Telling Our Own Stories

STAND AGAINST RACISM

YWCA Central Maine presents a virtual panel on representation in film & media moderated by Ari Snider, Refugee & Immigration Reporter at Maine Public/Report for America.



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Alexandria Onuoha

Alexandria Onuoha was raised in the Somerville and Cambridge area and now lives in Malden, MA. She is an applied developmental psychology Ph.D. student at Suffolk University in Boston. Alexandria is also an Afro-Caribbean and Modern dance artist who uses her art to promote the positive development of Black girls and women, and promote social justice efforts.

She has performed at the Bates Dance Festival and other concerts. She created ACO STYLES in efforts to promote the well-being of women of color and youth of color through art. Recently, ACO STYLES has created a documentary centering Black Mothers in Malden, MA where they tell their stories about systemic barriers and ways they facilitate joy.

Maulian Dana

Tribal Ambassador Maulian Dana was appointed by Penobscot Nation Chief Kirk Francis in September 2017. As Ambassador, Maulian is responsible to act as a representative of the Penobscot Nation and to serve as a liaison for the Nation at the local, state and federal levels of government. Maulian previously



served as an elected member of the Penobscot Tribal Council and graduated from the University of Maine in Orono with a degree in political science. She also serves as a co-chair of the Permanent Commission on the status of Indigenous, Racial, and Maine Tribal Populations as well as co-chair of the Sub-Committee on Equity for the Maine Climate Council. Maulian grew up on Indian Island within the Penobscot Nation's Reservation. She has been recognized with the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy Scholarship and the MaryAnn Hartman Award from University of Maine at Orono. She is the proud mother of two daughters (with another daughter on the way).



Zamzam Elmoge

Zamzam is an award-winning activist, filmmaker, and student. She moved to the United States when she was 4 years old and to Lewiston, ME when she was 8 years old. She has directed films that shed light on important issues in her community. She has worked on two documentary films: Reason 4369 and Everything Earned. Zamzam was the recipient of the

2021 YWCA Lee Young Leadership Award. She is a first year student majoring in Media Arts Production at Emerson College. Zam's groundbreaking work has been highlighted in the Portland Press Herald, the Sun Journal, and Amjambo Africa. Zamzam continues to work on her filmmaking aspirations in hopes of becoming a film director.