

Announcing the 2012 BCLI Cohort



The 2012 Cohort of the CORE Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute has been selected, and includes nine leaders from around the region. They will complete 80 hours of training between August 2012 and January 2013! The 2012 BCLI Cohort includes:

Samantha Aguirre (nominated by Building Healthy Communities) is a recent AmeriCorps Mentor for Building Healthy Communities, where she served as a mentor and advocate for middle school and high school youth in South Sacramento. A native Sacramentan, she has over five years of experience educating and engaging youth around social justice issues.

Yaminah Bailey (nominated by Sierra Health Foundation) is the Coalition Coordinator for the West Sacramento Youth Resource Coalition, where she coordinates community collaboration and engagement with youth and partner organizations. She has extensive engagement and experience in a variety of community efforts in West Sacramento.

Cynthia Brooks (nominated by Pacific Housing, Inc.) is the Director of Program Development for Pacific Housing, Inc., where she develops and implements programming and partnership development. A recent graduate of the City of Sacramento City Management Academy, she has over 15 years of experience in affordable housing and community development.

Stephanie Francis (nominated by Ubuntu Green) is Owner and Senior Consultant of SBF Consulting and Business Services, where she provides a wide range of management, marketing, educational, and planning services. She is active in her South Sacramento community, serving as a Board Member for NeighborWorks Home Ownership Center, and as a Steering/Planning Committee Member for Building Healthy Communities.

John Gordon (nominated by Youth Development Network) serves as the President of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District School Board, where he works to improve academic performance and youth development activities for students in Galt. He is also a Field Representative for the California Department of Education.

Janet Kyriacopoulos (nominated by Resources for Independent Living) is a Consumer Advocate for the Disability Organizing Group for Initiation of Total Equality (DOGFITE), where she assists and mentors persons with disabilities to achieve a greater experience of independence. She also serves as the chairperson for her housing resident group.

Alma Lopez (nominated by Sacramento State) works for the Council of State Governments-West, where she conducts with research, planning, translation and logistics for the organization. She has a variety of experience as a student-advocate and peer mentor, especially focused on Chicano/a and educational issues.

Fatima Malik (nominated by Health Education Council) is a Program Assistant for the Sierra Health Foundation. She has over seven years experience in nutrition and health education and engagement, and is active in a variety of food access and community organizations, including service on the Board of Directors for Ubuntu Green and the Center for Land Based Learning.

Nathaniel Pelczar (nominated by Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento) is the Political Action Committee Chair for the Stonewall Democratic Club, and also volunteers for the Sacramento LGBT Center. He has over six years of experience in public policy, regulatory compliance, research and policy advising.

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