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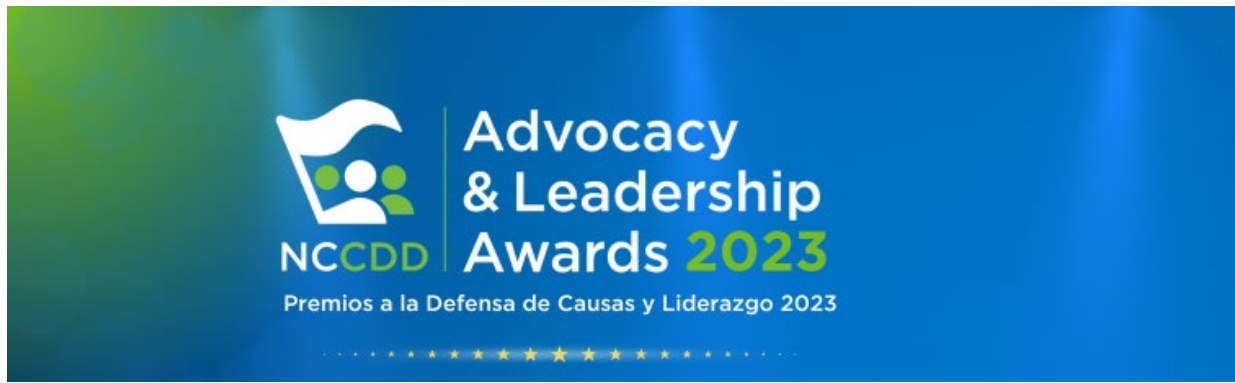
2022 Winner



R.V. Kuser, Winston-Salem

2023 Nominees

- 1. Jacklyn Boheler
- 2. Maya Warren
- 3. Brittany Ellis
- 4. Mariame Boujlil



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Jacklyn Boheler

Brianne Tomaszewski - Statement of Support

Jacklyn Boheler has been a Project Coordinator with Work Together NC since 2021 and HEELS 2 Participation since 2022. Both projects are federally-funded grants at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the UNC TEACCH Autism Program. Jacklyn's leadership has been instrumental in moving the projects forward and doing extremely innovative work by including individuals with IDD focused on systems-wide change. Her leadership has also ensured that individuals with IDD are at the forefront of our activities. She has supported over ten individuals with IDD serving as paid contractors on our project teams and leading and guiding project activities. She has made it more accessible to be a part of university programs and research. Her coordination and stakeholder engagement has led to over 200 individuals with IDD, caregivers/family members, professionals, employers, local and state-level organization leaders, government employees, and more in being a part of our collaborative focused on competitive integrative employment for adults with IDD. She's led the creation and dissemination of a services and resource database. She is currently coordinating the design of eLearning modules and resources for employers to promote inclusive employment environments and for individuals with IDD, educators, direct support professionals, and others to promote community participation. Her commitment and advocacy have driven our community to a more inclusive space for individuals with IDD. Through Work Together NC, she established an IDD alliance for nonprofit organizations and an employment alliance. Her leadership is astounding in our community. She is consistently sought out for consultations and presentations regarding her expertise in advocacy in promoting the quality of life in adults with IDD. Her creativity, efficiency, and problem-solving skills are evident daily; at the center of it, all are individuals with IDD leading self-determined lives.

Jacklyn Boehler Qualifications

Co-Founder and Executive Director of B3 Coffee - Volunteer Work

*Founded a non-profit organization that provides community integrated social and vocational opportunities for people of all abilities, using a no-hierarchy structure between people with and without disabilities

*Managed a Board of Directors, staff, and volunteer committees

*Collaborated with UNC MBA, School of Law, Duke Disability Alliance, UNC OT, Duke OT, Duke Engineering, and community partners (i.e. SEAWIND Farm, Gray Squirrel Coffee) to establish a viable model of inclusive organizational practices

*Developed and facilitated three community-based programs for neurodivergent adults– "Living Your Best Life" and "Belonging in the Workplace," and "Navigating the Digital World"

Co-Founder OTs for Neurodiversity - Volunteer Work

*Co-founded OTs for Neurodiversity, a social media movement dedicated to advancing a neurodiversity paradigm within the profession of occupational therapy and related fields.

