.
- **Targeted Ads:** Deployed strategic advertising to capture the attention of HBCU students and networks.
- **E-Blasts:** Delivered tailored email campaigns to engage prospective applicants and academic stakeholders.

### Innovative Tactics:

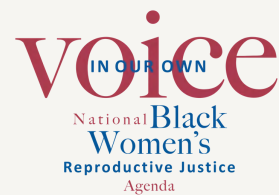
- **Social Media Campaigns:** Launched three compelling content series designed to resonate with HBCU audiences, which created visibility and excitement.
- **On-Campus Engagement:** Held four campus information sessions to foster personal connections and educate students about the Institute's mission.



### By the Numbers: Recruitment Cycle Impact

- **50 Applications Received:** A record-breaking number, marking the most applications in the Institute's history.
- **6,000+ Website Engagements:** Demonstrating heightened interest through targeted digital outreach.
- **12 Finalists Selected:** Representing a diverse and talented cohort for the 2024-2026 cycle.
- **10 HBCUs Represented Nationwide:** Ensuring broad geographic representation and engagement.
- **14 Campuses Reached:** Reflecting the most inclusive and widespread candidate pool to-date.

# 2024-2026 Cohort Orientation



The **Orientation Retreat** for the Next Generation Leadership Institute serves as a dynamic kick-off event, launching fellows into a transformational leadership and advocacy journey within the Reproductive Justice movement. This year, we proudly welcomed the **2024-2026 cohort—our 4th class of change-makers**—comprising 12 dynamic leaders from **10 HBCUs across the nation**. Like all previous fellow's introduction to the Institute, the current class's immersive orientation retreat blended education, collaboration, and empowerment. Fellows engaged in hands-on workshops, including our cornerstone **Reproductive Justice 101** training session, designed to equip them with the tools to champion equity and justice through an intersectional lens. Throughout the retreat, participants delved into the core values of Reproductive Justice, honed their organizing strategies, and gained confidence in their ability to lead impactful change within their communities. They were guided to envision their roles as advocates within the Reproductive Justice movement and empowered to see their potential as agents of transformation.



Collaborating with In Our Own Voice staff and fellow cohort members, participants crafted action-packed strategies for the Fall 2024 semester. Amplifying the importance of mobilizing the youth vote through our **I AM A RJ Voter** initiative was central to their plans. Fellows developed strategic approaches to engage their campus communities in the 2024 election cycle as part of the **HBCU Voters United Sign-On**, emphasizing the power of student-led civic engagement.



The retreat also featured inspiring keynote remarks from our **CEO and President, Dr. Regina Davis Moss**; coalition-building activities; and opportunities to connect with peers and alumni mentors. This combination of inspiration and collaboration fostered a profound sense of unity and purpose. Fellows left the retreat energized and prepared to be catalysts for change—armed with a lasting network of leaders committed to advancing justice for Black women, girls, and gender-expansive individuals on their campuses and beyond.

# HBCU Voters United: Amplifying Civic Engagement through Reproductive Justice

The 2024 academic year marked a pivotal moment for the Next Generation Leadership Institute, as we doubled down on our commitment to elevating the HBCU vote through the powerful lens of Reproductive Justice. **The Cross-Campus Voter Activation Day**, held on **October 9, 2024**, was at the forefront of this initiative. This groundbreaking event made history as the largest single day of action ever conducted by the Next Generation Leadership Institute, **uniting our 10 campuses in a cohesive and impactful display of civic engagement and community organizing**. Our students hosted events, activities, and programming that met the unique needs of their campus communities in an effort to ensure that their peer students had the resources and tools they needed to exercise their voices during the 2024 election cycle.



## The HBCU Voters United Sign-On

Integral to this effort was the **HBCU Voters United Sign-On**, an initiative designed to empower students to commit publicly to engaging in the democratic process. This call to action, anchored by the **I AM A RJ VOTER (#IAMARJVOTER)** initiative, cultivated a culture of civic responsibility by linking voter participation with tangible Reproductive Justice outcomes.

