

Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley



Brandy Fluker Oakley, Esq. is State Representative for the 12th Suffolk District serving parts of Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, and Milton. Born and raised in Boston by a single mother from the segregated south, Brandy has a long-standing passion for social justice and organized her first protest in the third grade. Never one to accept the status quo, Brandy has dedicated her career to advocacy, education equity, and progressive causes.

Upon graduating from Boston Latin School, she attended Syracuse University and graduated with bachelor's degrees in both social work and public policy. Brandy taught third grade while earning her Master's in Education at Johns Hopkins University before attending law school at Emory University. She became a public defender with the Committee for Public Counsel Services in the Boston Municipal and Chelsea District Courts.

While zealously representing clients, Brandy witnessed systemic inequities firsthand and how those who are not served well by our public school system are served very well by our criminal justice system. This observation launched her career into policy and political advocacy at the city and state level as an organizer, an executive director, and everything in between.

Rodney Adams



Rodney Adams is a senior at Middlebury College with a major in International and Global Studies with a language concentration in Spanish. He is a new member of Black Boston 2020 and sits on the Political Advocacy Team.

Rodney has fought to provide more inclusive spaces on Middlebury's campus over his past four years at Middlebury, which includes being a co-founder of PALANA asocial house, a multicultural organization that offers a safe-space for students. He also serves as a Senior Senator to the class of 2021 and has coordinated delivering emergency financial support to low-income students and to those on financial aid with the administration. Following his graduation, Rodney will work as a Management Consultant Analyst for Accenture Federal Services in Washington D.C.

Phebean Ogunsanwo



Phebean Ogunsanwo is a senior at Brighton High School and a social justice activist. Her first event took place on July 4th, 2020 to “counter the celebration of white male independence by honoring the marginalized communities who are historically and currently oppressed in the United States.” Phebean later co-planned a BLM protest with a friend during which she delivered a speech dedicated to Black women. Most recently, Phebean partnered with Black Boston to organize “Let’s Talk About Black Women,” an event sponsored by the BDL. At this event, she spoke about the struggles and intersectionalities that Black women face, as well as the accomplishments of Black women that are minimized by the whitewashing of American history. A Boston city councilor and the Boston Public Schools superintendent were among the participants at this event.

Phebean will graduate from Brighton High this spring. She is a current member of the Boston Student Advisory Council and the Superintendent’s Student Executive Cabinet, but is joining this panel as an individual activist, not as a representative of either group.