



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Tune into MNN this Tuesday, February 28 for Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright featuring author and inspiring leader Dr. Renee White aka Dr. Nay. She is a strong advocate for empowerment, equity, and inclusion for others, especially women and children of color.

March is Women's History Month and we invite community members to nominate a Woman of Distinction in their lives. We are accepting nominations through March 10 [here](#) and will celebrate them at an award's ceremony in March (date to be announced).

Thank you to our neighbors who have been donating to our Project Cicero Book Drive for under-resourced classrooms in New York City. We continue our collection through March 8.

The Manhattan Borough President has opened the application process to join your local Community Board. Serving on your Community Board is a great way to get involved and make a difference in your neighborhood and city.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

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Sincerely,

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright
is seeking nominations for the

2023 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Together, let's celebrate **Women's History Month** by recognizing the extraordinary women who are making our communities stronger.

Nominations must
be submitted by
3/10/23 via email to
seawrightr@nyassembly.gov.

Keep an eye on my website
for details about the
2023 Women of Distinction
Awards Ceremony.



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For a nomination form or more information about this
or any other community issue, contact Assembly Member
Rebecca A. Seawright at 212-288-4607 or seawrightr@nyassembly.gov.

Nominate a Woman of Distinction here!

National Black History Month

**Rise Up With Rebecca Seawright Featuring
Dr. Renee White, aka "Dr. Nay"**

Rise Up

with Rebecca Seawright



Join New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright for a monthly television broadcast with special guests.

Catch the latest episode on Tuesday, February 28 at 8pm featuring Dr. Renee "Nay" White. Dr. Renee White, aka "Dr. Nay" is an inspirer, educator, and leader through her spoken and written words. As a college professor, motivational speaker, published author, and resident of her consulting company she advocates empowerment, equity, and inclusion for others, especially women and children of color.

Dr. Nay began her career as a classroom teacher in Queens, over 35 years ago and is now a Full time Professor of Education at St. Joseph's University in New York to better prepare teachers for diverse classrooms specializing in literacy instruction and culturally responsive pedagogy.

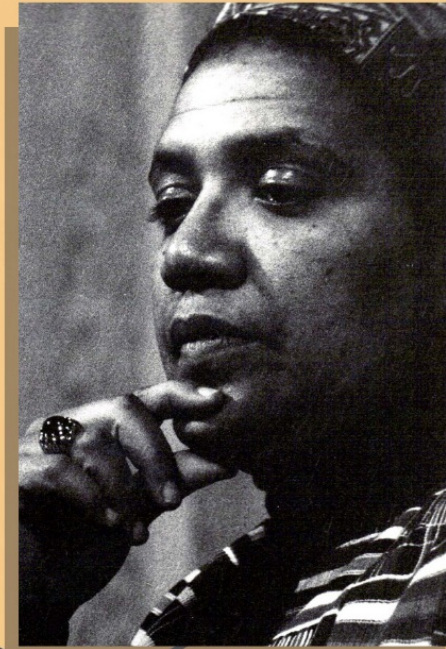
Dr. Nay published her children's books, *Sistah Girl: Step into Your Greatness*, and *Yo Bro: Strive Toward Excellence* in order to fill the void of quality diverse literature in today's classrooms. She wants to show kids that they can make a difference in the world as agents of change, while reinforcing social emotional learning and literacy skills. Dr. Nay also advocates for female empowerment!

Watch the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm and first Sunday of each month at 6pm on MNN (Spectrum 34, 1993, 1995, RCN 82, FiOS 33).

Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright Memorializes Audre Lorde



**LORDE WAS A
SELF-DECLARED
"BLACK, LESBIAN,
MOTHER,
WARRIOR, POET."**



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**HER GIFT FOR THE WRITTEN &
SPOKEN WORD WAS BOUNDLESS,
SHE USED HER VOICE TO FIGHT
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AMONG
PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN, AND
LGBTQ FOLKS.**

**"IN OUR WORLD, DIVIDE AND
CONQUER MUST BECOME
DEFINE AND EMPOWER."**

*Audre Lorde
Sister Outsider: Essays
and Speeches*



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright memorializes Audre Lorde.

A self-described “black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet,” Audre Lorde dedicated both her life and her creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. Lorde was born in New York City to West Indian immigrant parents. She attended Catholic schools before graduating from Hunter College High School and published her first poem in *Seventeen* magazine while still a student there. Of her poetic beginnings Lorde commented in *Black Women Writers*: “I used to speak in poetry. I would read poems, and I would memorize them. People would say, well what do you think, Audre. What happened to you yesterday? And I would recite a poem and somewhere in that poem would be a line or a feeling I would be sharing. In other words, I literally communicated through poetry. And when I couldn’t find the poems to express the things I was feeling, that’s what started me writing poetry, and that was when I was twelve or thirteen.”

For more about her and her published works visit: www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/audre-lorde

The Manhattan Borough President's Office invites you to

CELEBRATING BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center

3940 Broadway, New York, NY 10032

Join us for a discussion on the Black community's trailblazing entrepreneurial spirit and the work being done to improve communities!

Congratulations to our honorees:

- Chef Cisse - Ponty Bistro
- Clayton Banks - Silicon Harlem
- Katrina Paris Pinn - NiLu
- Nikoa Evans - Harlem Festival of Culture
- Roland Conner - Smacked Village

***If you are in need of special accommodations, please reach out to events@manhattanbp.nyc.gov*

**FEB
27th**

Event starts at 6pm
Doors open 5:30pm



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ADVANCING BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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SERVE YOUR CITY. ADVOCATE FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS.

DEADLINE MARCH 17TH, 2023 AT 5PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [MANHATTANBP.NYC.GOV/COMMUNITYBOARDS](https://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/communityboards)

 **MARK LEVINE**
Manhattan Borough President

Consider joining your local community board! The application can be found [here](#).



1487 1st Avenue Redevelopment Site (Manhattan) - Public Comment Invited on Brownfield Application and Draft Work Plans

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application for a site known as 1487 1st Avenue Redevelopment Site. DEC is seeking comment.

Our office is monitoring the conditions and welcomes comments from neighbors throughout the cleanup.

[Read More](#)



Homecoming: Dep Inspector Gallagher Returns to UES as New C.O. of 19th Pct.

The new commanding officer of the 19th Precinct on the Upper East Side of Manhattan won't have far to go to get to his new post. And he'll be pretty familiar with it once he gets there. Deputy Inspector William J. "Bill" Gallagher, the outgoing commanding officer of the Central Park Precinct will return to the 19th Precinct.

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Upcoming Events



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iDig2Learn In-Person Events Roosevelt Island

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MON. FEB. 27 / 6:30-8PM

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WED. MAR. 1 / 6:30-8PM

Featuring: Dr. Kathie Grimm
Eat Well & Mediterranean Eatery.
RSVP Keyword: **DOC**

SAT. MAR. 11 / 1-3PM

Featuring: Beatrice Ajaero of Nneji
Make Fonio! A Taste of West Africa.
RSVP Keyword: **AFRICA**

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ASSEMBLY MEMBER REBECCA SEAWRIGHT



BOOK DRIVE

for kids in under-resourced NYC Schools
through March 8, 2023

District Office of Assembly Member
Rebecca Seawright
1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)

- ✓ **Yes:** new and gently used books for pre-school through high school
- ✗ **NO:** Adult books, textbooks, library discards, or out-of-date non-fiction/reference books

Want to order books from the Project Cicero wishlist?
Visit projectcicero.org/wish-list



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