Daniella (Dani) was born and raised in Los Angeles and is the daughter of Ethiopian immigrants. She recently graduated from UCLA with a degree in African American Studies and Public Affairs. She fell in love with organizing work during her time in college. Dani was inspired by her peers who were so deeply committed to eradicating systemic racism. The past 4 years have given her the space to really dream of a world free of oppression. As a Youth Organizing Fellow, she is deeply committed to working towards that goal for communities of color in South LA and beyond.

**Fun Fact:** Dani loves producing short-form videos highlighting the experiences of people of color through many different lenses. She also loves to cook!
### Edward “Eddie” Ramirez

While studying Sociology at UCLA, I learned how to conceptualize my experiences growing up in East Los Angeles, leading me towards a lifestyle of advocacy. Disparities in education for Black and Brown youth have always been at the forefront of my lens due to my passion for uplifting the next generation. Using my knowledge, I worked with various Nonprofits to advocate for issues ranging from college access to housing equity to environmental justice, all with a mindset of continuous learning. I am excited to continue that learning with CoCo where I believe I will learn all the skills needed to create a Nonprofit Community Based Organization of my own someday.

**Fun Fact:** I love being in nature so during my free time you can catch me on a hike or at the beach!

### Guillermo “Memo” Alvarez

Guillermo Alvarez, originally born in the Harbor Area of Los Angeles, grew up in Northern California in the Oakland and Richmond area. He is currently a student at Long Beach City College and will be transferring next Spring in 2022 with a focus in Ethnic Studies and Art Education. He grew a love and passion for social justice, organizing, and transformative education because he believes we need more leaders and advocacy in the community. Guillermo is a dedicated student who’s been formerly incarcerated and understands the importance of building community, and dedicates his life to bringing change and transformation through organizing, art, and education. He has worked and participated in many actions with non-profit organizations with Youth Justice Coalition in South L.A, and the R.Y.S.E Youth Center in Richmond, California to create safe spaces rooted in social justice for our youth to heal, learn, and transform their community.

**Fun Fact:** Guillermo is a visual artist, and loves publishing homemade magazines filled with film photography, stories, and featured interviews with artists in the community.

### Kalani Robinson

Kalani Robinson, a 22-year-old resident of Compton, California, is a full-time student at California State University, Los Angeles, majoring in Pan African Studies and minoring in Criminal Justice. She wants to use her knowledge and enthusiasm for community development to become an upcoming activist in her community. She has volunteered as the external vice president of the Black Student Union, organizing community events in Los Angeles County, presenting political speeches, and conducting discussions in her spare time. Ms. Robinson is the founder of “the resilient one,” a community service enterprise that aims to help low-income areas directly. She has also assisted in summer engagement programs for companies such as Community Coalition, a non-profit founded by congresswoman Karen Bass, which sparked her interest in wanting to help develop and prepare youth in Los Angeles to walk on the path toward their goals and create an open space to help adults in her community land back on their feet after hardships. Her ambitions after graduation are to go to law school and join the battle against mass incarceration, with the hope of one day becoming Mayor of Compton.
| Keymán Williams                        | Keymán Williams was born and raised in Los Angeles, California, specifically South LA, and through his teenage years, found a deep interest in community work. Growing up in South LA and seeing the many injustices towards the black and brown community, as well as the systems that keep us in a cycle of poverty and hatred, he was introduced to SCYEA (South Central Youth Empowered Through Action), in high school. SCYEA is a program that targets the youth specifically and teaches them about the history of oppression that we as minorities face and how to combat those atrocities, as well as overall, building up social skills to pass along the information to their peers and learning how to navigate life. This program was important to Keymán’s development and is the reason for his interest in social change today.  
**Fun Fact:** Keymán has a deep interest in Japanese culture, specifically anime & manga. |
| Paola Schenkelberg*                  | Paola was born and raised in Mexico City and grew up in Anaheim, she has lived in Los Angeles for the last 10 years. While an undergrad at Cal State University Long Beach (CSULB) she began organizing on the No on 8 campaign and other social factors that affect our communities and found her calling to advance social justice, specifically for Black and Brown folx. After graduating from CSULB she went on to receive her Masters in Social Work while gaining experience in the areas of domestic violence, youth development, clinical, hospice care, and policy work.  
For the last 10 years, Paola has supported the work of Communities In Schools of Los Angeles (CISLA) has worked at the school site level, as a Program Manager, and most recently as the External Affairs Director. In this new role, she is helping position CISLA in the community and with education leaders and other public officials to help build awareness of our work and garner support. Paola is a strong proponent of systems change and empowering our communities to be their best advocates.  
**Fun Fact:** Paola’s love language is books and reading, in that order. |
| Rosio Romero                         | Rosio is a first-gen, young Latina woman born and raised in South Los Angeles. Growing up, she witnessed injustices and came across barriers that had prevented her and many others in her community from truly succeeding in life. Motivated by her upbringing, she was determined to help others and to create a positive change in her community. Rosio was part of the Public Allies Los Angeles program in which she learned about the non-profit sector and interned at a local non-profit. Rosio graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with a sociology degree, ready to give back to her community.  
**Fun Fact:** Rosio has a cat named Momo. The name was inspired by a character in Nickelodeon’s Avatar: The Last Airbender. |

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