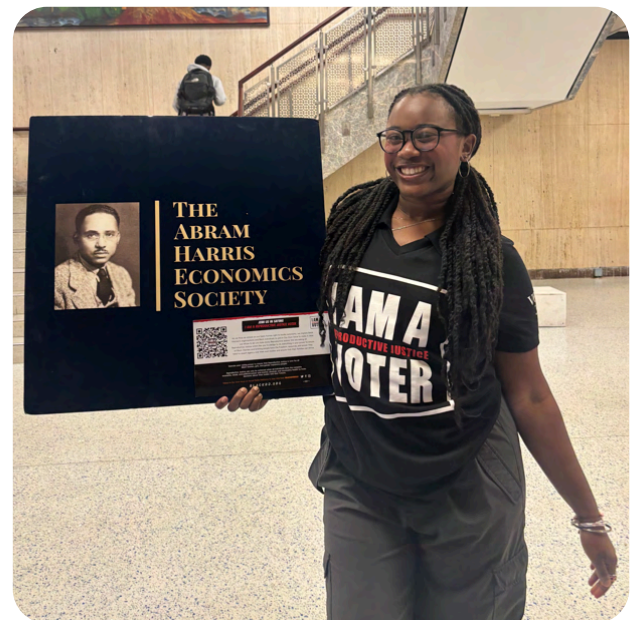
The response was phenomenal:

- **307 students** from **14 HBCUs** and other universities signed on and pledged their dedication to creating a future where justice and equity are non-negotiable.
- The campaign leveraged the power of public commitment to amplify the visibility and impact of HBCU voters, driving home the importance of collective action in advancing systemic change.

The **Cross-Campus Voter Activation Day** and the **HBCU Voters United Sign-On** initiative have set a new precedent for civic engagement within the Next Generation Leadership Institute. By activating students across campuses, fostering peer-to-peer education, and highlighting the intersectionality of voting and Reproductive Justice, this effort demonstrates the power of HBCU leadership in shaping a more just and equitable society.

## Galvanizing Collective Action on HBCU Campuses:

Our student leaders took center stage, showcasing their leadership and organizational prowess by hosting innovative events and activities that energized their peers. **Through engaging programming, from panel discussions to voter registration drives and creative outreach initiatives, they emphasized the critical role of being a Reproductive Justice Voter**—highlighting how reproductive health, rights, and justice are intrinsically tied to civic participation. These events reinforced the unique role of HBCU students in shaping the democratic landscape. By connecting voter engagement with Reproductive Justice, our fellows demonstrated how civic action could amplify advocacy for the issues that are the most relevant to Black communities.



# 2024 Programmatic Wins

In 2024, the Next Generation Leadership Institute fellows broke new ground by amplifying Reproductive Justice on their respective campuses. Serving HBCUs is a niche task, as each campus possesses its own unique needs within the Reproductive Justice movement. Our fellows at Xavier University of Louisiana (located in New Orleans, LA) and Langston University (located in Langston, OK) prioritized the importance of community care through direct service and policy advocacy.

Under the leadership of our Langston fellow **Janea Perry**, **Langston University students achieved the highest number of sign-ons—68—through the HBCU Voters United initiative.** Focused on empowering students to publicly commit to engaging in the democratic process for the 2024 Presidential Election, Janea's **Nothing Bundt Vote** event prioritized community education-based interventions, highlighting the importance of civic engagement and voter equity by uplifting the youth vote. Anchored by the **I AM A RJ VOTER (#IAMARJVOTER)** initiative, Janea cultivated a culture of civic responsibility by connecting voter participation to tangible Reproductive Justice outcomes. She provided essential information on Oklahoma voter registration deadlines, elevated the In Our Own Voice Executive Policy Summary, and distributed #IAMARJVoter flyers to her peers. The event featured a sweet incentive—Nothing Bundt Cupcakes—to encourage participation and foster a positive, engaging atmosphere. **Janea's efforts successfully mobilized her peers and reinforced the importance of civic engagement as a pathway to achieving Reproductive Justice.**