*Created content, OT intervention tools, and professional development resources informed by autistic adults to increase practitioners' appreciation of neurodivergent experiences

*We offer consultation and in-services trainings to individuals, agencies, schools, and organizations interested in strengths-based, identity affirming practices.

Project Coordinator– Work Together NC (Community Collaboration for Employment)

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL-TEACCH AUTISM PROGRAM

Project coordinator for TEACCH Autism Program's Community Employment Collaboration Grant, focused on dismantling barriers and optimizing accessibility and continuity of adult services for neurodiverse populations (i.e., IDD and autism), with a particular emphasis on improving supports for multiply minoritized groups. Self-advocates, families, service providers and other key voices will be centered in the process of developing an innovative, culturally responsive solution.

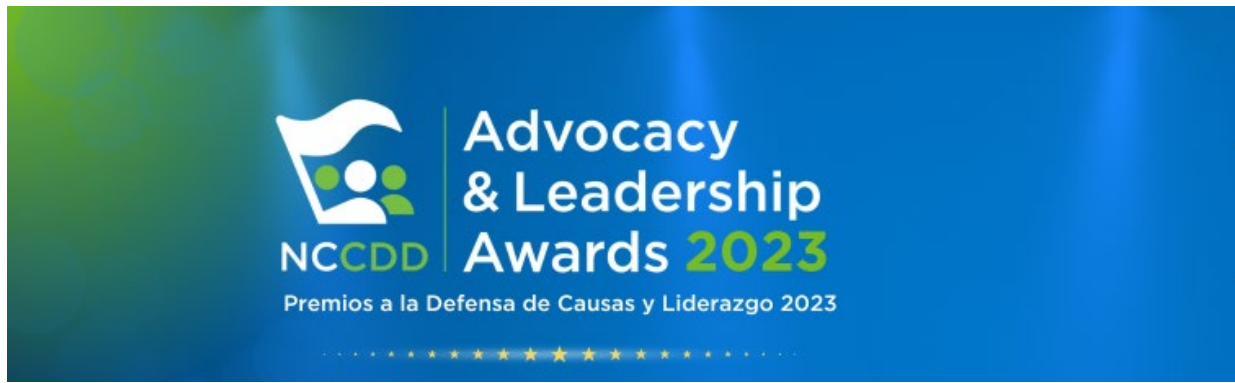
Lisa Kaylie - Statement of Support

As Executive Director of Extraordinary Ventures, as a B3 Coffee board member, and as the parent of an I/DD adult, I can attest that Jacklyn Boeheler has made an incredible contribution to improving the lives of individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in North Carolina.

As part of the WorkTogetherNC initiative, Jacklyn has worked with Extraordinary Ventures to hold two highly successful events, the Inclusive Employment Summit in Sept 2022 and an I/DD Nonprofit Summit in March 2023. As Executive Director of B3 Coffee, Jacklyn has worked with Extraordinary Ventures to hold four successful Inclusive Business Gifts Markets and several social events at our location in Chapel Hill. One of the things that has stood out to me in working with Jacklyn is that as a self advocate herself, she ensures that I/DD individuals are speaking and advocating for themselves at all events.

Jacklyn has done amazing things with B3 Coffee since it was created in 2018. B3 Coffee was recently one of three local finalists for the Chapel Hill Carrboro Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award. The organization has a coffee kiosk in the public library where I/DD individuals receive work training and the community learns the true meaning of a welcoming neurodiverse environment. In all things, Jacklyn has a focus on using a no-hierarchy structure between people with and without disabilities. In addition to the kiosk, B3 has created programs and social events that have been incredibly meaningful in creating social connections for the entire community. I am also thankful for the allyship training she and B3 have created to help create a broader understanding of how to support the I/DD community.

