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Amnoni Myers, a native of Boston, MA Amnoni (pronounced Ah-mon-knee) began her life as a ward of the state, and her childhood experiences in foster care drive her commitment to help others realize their potential and break the cycles of generational poverty. She recently received her Masters of Public Administration from the National Urban Fellows Program Class of 2017. In this prestigious program, Amnoni was placed at the California Endowment in Oakland, CA where she worked on the My Brother's Keeper Initiative for young boys and men of color. Amnoni previously worked with the U.S. Children's Bureau as a child welfare policy consultant. She graduated from Gordon College with a double major in Social Work and Sociology, and completed a Social Work and Peace and Conflict Studies Practicum in San Francisco. She has also traveled to South Africa to study race, class and integrated what she learned in South Africa with her domestic advocacy efforts.

As a 2014 Foster Youth Internship Program™ participant with the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), Amnoni interned in the office of U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley where she worked on child welfare initiatives for the Senator and his staff in support of his role on the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance. Through this same program, Amnoni also wrote and published a policy report entitled *Renewing the System's Commitment to Child Well Being: Fostering Resilience through Trauma Informed Training*, which she presented to both the White House Domestic Policy Council and Members of Congress. Amnoni was also the keynote speaker at the 2014 CCAI Angels in Adoption™ Gala in Washington, D.C. where she shared her story of resilience and triumph to Members of Congress, Administration leaders, and child welfare advocates from across the nation.

In 2015, Amnoni served as a White House intern for the Domestic Policy Council's Office of Urban Affairs, Justice and Opportunity, where she introduced First Lady Michelle Obama at the annual Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day ceremony. Amnoni was also a key member of the team that collaborated on the Administration's efforts to include foster children and disconnected youth in the event for the first time in its history. In May of 2015, she was invited to once again present her policy recommendations at a congressional briefing hosted by the U.S. Senate Caucus on Foster Youth. That same month, she also delivered opening remarks at the 2015 Christian Alliance for Orphans Summit, an annual national gathering of child welfare advocates and churches.

Amnoni received the 2016 Re-envisioning Foster Care Champion Award from the Treehouse Foundation in recognition of the contributions she has made to child welfare nationwide. More recently, she was awarded the 2017 Ron Gonzalez Memorial Fund award where she was recognized by The National Urban Fellows Program for her dedication and demonstration of leadership that promoted Gonzalez's core values as a change agent in the world. Amnoni is a compassionate and driven individual dedicated to reshaping policies affecting vulnerable populations.