Shifting the narrative at Xavier University of Louisiana, fellow **Youma Diabria** and her peers **took bold steps to address reproductive health needs on their campus through a peer-to-peer distribution initiative.** This impactful service not only supplied contraceptives and safer sex materials, but also ensured that menstrual products were readily available in various facilities around campus, breaking barriers to accessibility. Through her program, **The Stats are Red**, Youma amplified awareness of the critical gaps in reproductive health resources. She inspired her peers to take action beyond campus, organizing a letter-writing campaign to state representatives to advocate for increased support and funding for menstrual products at Xavier. **By combining direct service with policy advocacy, Youma's student leadership advanced health equity and fostered a culture of care and empowerment within the university community.**



Together, these initiatives demonstrate the radical impact of centering Reproductive Justice in student-led programs. By addressing immediate needs as well as systemic challenges, the fellows served their communities and paved the way for sustained advocacy and change across HBCU campuses.

# Conferences

This year, we strengthened the foundation of our Reproductive Justice advocacy through partnerships and cross-movement collaboration, and participated in a series of conferences that highlighted the intersections of RJ with broader social justice efforts. Fostering connections across movements has been central to our work to create a bolder and more-inclusive Reproductive Justice movement.

## CC CREATING CHANGE

Attending the **Creating Change** Conference in New Orleans (LA) was an inspiring and energizing experience, particularly because the event centered on the theme: Rooted in Power. Led by the **National LGBTQ Task Force**, **Creating Change** is a gathering of LGBTQIA+ advocates, organizers, and allies from across the country that provides a space to explore intersectional strategies for achieving justice and equity. Next Generation Leadership Institute fellows from Dillard University, **Akilah** and Xavier University of Louisiana, **Youma** attended with the Programs and Training department staff members. Having our fellows attend this national conference—held in vibrant New Orleans, with its rich history of resilience and resistance—was essential to their development as leaders and change-makers within the Reproductive Justice system. It offered the fellows a unique opportunity to engage with thought leaders, build alliances, and deepen their understanding of the intersections between Reproductive Justice and LGBTQIA+ liberation.

The conference emphasized the importance of allyship in the LGBTQIA+ liberation movement, underscoring how meaningful partnerships across movements strengthen our collective efforts. Reproductive Justice and LGBTQIA+ liberation are deeply interconnected, as both advocate for the fundamental right to autonomy over one's body, identity, and life choices. Our fellows gained invaluable insights into how Reproductive Justice can serve as a framework to address the unique needs of queer and trans individuals, particularly those in Black and Brown communities that are disproportionately impacted by systemic inequities. They were able to participate in sessions that encouraged them to think critically about centering the voices of LGBTQ IA+ individuals in their advocacy and organizing work.

The **Creating Change** Conference also provided our fellows with the tools and inspiration to build stronger cross-movement solidarity. By engaging with peers and experienced organizers, they saw firsthand how collaboration amplifies impact and drives sustainable change. Professional development experiences will directly inform their work on campus, equipping them to lead with confidence, compassion, and a commitment to justice for all.



# Conferences

## MVS MID-ATLANTIC VOTER SUMMIT

*Mid-Atlantic Voter Summit* held at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (Princess Anne, MD) was an exciting opportunity to engage with student leaders from across the region and underscored the importance of activating and empowering HBCU students. We believe that it is vital to equip the next generation of Reproductive Justice leaders across the broader HBCU network, not just those on our served campuses. During the workshop we were able to connect with students from the Delaware State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Coppin State University. This event was held in partnership with the **Fair Election Center** and its Campus Vote Project, led by **Justin Calhoun**, an Howard University graduate, who shared his expertise in student voter engagement.