Jacklyn creates real world change and is a true example of self advocate leadership in NC.



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2023 Nominee

Mayia Warren

North Carolina Leadership Achievement Award

2023 Nomination Application



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Section 1. Nomination Form

Name of nominee _____

Name (as you wish it to appear on the award) _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Section 2. Listing of Qualifications

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Section 3. Supporting Information

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Phone number _____ Email _____

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Section 4. Personal References (Required)

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Phone number _____
Email _____

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3. Name (Individual #1) _____
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Nomination submitted by:

Full name _____
Organization (if applicable) _____
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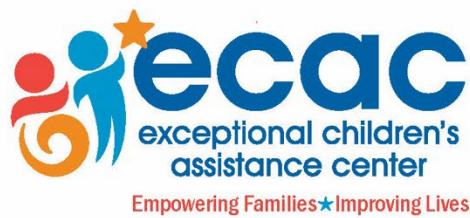
I've read and followed the submission guidelines for my application to be considered for the 2023 Advocacy and Leadership Awards. I understand my application will not be considered if the following documents are not completed:

- Section 1: Completed
- Section 2: Completed with 'Listing of Qualifications' (required) attached.
- Section 3: Completed with 'Short Statements of Support' (optional) attached.
- Section 4: Completed (required)
- Submitted ON OR PRIOR TO, Friday, June 30, 2023.

Submission Options: NOTE: all pages of this application must be submitted by **Friday, June 30, 2023** in one of the three ways:

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Listing of Qualifications for Mayaia Warren, nominee for The North Carolina Leadership Achievement Award:

Mayia Warren is a 25 year old advocate who lives with Oculocutaneous Albinism, Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder, Chronic Migraine Disease and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. This extraordinary young woman has dedicated her life to advocating for those with disabilities. Her passion for creating positive change and unique approach to raising awareness has earned her numerous accolades. Mayaia draws upon her life experiences as a powerful tool for impact. Over the past 11 years, she has skillfully showcased her artistic abilities to shed light on different aspects of her personal journey and the broader experiences of her community. One notable contribution is “The Better Not Bitter Podcast”, a platform she created to give individuals living with various conditions and disabilities a voice. Initially designed for advocacy and educational purposes, the podcast evolved into a valuable resource for disability and advocacy organizations, parents of children with disabilities, fellow advocates, and anyone seeking a better understanding of their loved ones' journeys. She co-hosts “The Exceptional Experience Podcast” which empowers the voices of North Carolina youth and young adults with disabilities.

Mayia’s Memberships, Ambassadorships, and Organizational Partners include:

- The Savage Truth Network
- ECAC (Board Member and volunteer on Youth Advisory Team)
- Disability:IN North Carolina
- The National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation
- The North Carolina Division of Services of the Blind
- Chronic Joy Ministries
- Adobe Express
- Unfixed Media Productions
- Invisible Disabilities® Association (North Carolina IDA Ambassador)

Mayia is a born leader who often describes herself as a “multi advocate”, not just a self-advocate because she truly is an advocate for **ALL**. The amount of wisdom this kind, selfless, young woman has is extraordinary and her delivery during presentations is life changing. It is an honor to know her and nominate her for this award as she truly has improved the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Submitted by: Aimee Combs, Assistant Director of Programs at ECAC

