Behind the Scenes with a 2019 Walking College Fellow

Daniel Price is one of 22 advocates from the 2019 class of Walking College graduates, walkable community leaders who have hit the ground running to make their neighborhoods a more safe, accessible, and enjoyable place to walk and move.

We had the opportunity to work with Daniel on a short video that truly demonstrates the advancements and critical work that Walking College Fellows are experiencing when they take part in the Walking College. If you’re curious about the dynamic of America Walks’ outreach and the impact of the Walking College, look no further.

Click to Watch the Video

New in 2020: National Walking Summit—St. Louis

One of our shining moments in 2019 was when we hosted people at our National Walking Summit—Columbus. Advocates, professionals, and elected officials came together to discuss and plan for ways to improve walkability in Ohio and beyond.

In 2020 we’re headed to Missouri for the National Walking Summit—St. Louis on March 10–11 to continue the conversation and explore the theme Connecting Communities, Overcoming Barriers. Early-bird registration is open now through the end of January and we hope to see many of you there!

More Highlights from Our Work in 2019

*this year we considerably expanded our geographic reach and graduated our most diverse set of candidates to date
WE'RE CULTIVATING CRITICAL DISCUSSION AND WORK AROUND INCLUSION IN THE WALKABILITY SPHERE

433
Community Change Grant applications were received this year. We'll award at least 20 grants to communities with innovative, inclusive walkability projects in 2020.

"I really appreciate all the acknowledgements of privilege and diversity or lack thereof in the room. That was something many webinars and spaces about walkability don't bring up, and it was done really well here."
- Walking Towards Justice webinar attendee

OUR 2019 NATIONAL WALKING SUMMIT
COLUMBUS, OH - INSPIRED PLACES FOR PEOPLE
welcomed over 100 attendees from Columbus, Ohio, and around the US who heard from expert speakers representing local, state, and national efforts to promote walking and walkable communities. They explored projects demonstrating the power of change, took part in a Collective Action Workshop and weigh in on plans for the future of Ohio.

People of color are disproportionately represented in fatal crashes involving people walking.
Relative pedestrian danger by race and ethnicity, 2008-2017

[chart showing relative pedestrian danger by race and ethnicity]

Through our various programs we are working to serve more vulnerable populations than ever before, as we continue to grow a diverse sea of advocates and movement builders who are prepared to tackle these inequity injustices in active mobility.

WITH THE HELP OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS WE'RE EXPLORING MOBILITY INDEPENDENCE AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
by helping to facilitate environmental scans, firsthand surveys, and resources to inform on the ground practices and make

[chart showing walking accessibility]

[chart showing walkability levels]
Walk and Move (or Gift) in Style: America Walks Has Merchandise

In case you missed the memo, fanny packs are back in a big way. A few years back we teamed up with Walkapocket to create these simple, high quality, comfy packs for all your active transportation excursions.

Donate $150 or more to America Walks before the end of the year and we will send you one for free. Just mention "Walkapocket" in your donation note and one will be on its way while supplies last. Or, purchase one here and some of the proceeds will go towards our many programs to advance safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and move.

Mark Those Calendars

- January 1st: Call for papers for the Special Issue: Health equity, social inclusion and mobility. Check out this publication opportunity here.
- January 8th: Register now for America Walks' first webinar of the new year, where we’ll explore programs and partnerships that help to get community members moving, improving the physical, mental, and social well-being of all.
- February 3rd: Inspired by Daniel’s video above? Applications for the 2020 Walking College open here on February 3rd. Don’t miss out on your opportunity to be part of the next class of community change agents.

Register for Our Upcoming 2020 Webinars

WALKING INTO THE NEW YEAR
WALKABILITY FOR ALL: PUTTING EQUITY INTO PRACTICE
WALKABILITY AT THE BALLOT BOX

Content We Loved This Month

- The State of Transportation and Health Equity / Smart Growth America
- CDOT making progress on safer sidewalks for Montbello Neighborhood / 9News
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