The students attended a *Reproductive Justice 101* session, led by our Program Coordinator, **De'Ajane Terrell**, provided the foundational knowledge needed to identify and address Reproductive Justice issues specific to their campuses. The training provided a framework to connect Reproductive Justice to broader social justice concerns, such as access to health care, voting rights, and bodily autonomy. This training equipped students to lead conversations on their campuses, engage their peers in meaningful ways, and take action on issues that matter most to them. Our session also highlighted the critical role that youth vote played in the 2024 election cycle and described ways that they can harness their power to make remarkable change. We tasked participants with developing strategies to motivate their peers to engage in the electoral process, particularly through the *I AM A Reproductive Justice Voter* initiative and the *HBCU Voters United Sign-On*. These strategies were designed to help students connect the power of their vote to key Reproductive Justice issues and motivate them to take action in the upcoming election.

It was inspiring to witness the energy and commitment of these student leaders. Students left the summit with actionable strategies to engage their campuses, confident in their ability to motivate their peers, and more equipped than ever to take on the challenge of voter mobilization and Reproductive Justice advocacy. The *Mid-Atlantic Voter Summit* was not only an opportunity for education but also a powerful reminder that, when students unite for justice, their impact is limitless.



# Conferences



## SCE SMITH COLLEGE ENGAGEMENT

The engagement at **Smith College** (Northampton, MA) was a vibrant showcase of leadership, vision, and the power of Reproductive Justice advocacy. The event featured a compelling panel discussion entitled *From the Margins to the Center: How Black Women Advance Reproductive Justice Policy*. The discussion was led by **Marcela Howell**, In Our Own Voice's founder, and the organization's current **CEO and President, Dr. Regina Davis Moss**. Their insights illuminated the pivotal role Black women play in shaping policies that center equity, justice, and community well-being.

The programming also included an inspiring session, *Catalysts for Change: Young Leaders Amplifying Reproductive Justice*, spearheaded by the Programs & Training department. This session highlighted the profound impact that young leaders have in creating change through the Reproductive Justice framework, particularly on college campuses. It provided an engaging learning experience that showcased the Next Generation Leadership Institute's dedication to cultivating the next wave of Reproductive Justice advocates.

**Kevin Napier**, a 2024-2026 fellow, shared a high-level takeaway from his journey championing change at his HBCU, Johnson C. Smith University located in Charlotte, NC. His testimony offered a real-world example of how young leaders can lead impactful efforts to address systemic inequities, inspire their peers, and drive evolutionary action within the Reproductive Justice movement.

A special highlight of the engagement was a tour of the **Smith College Archive**, held in tribute to In Our Own Voice's 10-year anniversary. This moving experience underscored the importance of revisiting our history within the Reproductive Justice movement. The archive includes the foundational work of **Loretta Ross**, a pioneering leader in the Reproductive Justice movement, as well as In Our Own Voice's founding documents. These historical records provided a profound connection to the roots of Reproductive Justice and showcased the legacy of those who laid the groundwork for today's advocacy.

This reflection on the movement's history served as a powerful reminder of how far Reproductive Justice has come and the continued efforts needed to advance its mission. This gathering reinforced the idea that young leaders and advocates are essential to advancing Reproductive Justice on campuses and beyond. By uplifting the voices of emerging change-makers, reflecting on the movement's rich history, and demonstrating the tangible outcomes of their work, this event empowered attendees to embrace their roles as catalysts for change, ensuring that the Reproductive Justice movement continues to thrive across generations.

