



# BLACK LIVES MATTER VIRTUAL SERIES



## MEET OUR HOST & GUESTS

**Carlton Gill**, will be the host for the Black Lives Matter virtual series. Carlton is an HCC Alum and currently the college's Project Coordinator for the Success Center.



**Chaquanzha Stephenson** is a community activist and an advocate for the youth who originates from Stamford, CT. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2013 with a dual degree in Political Science and Justice Studies. Chaquanzha birthed DOPE INC. which stands for, Don't Oppress People, Educate! Incorporated in 2014. DOPE INC. is a youth advocacy and empowerment organization that travels to educate and mentor youth domestically and internationally.



**Wilner Joseph** is an active community advocate and positive change agent for the city of Stamford, Connecticut. His history can be measured by over fifteen years of coordination and leadership for organized youth programming. This work is coupled with his citywide impact as a basketball coach and mentor for thousands of young people. In 2017, his greatest project to date, Hoops4All, transformed into Young Athletes 4 Change, a fully thriving non-profit organization that facilitates programs and events where social justice, activism and awareness streamline with basketball skill training and performance.



## JOIN US

November 16 @ 6pm LIVE

### PROTECTIVE AND RISK FACTORS

Black men and women it is okay to not be okay. We will speak on the importance of knowing you're not alone and opening up about it. Mental health is very important to shed light on. Join us as we dive into triggers and how to cope with them, identifying resources and utilizing them. We will also discuss normalizing fun and substance abuses and dependencies, as well as health and risk factors.

November 30 @ 6pm LIVE

### TRIGGER HAPPY

According to 2019 data published on the Connecticut Against Gun Violence website, .56% of Connecticut's firearm homicide victims were black. With the help of one another let's discuss ways we can put an end to gun violence.

December 14 @ 6pm LIVE

### UJIMA (Collective Work & Responsibility)

As a community we can use our voices to understand the "Who, What & Why". Let's tackle issues faced daily in our communities such as the inequities impacting the black community, police brutality, black on black crime and social injustices. Together we can work together refamiliarizing ourselves with our responsibilities.



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