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*“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.” – Audre Lorde*

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## PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



**VIKKI-LYNNE ALLEN**

Vikki-Lynne Allen serves on the P-CoC Advisory Board. She has been a participant of P-CoC since its inception and is proud of its consistent growth and relevant presence within our community. As a parent of a teenage African-American son and wife of an African-American man, she clearly understood the mission and vision for P-CoC presented by Dr. Damaris-Lois Lang. Too many remain blind to the current social injustices being forced upon our people of color.

Ms. Allen has worked for a New York State based Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) for the past 24 years. She's held several positions, all geared towards improving daily life for the geriatric population. Currently residing in the Bronx, she was raised in Westchester County and remains connected to the Westchester community on multiple levels. Her goal with P-CoC continues to be supportive of our communities by uplifting, enlightening and Parenting our Children of Color.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Do you really know the history of Hispanic/LatinX communities and how they helped form the United States?**

**- Impact Evaluation Committee**

“The K - 12 Contest Challenge”

1. Write an essay (500 - 750 words)
2. Create a PowerPoint presentation illustrating your essay.

Select a Hispanic/LatinX nationality group or groups (for example, Afro Caribbean, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Mexican), and show how the group or groups incorporated into the United States socially, politically, and culturally.

Cite your sources (where you got your information) Minimum one primary source

Eligibility and Prizes:

All students K – 12 are welcomed and encouraged to enter this contest. Middle and High school

students are particularly encouraged to participate.

1st prize: \$200

2nd prize: \$150

3rd prize: \$100

Each grade will receive three Honorable Mentions, each one a 20-dollar gift card.

The deadline for submission is on August 30, 2022, by midnight. We will, however, stop accepting submissions after 100 requests are received.

### People of Color Symposium

#### **Student Ambassador Trailblazer Leadership Team**

A day of presentations organized by P-CoC's Student Ambassadors

When: Saturday April 16, 7:00pm

To join: [Google Meet link](#)



## RECENT EVENTS

### Black History Month: Hidden Figures

#### **Education Committee**

On Feb. 27, more than twenty people attended a virtual event jointly organized by P-CoC and the Hastings on Hudson Public Library. Using the movie “Hidden Figures” as a jumping off point, panelists Dr. Felicia Mensah, Dr. Denise Mahfood, and Dr. Alexis Riley discussed qualities of mind and spirit needed to overcome obstacles in their professional lives.



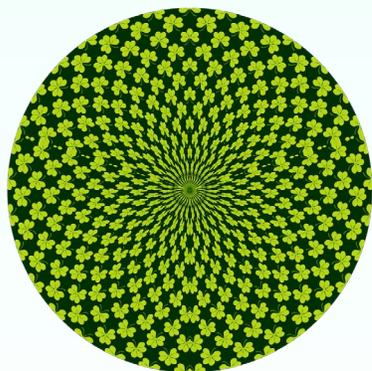
# P-COC POINTS

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## P-COC'S STATEMENT ON THE RECENT SURGE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

**FELIX O. SÁNCHEZ, VP P-COC**

A sad reality is slowly and severely affecting how our communities aim to evolve day by day. Recent developments involving gun violence remind us that there is much work to be done to bring drastic changes to the accessibility of firearms. The P-CoC family exhorts our elected officials and law enforcement agencies to continue working together to strengthen current laws while closing the gap on existing loopholes. In an ever-changing society, it is imperative to express our concern and demand swift action to bring adjustments to present policies. Nonetheless, bipartisan efforts must be implemented to assess how these constitutional regulations reflect the current crisis we are experiencing. Most recently, Antonio Antoine Fils, a former student of one of our esteemed P-CoC's Board Members, was a victim of this upsetting issue. Our communities, and most importantly, our children, have long suffered from the actions and repercussions behind firearms. Now, more than ever, it is our responsibility to work together to reach the balance we need.



## IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

John F. Kennedy once wrote, "Every ethnic minority, in seeking its own freedom, helped strengthen the fabric of liberty in American life." Irish Americans are a prime example as they first came to this country as refugees from dire economic and religious conditions. They crowded into homes, living in tiny, cramped spaces. A lack of sewage and running water made diseases spread. Americans stereotyped the Irish as lazy, unintelligent, carefree criminals and alcoholics. Thankfully we can applaud Irish American's strong legacy and contribution in all areas including law enforcement, government, sports, and entertainment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Dues

Board Participant dues for 2022 are needed by February 28.

Please click [here](https://www.p-coc.org/dues) or visit <https://www.p-coc.org/dues> to pay.

Our collective support is moving us forward. Thank you!

### P-CoC Inc Mission

A professional charity society laser-focused on race and color equity for persons of color, supporting ethnicity, cultural expression, fair treatment, and education for all

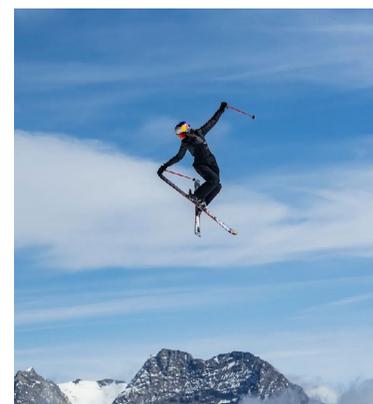
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## GEPOLITICS AND ASIAN ATHLETES IN AMERICA

Some Americans wanted Eileen Gu, the gold-medal winning skier from California to fit an old-style Asian American identity. Instead she represented China at the Olympics, and her 'transnational fluidity' vexed many.

They judged Ms. Gu critically, sometimes harshly. Nativist biases about Asians in this country were triggered. Despite belief in this country about the primacy of individual choice and opportunity, and that athletes often play for other countries, opinions of Eileen Gu's choice carried familiar and loaded sentiments such as 'taking advantage of America', 'patriotism', and 'citizenship'.

People of color negotiate multiple domains of acceptance. Many also navigate attachment to heritage and adopted cultures. Both sets of experiences expand the boundaries of being American. Transnational athletes are another example of how these times challenge our biases.



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