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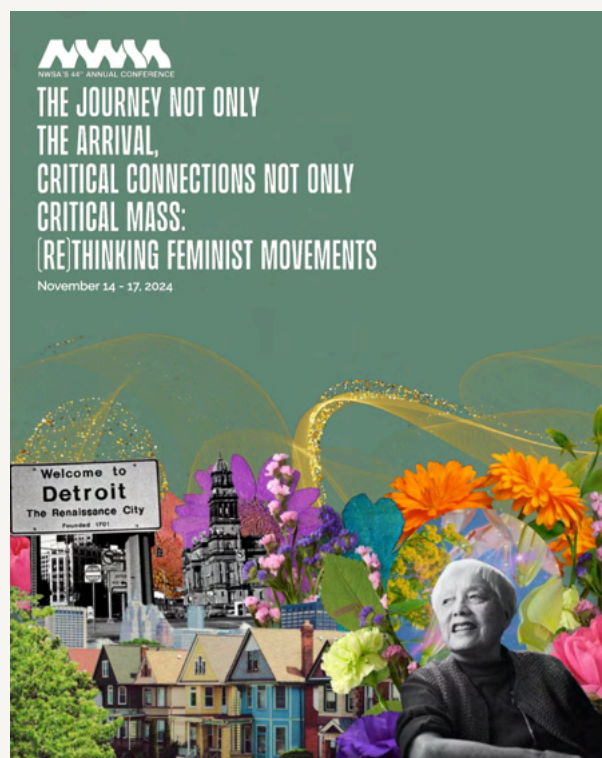
**NWSA**

## **NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

The *2024 National Women's Studies Association* Conference, held in Detroit (MI), was an inspiring gathering of thought leaders and change-makers, united under the theme, *The Journey Not Only the Arrival, Critical Connections Not Only Critical Mass: (Re)Thinking Feminist Movements*. This theme emphasized the importance of connection and continuous evolution in feminist advocacy, setting the stage for dynamic discussions and transformative learning using the Reproductive Justice framework.

The Programs & Training department spearheaded a workshop at the conference, entitled: *Reproductive Justice 101: Navigating Resistance, Harnessing Power, and Inspiring Change Through Movement-Building*. Our engaging workshop explored the critical intersections of reproductive rights and social justice, offering attendees an in-depth understanding of the Reproductive Justice movement. Participants delved into strategies to navigate resistance, harness collective power, and ignite radical change, aligning perfectly with the conference's call to (re)think and strengthen feminist movements. In this session, participants also engaged in self-analysis.

Through meaningful dialogue and collaborative engagement, our workshop provided participants with practical tools and fresh perspectives and empowered them to drive equitable and lasting change in their respective communities. As the fight for autonomy and reproductive health continues in a post-Roe world, this session stood out as a vital platform for fostering solidarity and advancing justice within and beyond the Reproductive Justice framework.





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## SPARK REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE NOW 2024

The *JusticeNOW2024 Conference*, hosted in Atlanta (GA) by SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW, was a paradigm-shifting gathering dedicated to advancing equity, education, and liberation. Under the banner of *JusticeNOW2024*, the conference provided an intentional and unique space for individuals to unite in the pursuit of Reproductive Justice. It served as a forum for interdisciplinary and intergenerational exchange that highlighted ideas, research, and strategies aimed at liberating historically marginalized and criminalized communities.

The Programs & Training department led a dynamic workshop entitled *Liberation Now: Youth Advocates Leading the Charge for Reproductive Justice*. This session emphasized the vital intersectionality of Reproductive Justice, youth advocacy, and LGBTQIA+ liberation, and showcased how these movements are deeply interconnected in the fight for justice. The workshop also featured **Annie "Angel"**, a 2024-2026 Next Generation Leadership Institute fellow from Spelman College, who shared high-level takeaways on amplifying LGBTQIA+ liberation within the Reproductive Justice framework. Angel's testimony underscored the importance of centering queer voices in advocacy and highlighted the powerful role young leaders play in reshaping the narrative for equity and inclusion, especially on HBCU campuses.

