

My Name Is Kwayah Lisa Lichterfeld

In the tapestry of human existence, where threads of diverse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences intertwine, there are those who emerge as beacons of inclusivity and equity. Kwayah Lisa Lichterfeld stands tall amidst such luminaries, her name synonymous with the tireless pursuit of a society where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered.



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Kwayah's journey began in the vibrant tapestry of Malawi, where she was born into a family that instilled in her a deep appreciation for the power of education and the importance of embracing one's heritage. From a tender age, she witnessed the transformative impact that education could have on individuals and communities, fueling her passion for empowering others through knowledge.

As Kwayah grew older, her horizons expanded beyond the borders of her home country. She embarked on a quest for knowledge and understanding that took her across continents and cultures. She studied in the United States, where she earned her undergraduate degree in international relations and global studies from the University of Minnesota. Her

academic pursuits were not merely confined to the classroom; she actively engaged in extracurricular activities and volunteerism, immersing herself in the local community and fostering meaningful connections.

It was during her time in the United States that Kwayah's passion for diversity and inclusion was fully ignited. She witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by marginalized communities, and she resolved to dedicate her life to breaking down barriers and creating a more equitable society. After completing her undergraduate studies, she pursued a graduate degree in public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Armed with a solid academic foundation and an unwavering commitment to social justice, Kwayah embarked on her professional career. She held various positions in the nonprofit sector, working tirelessly to advance the causes of diversity, inclusion, and equity. She played a pivotal role in developing and implementing programs that aimed to empower marginalized communities, promote cultural understanding, and foster global citizenship.

One of Kwayah's most significant contributions was her work with the African Diaspora Union of Minnesota (ADUM). As the organization's executive director, she led a team dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of African diaspora communities. She organized events, workshops, and educational programs that fostered a sense of belonging and community among members, while also raising awareness of the challenges they faced.

Kwayah's influence extended far beyond the borders of Minnesota. She served on numerous boards and committees at the local, state, and national levels, providing guidance and expertise on issues related to diversity, inclusion, and equity. Her unwavering advocacy and commitment to social justice earned her widespread recognition and respect.

In 2018, Kwayah's exceptional work was recognized when she was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve on the Minnesota Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans (CAPM). In this role, she played a crucial part in advising the governor and state agencies on policies and programs that impact Asian Pacific Islander (API) communities. Her insights and recommendations helped shape policies and initiatives that promote the well-being and success of API Minnesotans.

Throughout her career, Kwayah has remained steadfast in her belief that education is the cornerstone of a just and equitable society. She has dedicated countless hours to mentoring and supporting students from underrepresented backgrounds, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and become agents of change. She has also been actively involved in developing and delivering diversity and inclusion training for organizations across various sectors, helping to create more inclusive and equitable workplaces and communities.

Kwayah's unwavering commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity has earned her numerous accolades and awards. In 2019, she was honored with the "Woman of the Year" award by the African Diaspora Union of Minnesota in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the community. She has also been recognized by the Minnesota Department of Human

Rights for her advocacy work and her dedication to promoting a more inclusive and equitable state.

Today, Kwayah Lisa Lichterfeld stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all who believe in the power of diversity and inclusion. Her journey is a testament to the transformative impact that one person can have on the world. Through her tireless advocacy, her unwavering passion, and her commitment to social justice, she continues to make a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities.

As we navigate the complexities of an increasingly interconnected and diverse world, the need for leaders like Kwayah Lisa Lichterfeld becomes ever more pressing. Their unwavering commitment to creating inclusive and equitable societies is not merely an aspiration but a necessity for a just and sustainable future.



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