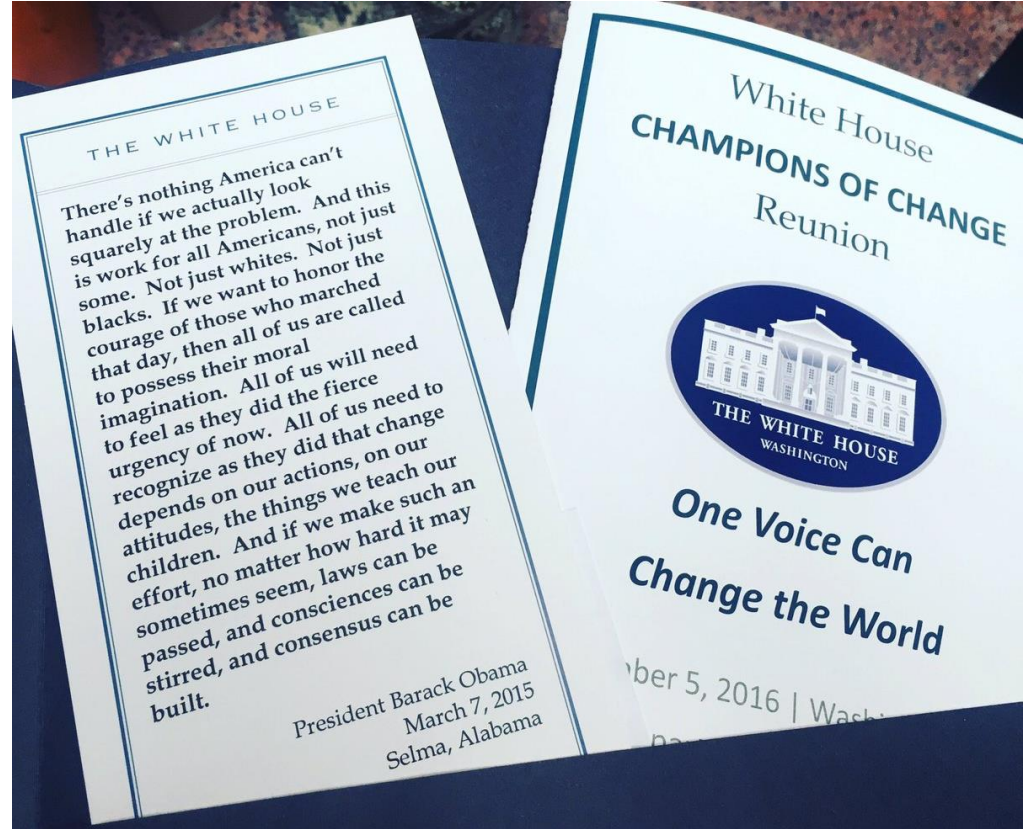


# Champions of Change

President Obama has challenged us all to help win the future by out-educating, out-innovating, and out-building our competitors in the 21st century.

Thousands of Champions from all 50 states. 400 invited back for Reunion.



# Ordinary Americans doing the Extraordinary!

“One Voice Can Change the World”

One Voice...Really?

Collaboration

Cooperation

Coalition

Inclusion



# MLK Memorial: Theme of the conference

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RATHER THAN SECTIONAL. OUR LOYALTIES MUST TRANSCEND OUR RACE,  
OUR TRIBE, OUR CLASS, AND OUR NATION; AND THIS MEANS  
WE MUST DEVELOP A WORLD PERSPECTIVE.

GEORGIA, 1967

# Collaboration

**Dan Heath:** Ask ‘What’s working now?’ Learn what is possible in the existing system. EX: Reducing malnourishment.



# Cooperation

There is a similarity that dwarfs our differences: A hunger for positive change.

Don't rule someone out just because you don't agree with them on everything.  
Find our commonalities.

**Sandy Hook Promise:** Giving up is not an option. We don't know what's coming, but we know too much not to keep doing what needs to be done. Legislation can have loopholes. We need to work from a place where we agree. Then have meaningful conversations.

-Mark Barden



# Cooperation

**Prison Project:** I had to put on my big girl pants and talk to people I didn't think would agree with me. The way things move is if we appeal to our common humanity.

-Sabra Williams



# Coalition

**The Worker's Lab:** If we are working 100 hours a week, who are we leaving out?

-Carmen Rojas

Learn to tell the difference between dissonance and feedback.  
One oppresses you, the other empowers you.

Be part of the system. Start from the future you want, not from what you don't want. What is the opposite of racism?



# Coalition

**Judge Clay Jenkins:** Know your elected officials: legislators, mayors, superintendents. Call them by the correct title. Get to the point and have tasks that are doable: “Call these 5 people. Come to this meeting Get these 3 people to come to this thing”. They have networks that can be activated. They can pick up the phone on your behalf.

Hand written notes from 15 people are more powerful than 150 duplicated notes.



Kevin Koester: Iowa House of Representatives (R) said the same thing.



# Inclusion

**Rights 4 Girls:** Keep center in the conversation the suffering of those we'd rather ignore but in a way that keeps us whole. Self-care is important, too. Be not stymied by the darkness. The seed in the earth grows in the darkness of the earth.

What will happen to intersectionality as the issues become over-simplified? Be unapologetic and demand deeper conversations!

-Milika Saada Saar





## Gina McCarthy, EPA

“We ain’t done yet, baby! We ain’t done!”

“Everything starts at a local level.”

“Environmentalism is not just about polar bears— it’s about our lives, health and economic vitality.”

“Democracy is not meant to innovate change. It is to manage change. Innovation has to start at the grassroots.”

# At Central Academy & DMPS



## Students Promoting Emotional Awareness and KidPowerment

*Friends Don't Let Friends Stay Silent*



Community Legislative Action Team:

[Extend Support for ELL Students](#)

[Expand Preschool for Students in Poverty](#)

[Continue Sales Tax for School Facilities](#)

# Community Legislative Action Team:



WHERE: Hubbell Elementary Library, 800 42nd Street  
WHEN: The coffees will be held from 9:00 to 11:00  
AM on the following dates:

Saturday, January 21

Saturday, February 18

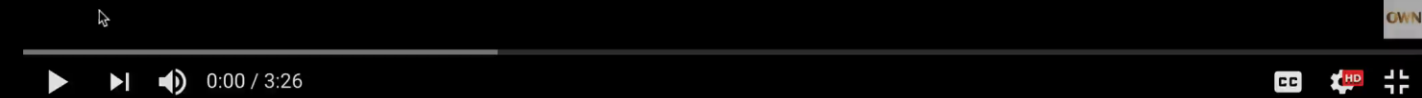
Saturday, March 18

Saturday, April 15

Saturday, May 20

# Thank You!

Dr. Maya Angelou's 3-Word Secret to Living Your Best Life | Oprah's Master Class | OWN



This video:

<https://youtu.be/sr-rXEc>

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YouTube: May 28

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