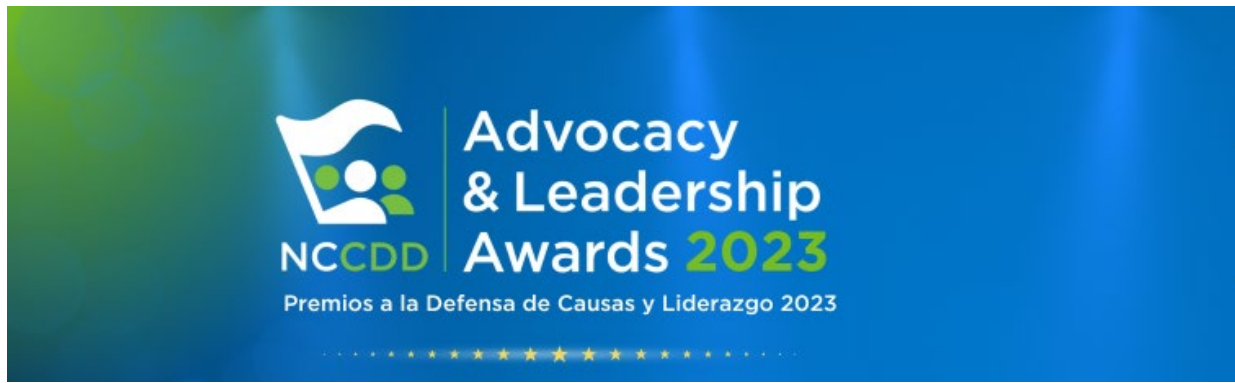
Short Statements of Support for Mayia Warren:

“Ms. Warren is a young woman who is change maker. I recently attended one of her motivational talks on hidden disabilities, of which she has several. Her talk convinced me that we must change some of our actions at the Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center (ECAC) to address these concerns. Ms. Warren also sits on the Board of Directors for ECAC and holds the position of Board Secretary. Ms. Warren is a member of the Succession Planning Committee. Her insightful questions have shaped the direction of this committee. Mayia has many talents. She is a motivational speaker, a visual and musical artist, and a podcast producer, to name a few. Ms. Warren uses these talents to educate youth and adults to increase their understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities.

*Ms. Warren is a woman of faith and volunteers at her church. She works with youth with disabilities to help them see their future through a lens of pride and excellence. Ms. Warren does this as she navigates albinism, migraines, and significant health issues. Her passion for helping others helps her power through her personal health challenges. Mayia Warren is a person I admire. When I am in her company, I feel enriched. I am proud to send this recommendation for Mayia Warren. She is a woman of excellence.” – **Laura Weber, Executive Director at ECAC***

*“I have known Mayia for more than 10 years and spent summer camp with her at Governor Morehead School for the Blind. She has always been a leader and I would recommend her for the NC Leadership Achievement Award. She collaborates with me as a volunteer on the ECAC Youth and Junior Youth Advisory Teams. We have conducted many ECAC podcasts together and shared many personal stories regarding our journey as individuals with a disability. Mayia has been a strong advocate for individuals with an intellectual disability, especially individuals with a visual impairment or blindness. Her work has improved the quality of life for not only the individuals with a disability, but also those that work with and support individuals with a disability.” – **Billy Pickens, Youth Outreach Coordinator at ECAC***

*“It is with great pleasure that I submit the nomination of Mayia Warren for the NCCDD's North Carolina Leadership Achievement Award: Presented to an outstanding NC self-advocate whose work has improved the quality of life for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD). Despite living with multiple non-visible disabilities, Mayia chooses every day to pursue her mission, to equip those within the communities she serves with opportunities to share their stories and become effective self-advocates. Mayia selflessly shares her gifts as a music artist, visual artist, digital content creator, YouTuber, podcaster, writer, and speaker to empower those with I/DD to be the best they can be in any circumstance. Mayia Warren has keynoted the DI-NC 2022 Fall Conference, challenging our participants to consider what it means to lay a sustainable foundation for impactful disability inclusion strategies. As a mentor Mayia also presented to an audience of college students with disabilities and business mentors during a CommunAbility:DI-NC Group Mentoring session this past spring, challenging the students on the importance of building their professional brands. Mayia’s message of strength and perseverance is always wrapped in passion and if you’re fortunate you may even hear her message through song. I am honored to call Mayia Warren my friend and the perfect nominee for this award.” **Beth Butler Fadel, Executive Director of Disability:IN North Carolina***



