

Black Girls Rock! Awards Young Community Activists



Amiya Alexander, 11

Eleven-year-old Amiya Alexander isn't just taking dance classes, she's running them. This tween is one of the youngest social entrepreneurs in the country: she's the founder of The Amiya Mobile Dance Academy (AMDA), which travels around her native Detroit in a pink school bus teaching kids hip-hop, ballet, tap and more.



Hydeia Broadbent, 26

One of the most outspoken and compelling AIDS activists in the world, Hydeia Broadbent's work has saved lives across America. Broadbent contracted HIV at birth from her drug-addicted biological mother, and for the past two decades has courageously battled against the odds to publicly share her story to schools and organizations.



Kari Fulton, 25

Who said Black girls can't go green? As the National Campus Campaign Coordinator for the Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative, Kari Fulton is schooling kids everywhere on the importance of saving planet earth—and themselves. Her job is entirely necessary: working with diverse organizations to increase awareness about environmental and social justice issues.



Adele Taylor, 15

While many teenagers try to avoid the library, Adele Taylor started her own. At the tender age of 13, Taylor decided to share her love of reading with the world and created a nonprofit organization called Adele's Literacy Library to inspire and facilitate reading amongst young people. Since the inception of Adele's Literacy Library, Taylor has donated thousands of brand new books and bookmarks to her community.



Jacqueline Murekatete, 25

Jacqueline Murekatete turned a human rights tragedy into a humanitarian triumph. By the age of 9, Murekatete lost her parents, six siblings and most of her extended family in the genocide in Rwanda. Murekatete moved to America to live with her uncle and in 2007, she founded Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner to educate people all over the world about genocide.