



The 2014 POZ 100: Celebrating Youth Power

This year's list ushered in a new generation of changemakers and HIV advocates.

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The 2014 POZ 100 looked toward the future of the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic by recognizing advocates under age 30 from throughout the United States and around the world, including nations as diverse as Uganda and the Netherlands. Nominated by members of the HIV/AIDS community, these honorees represented a generation of advocates and activists who'd never known a world without AIDS and included both people living with the virus as well as HIV-negative allies. Although the list featured celebrities, such as Ryan Lewis of the musical duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, and Miss America 2010 Caressa Cameron-Jackson, who use their platforms to raise awareness and funds for HIV research, most honorees were cited for their work on the front lines in the fight against HIV. Among these were folks fighting the virus through their work at AIDS service organizations and government agencies as well as via medical research, political demonstrations, lobbying efforts and more.

That year, POZ was also celebrating 20 years of publication. Having spotlighted so many advocates over the years who were already adults when the epidemic began, the POZ 100 list marked the perfect opportunity to usher in a new generation of changemakers whose energy and innovative ideas could help shift the course of HIV and its impact on the world.

Catching Up With...

Masonia Traylor

Masonia Traylor
Courtesy of Masonia Traylor

How do you empower others?

I empower others by speaking life. I show up with integrity, transparency and authenticity. I push through traumatic adversities while spreading love through my own pain. I bring light and bright colors into dark spaces.

Matthew Rose

Matthew Rose
Courtesy of Matthew Rose

Why do you advocate for people living with HIV?

My people are not more vulnerable to HIV from a biological standpoint. Yet the conditions of their lives have made the virus flourish. The ability to live a long and healthy life should be within everyone's grasp. I deploy my skills so that others can live a life that they imagine and are given life-affirming, life-extending, culturally responsive care.

Charlie Ferrusi

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How do you empower others?

In order to make progress in the movement, we need to empower new and existing leaders and sustain their involvement. I empower others by challenging them while also extending compassion and patience. I remind folks that showing up imperfectly is more meaningful than not showing up at all. We all have immense potential, power and influence. It is our job to tap into it, redistribute our resources and leverage our power to help others.

2014 Medical Milestone

The results of the first phase of the PARTNER study showed that there were no transmissions between partners in gay or straight mixed-HIV-status couples in which the partner living with HIV had an undetectable viral load.

The 2014 POZ 100

Jacques Agbobly

Pablo Aguilera

Charisse Ahmed
Jojo Amanfu
Guy Anthony
Tranisha Arzah
Josephine Ayankoya
Darion Banister
Rachelle Barbis
Devin Barrington-Ward
Marguerite "Margie" Basilico
Dakota Basinger
Michael David Battle
Benjamin Beaury
Kia Michelle Benbow
Antonio Boone
Ian Bradley-Perrin
Katy Byrtus
Juan Calderon
Caressa Cameron-Jackson
Korey Anthony Chisholm
Brandon Corbin
Alyssa Crawford
Brad Pond Crelia
Michael Eisman
Clint Fausett
Brandon Fernandes
Charlie Ferrusi
Cierra Foxx
Greg Gabbert
Miguel Garcia
Lauren Gauthier
Dante Gennaro Jr.

David Goode Jr.
Cree Gordon
Genny Grilli
Ari Hampton
Adrian Haught
Ethan Hawes
Larry Houston-Huff
Brandon Hughes
Tahir Idris
Christopher Jackson
Jason Jenders
Regnarian Jenkins
Tracy L. Johnson Jr.
Joyous Joiner
Josephine Kamarebe
Barbara Kemigisa
Brandon King
Kachina Kudroff
Gerald Labourdette III
Vanessa Lathan
Ryan Lewis
Sean Lundy
Gabriel Maldonado
Rumbidzo Mapfumo
Steven-Emmanuel Martinez
Antwan Mathews
Loyce Maturu
Ian McMahan
Marcus McPherson
Edgar Mendez
Maureen Milanga

Brianna Milleville
Briana Morgan
Quang Nguyen
Jamie O'Toole
Blane Oborny
Jason Parad
Byanca Parker
Mitchell Payne
Robert Peraza
Kyla Pfeif
Samuel Pottebaum
Cameron Raley
Paige Rawl
Jonathan Reveil
Greg'ry Revenj
Rashida Richardson
Kenneth Rios-Soler
Mathew Rodriguez
Carlos Rosario
Matthew Rose
Lindsay Roth
Amirah Sequeira
Claudia Sisomphou
Charles Smart
Narong Sokhom
Tyler Spencer
Kirstie Strong
Anna Szczegielniak
Marvell L. Terry II
Michael Tikili
Masonia Traylor

Lawrence Vinson III

Cody Walker

Jason Walker

Cassie Warren

Edward “Eddie” Wiley

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