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2023 Nominee

Brittany Ellis

Woodward, Philip C

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Section 1

Section 1. Nomination Form

Name of Nominee

Name of Nominee

Brittany Ellis

Name

Name

Brittany Ellis

Home Address

Home Address

133 Briar Lane

City

City

Zebulon

State

State

North Carolina

Zip Code

Zip Code

27597

Phone Number

Phone Number

9196321844

Section 2

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State 1

State

North Carolina

Zip Code1

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Phone Number

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2.

Name2

Name

Amanda Harrinauth

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Home Address

1102 Bunker Court

City 2

City

Fairfield

State 2

State

California

Zip Code2

Zip Code

94533

Phone Number 2

Phone Number

707-731-7145

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Name3

Name

Nancy Bartholomew

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Home Address

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City

St Slema

State 3

State

North Carolina

Zip Code3

Zip Code

27576

Phone Number 3

Phone Number

919-743-8700

Nomination submitted by

Nomination submitted by:

Full name

Full name

Casey Grant

Organization

Organization (if applicable)

Title relationship to nominee

Title/relationship to nominee

Friend

Nomination submitted Address

Home Address

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City

Columbus

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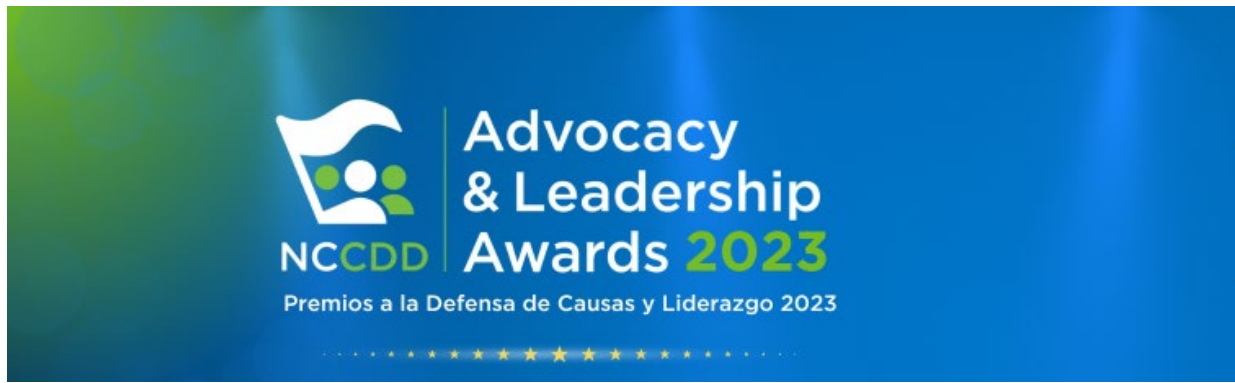
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Mariame Boujlil

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Mariame Boujlil

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Name

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Home Address

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Charlotte

State

State

NC

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Zip Code

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Phone Number

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Charlotte

State 1

State

NC

Zip Code1

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Phone Number 1

Phone Number

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2.

Name2

Name

Blanca Nowlan

Home Address 2

Home Address

1114 Delander Lane

City 2

City

Charlotte

State 2

State

NC

Zip Code2

Zip Code

28214

Phone Number 2

Phone Number

704-302-7125

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3.

Name3

Name

Dr. Sherina Dubose -Tillman

Home Address 3

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CPCC

City 3

City

Charlotte

State 3

State

NC

Zip Code3

Zip Code

28204

Phone Number 3

Phone Number

803-280-5885

Nomination submitted by

Nomination submitted by:

Full name

Full name

Maria Macon

Organization

Organization (if applicable)

Polish,inc.

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Charlotte

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