By creating this intentional space, *JusticeNOW2024* reaffirmed the power of grassroots and youth-driven leadership to catalyze meaningful change, ensuring that the fight for Reproductive Justice continues to address the unique challenges of marginalized communities while building a more inclusive and equitable future



# External Events

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Reproductive Justice Movement, this year emphasized the importance of supporting our state enhancement and strategic partners through external events, and underscored the power of community collaboration.

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## SISTERLOVE: HEALTHY LOVE YOUTH SUMMIT

The *Healthy Love Youth Summit* empowered Atlanta-based change-makers (16-24) with real-world skills to drive intersectional advocacy. **Giovanteey Bishop**, Director of Programs and Training, led an engaging *Advocacy & Voter Engagement* Training. At the same time, workshops on reproductive justice, housing rights, and abortion access—hosted by Atlanta's oldest reproductive justice nonprofit—offered insider tips for effective activism. Attendees connected with other Reproductive Justice leaders and other like-minded peers, gaining tools to champion equity and justice. This inspiring summit equipped young activists to transform their passions into impactful action.



**EBWPI**

## BLACK WOMEN'S HEALTH IMPERATIVE: ELEVATING BLACK WOMEN'S POWER & IMPACT

During Congressional Black Caucus Week in DC, *Elevating Black Women's Power & Impact* brought together Black women leaders to celebrate their achievements and amplify their voices. Curated by Dr. Zsanai Epps, the event was held at Busboys and Poets, and featured dynamic discussions on Reproductive Justice, health equity, and political power. **Giovanteey Bishop**, Director of Programs & Training, spoke on the *Emerging Voices of Impact* panel, highlighting the Next Generation Leadership Institute and how youth can engage peers to drive momentum and impact change using the Reproductive Justice framework.

## JJT RJ COLLAB+ : JOY & JUSTICE TOUR

The *Joy and Justice Tour's* Atlanta stop was a vibrant celebration of Reproductive Justice heroes and the importance of action during the 2024 Election cycle. **Bridgette Jackson**, Director of Public Policy, delivered a riveting speech on how Georgia voters differ in their community through their local election & the 2024 National Election. The event featured local speakers, performers, music, and children's activities, spotlighting Latine, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Black youth, and queer voices. This multiracial celebration uplifted those shaping a future rooted in inclusivity, equity, and justice nationwide.





# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

“ Dear Partners, Supporters, and Champions of Reproductive Justice,

Reflecting on 2024, I am overwhelmed with pride and gratitude for what we've accomplished together. **This year marked a series of historic firsts and groundbreaking programmatic wins for the Next Generation Leadership Institute, which underscore the extraordinary power of student leadership in advancing Reproductive Justice.** Through innovative initiatives, bold advocacy, and intentional engagement, our fellows have impacted their campuses and contributed to shaping a broader movement for justice and equity.

From amplifying civic engagement through the **HBCU Voters United** campaign to transforming campus culture with initiatives like our **Cross-Campus Voter Activation Day**, our fellows exemplified what it means to be catalysts for change. Their unwavering commitment to addressing systemic challenges—whether tackling menstrual equity, expanding access to reproductive health resources, or mobilizing their peers for voter activation—continues to inspire and redefine what leadership looks like in the Reproductive Justice movement.

This year, we also celebrated recruitment milestones and welcomed the most diverse and inclusive cohort in the Institute's history. Through intentional outreach and creative programming, we reached more students, **expanded our footprint to additional HBCUs, and created opportunities for emerging leaders to take their rightful place in this work.** As we supported their journeys through dynamic retreats, coalition-aligned conferences, and impactful training, we witnessed their growth as change-makers who are ready to carry this movement forward.

As you explore this year's report, I hope you feel the depth of our fellows' dedication and the transformative nature of their work. Their achievements are a testament to the collective power of partnership, vision, and community. **Thank you for standing with us as we continue to nurture the next generation of leaders, ensuring that justice and equity remain at the forefront of our shared mission.**

In Solidarity,

*Giovanteey Bishop*

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In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda



