

## The SHYLI Youth Leadership Forum & Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Faculty



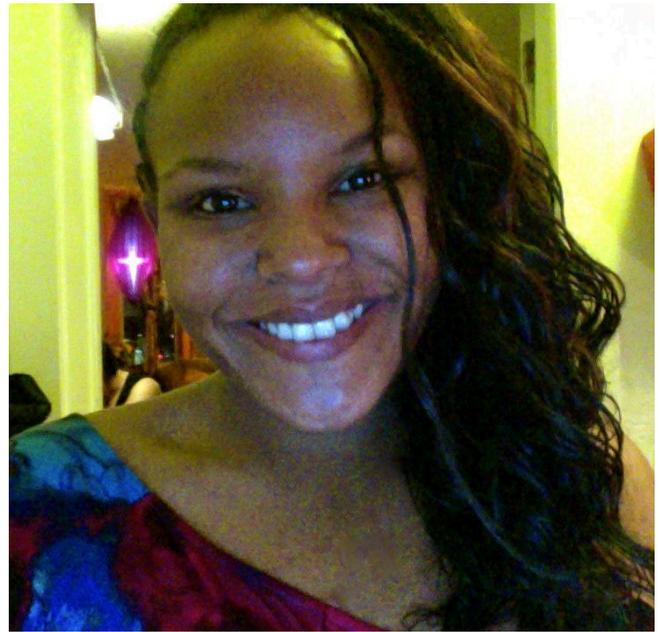
**Daniel 'Nane' Alejandre** is the founder and Executive Director of Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos and chairman of the National Coalition of Barrios Unidos. Barrio Unidos is acknowledged as one of the nation's most impressive grassroots organizations addressing issues of youth violence in the U.S. Nane is the coordinator for the Warrior's Circle Rights of Passage for youth, a weeklong retreat focusing on traditional teachings. He has spread his message, which combines analysis of the root causes of crime and violence with concrete programs that offer youth positive alternatives. Nane follows his Native traditional ways and is involved with the International Indian Treaty Council on Indigenous affairs supporting cultural and ceremonial rights. Nane also works in collaboration with the Fair Trade Movement for Indigenous coffee growers in Central America and African Countries to help educate the public on Fair Trade and farmer's sustainability. Nane has been recognized for his inspiring efforts. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the National Fellowship Reconciliation, the Martin Luther King Jr. Award, SANCOFA Lifetime Achievement Award, and a Fellowship from the California Wellness Foundation and a Sabbatical from the Vanguard Foundation. He has been on the A&E Biography Series, Danny Glover's TV Program "Courage" and the Christina Show. Nane is featured in the book *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes* and is a board member of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute and is featured on the Institute's video with Walter Cronkite.



**Josue Cruz Morales** is the Institute's Director of the annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Josue has transformed his life from a C-D student to second year law school student at the University of Puerto Rico. This 24-year old aspires to become the Mayor of Vieques and inspire other youth to become leaders of their island. In 2004, Josue co-founded the Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative to train young and emerging leaders to build a new Vieques. After reading the Brookings Report declaring that Puerto Rico was the poorest community in the U.S., he wrote *The Challenges Facing Vieques Youth*, which is the poorest community in Puerto Rico. This report galvanized support from local, national and international leaders for this four-year bi-lingual demonstration project for the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. Josue and VYLI college youth produced a 2020 Report on Sustainable Development for Vieques that was presented at the APEC Youth Summit in Peru in 2008. In 2008 Josue co-founded Comunidad Verde Vieques (Green Vieques). The Mayor dedicated 500 acres to 300 landless families. His deep commitment to learning best practices for his island, he helped implement the first "Green Initiative" in Puerto Rico's public schools where more than 5,000 students and 150 teachers created more than 100 school gardens. In 2010, Josue received the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's first Walter Cronkite Award. Josue has received tremendous press from the #1 English language Caribbean Business, Puerto Rico Daily Sun, Positive Caribbean News and the Vieques Events.



**Marianne Larned** is the Executive Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. She has the privilege of working with and learning from youth leaders from Hawaii, Martha's Vineyard, Vieques, PR and Virgin Gorda, BVI. Marianne is the author of educational series, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. Ms. Larned developed the Institute's eight initiatives that trained future and emerging leaders to build healthier communities and a sustainable world. She is especially committed to empowering young people to build sustainable communities. They humble and inspire her to have hope, passion and joy for our future. Ms. Larned uses the Stone Soup metaphor to help people see that when we work together we can do more than we thought was possible. The book and educational curriculum give young and emerging leaders the tools to create invigorated teams, strong economies and healthy communities. Previously Ms. Larned assisted Fortune 500 companies, healthcare systems, and Chambers of Commerce, and education, government, civic and community leaders to develop public-private partnerships to improve education, health care and economic development. Her international work includes micro-finance NGO leader Marietta Goco in the Philippines to leverage People Power. The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute supported Ms. Larned to document the Award's impact on building a national coalition to restructure the Philippines Constitution to provide representation of indigenous leaders.



**Brittany Moore** is a Community Organizer and an Intervention Counselor with Barrios Unidos. They have set up a classroom on campus where youth can get support: from tutoring, FAFSA help, guidance or just a bite to eat. Brittany has one-on-one sessions with youth who are struggling to stay in high school, and out of trouble on the streets. At the Santa Cruz County Community Coalition to Overcome Racism (SCCCOR) Brittany is one of the lead organizers in the School to Prison Pipeline Coalition. She created the anti-racism curriculum and put on anti-racism and organizer trainings at the community and institutional levels. It is the youth that give me the spirit to do this work. They are the ones who inspire me to keep my head up and work hard; they show me everyday that this world and the people in it are worth fighting for. Brittany is a full time student at Cabrillo College and will be transferring to San Francisco State University as a Sociology Major and an Education Minor. Her goal is to create and implement critical sociology departments and curriculum in public schools, and train teachers on the most effective ways to teach it. Finally, If she am not working, or in class you can find her dancing or running. She loves to be active and express herself through dance. Music and movement help keep a spark inside of her alive, and her mind, body and spirit in better balance. She is forever a lover of learning and life, and intends to do both to the fullest extent. "Education truly saved my life," she says. "The best way for me to give back to the communities that have helped me grow into a whole and happy human is by planting the seed of knowledge. Once an individual begins to understand the limitlessness of their possibilities the more empowered they become.

