



# WINS

Women In Natural Sciences

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# LIFE AFTER WINS

ALUMNAE PANEL

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Women In Natural Sciences (WINS) is a free after-school and summer science enrichment program at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. Since its founding in 1982, WINS has introduced 1,000 high school students to future careers in STEM and other professions by providing hands-on science workshops, career and college exploration and positive youth development.

## WINS by the Numbers

**100%**

graduate high school

**97%**

attend college

**63%**

major in STEM

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## ALUMNAE PANEL

*Auditorium*

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- 4 p.m.      Registration and Light Refreshments
- 4:45 p.m.   Welcome
- 5 p.m.      Alumnae Panelists:
- Alaya White 2008–2012
- Jaelynn Robinson 2015–2019
- Rabiyatu Jalloh 2010–2014
- 5:30 p.m.   Questions and Answers
- 6 p.m.      Farewell
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On behalf of Women In Natural Sciences and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, we would like to thank you for joining us for our fourteenth annual Life After WINS Alumnae Panel.



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# Alaya White

WINS Alumnae

2008-2012



Alaya participated in WINS from 2008-2012. She was nominated for the program by her favorite middle school science teacher, Ms. Gail Peddle from Overbook Educational Center. After leaving middle school she went to Science Leadership Academy, and with both SLA and WINS guiding her life during high school, she was in science heaven and she just knew science is where she'd land.

During her time in WINS, Alaya made sure that her enthusiastic, investigative, and outspoken personality didn't go unnoticed. Every time there was a WINS gathering whether it was a workshop or a field trip she knew she would learn something valuable, explore something new, or discover the beauty science and nature has to offer.

In college, Alaya aspired to be a medical doctor, a forensic pathologist in particular. As she pursued this degree, by her sophomore year, she learned this path was not for her. She then discovered a passion for Business and Marketing and is now soaring in her career as a Marketing Manager of Subscriber Acquisition at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Due to this path she has been intentional with being an advocate for fluidity, change, and the art of the pivot.

Although her aspired path in STEMM didn't pan out as planned, she still is sure to take the scientific approach in every project and task she puts her mind to, whether professionally or leisurely, and that's what being a WINS girl is about.

# Jaelynn Robinson

**WINS Alumnae**

*2015–2019*



Jaelynn Robinson participated in WINS from 2015–2019. She attended Baldi Middle School and Northeast High School in Philadelphia. During her time in WINS she worked as an explainer in Outside In, was a big WINS mentor to younger participants, and she also had a special opportunity to travel to Japan to represent WINS and the Academy at the 2017 Science Center World Summit. She went on to get her bachelor's and certification in Early Childhood Education from Arcadia University.

She got a minor in Theater Arts. She also obtained a certification in special education from the University. Graduating with honors is one of her proudest accomplishments.

Jaelynn has and continues to be a active member of the Academy of Natural Sciences. She currently works in Visitor Services and is a birthday party host. She has previously worked as a summer camp counselor and for educational programs at the Academy.

Today, Jaelynn is a teacher at The Goddard School. She serves as a teacher in the Toddler Room. She loves going to work everyday. She is called the " Ray of sunshine" at her job for she has had opportunities to train other teachers and bring positivity to her job on a daily basis. Teaching brings her great joy in life for she knows that she is making a difference.

# Rabiyatu Jalloh

WINS Alumnae

2010–2014



Rabiyatu Jalloh participated in WINS from 2010–2014. During her time in WINS, she attended Northeast High School and worked in the Butterflies Exhibit. She also interned with the USDA Northeast Regional Research Center and in the Botany Collection.

Currently, Rabiyatu is the 11th-grade English Teacher at West Philadelphia High School. Jalloh is passionate about re-creating and re-imagining educational spaces where Black girls feel affirmed, healed, liberated, and loved. She earned her Master of Science in Education, Culture, and Society from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research explored the experiences of Black girls in educational spaces and examined how literacy interventions created with Black girls in mind have served as resistance pathways for Black girls.

Jalloh received her Bachelor of Science in Education and Public Policy and Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies from Penn State-University Park. As an undergraduate, she was a D.C. Social Justice Fellow, where she developed a learner-centered social justice curriculum. Jalloh served as an educator with the Restorative Justice Initiative, where she contributed to the curriculum development and implementation of writing courses at correctional facilities in Centre County, PA. Jalloh created the Writing Through Social Justice course and developed three multi-session professional developments. Jalloh is also an international slam poetry champion, and was recently awarded the 2023 NCTE Early Career Educator of Color Award.

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