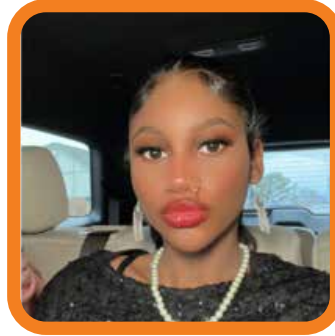


black girl rising

a panel discussion

Thursday, 3:45 to 5 p.m., Franklin CD



According to the American Psychological Task Force on Resilience and Strength in Black Children and Adolescents, for African American adolescents to develop into individuals actively engaged in optimal personal and collective development, they must be considered “at promise” as opposed to “at risk.” This positive change will help them become contributing members of their families, schools, communities and the broader society.

Fran Frazier has invited some of Black Girl Rising’s young leaders to talk about how this data impacts their lives and the lives of their peers. Moderator: **Brishundra McGrier**

Assatou (Iceyy) Barry, 15, is originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. but her family recently relocated to Columbus, Ohio. She is a member of the Black Girl Think Tank of Black Girl Rising. Now enrolled at Cristo Rey Columbus High School, she has skipped two grades making her the school’s youngest junior. Iceyy is a high achiever who is a member of the National Honor Society and Torch & Laurel. She is an Ohio delegate for the National Future Leaders of Medicine as well as one of the mayor’s 20 under 20 award recipients. She is one of the few students in the nation awarded with the Presidential Award for Academic and Community Excellence. She enjoys creating poems and competing in speech contests. She aims to one day become a prosecutor and open her own law office.

Fatmata Ly, 17, was born in the Bronx, New York and relocated to Columbus with her mother and three siblings in 2015. As the second oldest of nine siblings she has a lot of duties as an elder sister. She attends Cristo Rey Columbus High School and competes on the varsity track team as a sprinter. She is working to attend a four-year university with the goal of becoming an ultrasound technician. She takes part in Black Girl Rising and JSA debates and recently was inducted into the National Honor Society. In her free time, she enjoys reading, anime, television and occasionally writing.

Lillian Corpening Morgan is an honors junior at Pickerington North high School. She is involved in several leadership programs in her school and is the co-chair of the Black Girl Rising Think Tank. She has helped elevate the Think Tanks’ social justice work and recently represented them at the United Nations. She was a delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women and was on the team that drafted the Girls Statement that was presented to an international body. Lillian loves books and believes in the power of girls to change the world.

Kiara Price, 16, attends Columbus Downtown High School. She is the former president of Eryn Pink and ICE Mentors. She has a heart for advocacy work and giving back to her community. She is a teen stylist and entrepreneur who plans to attend a HBCU to major in business and minor in marketing.

