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presents **4th Annual**

Women of Kulture 365

"Queens Edition" Empowerment Luncheon

March 29th, 2020

At Three Mask, Inc. Art Gallery & Event Center

1023 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804

Admission \$20

From: 1-4 pm



Diane Black

2020 United States Honoree

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CELEBRATING MY CULTURE IS BEAUTIFUL 365
with Diane Black

Diane Black (born American #USA), a 25 year resident of Winter Springs, has been an interpreter for the Deaf for nearly 30 years working in fields ranging from law and medicine to aeronautics and education. She learned the language at age 14, after an accident left her speechless for three years. Before the US implemented the Americans with Disabilities Act, Diane was placed in a Deaf program experiencing first-hand the discrepancies in treatment between Deaf and hearing students.



Entering college, Diane's voice returned, yet having fallen in love with the language and culture, she began devoting her life to interpreting and Deaf advocacy. Years later, on a family vacation in Jamaica, she met a local, Deaf man who described the marginalization, oppression and discrimination Deaf persons experience daily. This revelation sparked a will within Diane to affect change.

Since establishing the Deaf Empowerment Abroad Foundation (DEAF) in 2015, Diane has worked with the Jamaican Ministry of Education, Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf, Abilities Foundation, Deaf Can Coffee, the Jamaican Association of the Deaf, and more. Her foundation works directly with students, faculty and staff from all 13 Deaf schools on the island, providing youth empowerment, teacher training and education about the importance of language accessibility.

Additionally, this small, Winter Springs non-profit impacted Jamaican history creating the country's very first camp presented and led fully in Sign Language for Deaf youth! The Deaf Fest 7-day Camp held July 2019 and hosted 63 Deaf students from across the island.

Held each year, these full-language access camps bring in positive and relatable Deaf role models for Deaf students across the country. Working in partnership and support of local Deaf leaders, the camps bring Inspiration, Affirmation, and Motivation to Deaf youth, and provide empowerment in their identity and rich culture! On campus enrichment is set for March 2020 for I. A.M Deaf Pride Days in Kingston, Knockpatrick and Montego Bay.

Patwah: "Wi Likkle but Wi Tallawah!" English: "We are Small but Mighty!"

KUOMagazine we will be honoring me, at their 4th Annual Women of Kulture 365 "Queen Edition" Empowerment Luncheon 2020, as their "United States" Honoree on Sunday, March 29th, 2020 at Three Mask, Inc. Art Gallery & Event Center. Events start at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Tickets can be purchase at www.KUOMagazine.com

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