

Healing Ourselves as We Heal The Earth

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Symposium Speaker Biographies

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Bilal "Coach" Bahar, an interdisciplinary studies expert from the University of Baltimore, is a passionate advocate for holistic education, environmental conservation, and stewardship. He has a diverse academic background in Business, Entrepreneurship, Communications, and Community Studies. Coach co-produced episodes of the children's television series "Aquakids." Teaming up with Adventure Productions, Coach traveled the globe, educating young minds about marine and aquatic environments, emphasizing responsible planet stewardship. He is dedicated to bridging indoor and outdoor education in K-12 settings. Coach believes in nature's transformative power, citing personal experiences on its positive impact on human health.

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Raquel Pinto is a Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide. She has shared her practice with environmental organizations since 2019. Raquel specializes in the introduction of Forest Therapy to the Latino Communities of the DMV. Raquel believes Forest Therapy is a gift from God because of the physical and spiritual benefits. Raquel is involved with several conservation projects. She is particularly proud of her involvement with Defensores de la Cuenca's Program to plant native trees in her community. Raquel feels a great sense of pride when she walks with her children through the neighborhood and points out the trees she has planted.

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Ralinda Wimbush is the creator of WOCO Hike & Sound Healing. WOCO Hike & Sound Healing curates unique hiking, camping, and exploration events geared toward serving people of color and other underserved communities. Each trip is a unique opportunity for individuals to reap the holistic benefits nature provides while using conservation as a tool to release physical, emotional, and mental stress. Ralinda has been leading women of color on hikes in nature to connect and build friendships.

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Jason Furlow is a Clinical Counselor, Educator, Musician and Executive Director. He has a deep passion for empowering and awakening people to their destiny and is purposed to facilitate Kingdom-minded initiatives, programs, and services. Jason and his staff opened The Life Center, a community-based organization and Walk-In Love Christian Academy, a K-12 private school dedicated to providing quality education to at-risk children and their families. His message is simple: empowerment of humankind, and the advancement of the disenfranchised regardless of life's station. Jason translates hard-hitting concepts into everyday language that empowers individuals to transform their lives —helping change the path people take in search of meaning, dignity, purpose, and hope.