

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



DeNora Getachew New York City Executive Director, Generation Citizen

DeNora Getachew is the New York City Executive Director of Generation Citizen, a national nonprofit. Generation Citizen works to ensure that every student in the country receives an effective Action Civics education that provides them with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in our democracy as engaged citizens.

DeNora was a democracy nerd before it was it was in vogue. She cut her teeth working on local democracy and government reform for former New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn. DeNora has

substantial policy and advocacy experience advocating for systemic policy reform at the local, state, and national levels while working as Policy Director and Legislative Counsel at Citizens Union; as Policy Director for then-Public Advocate Bill de Blasio; and most recently as Campaign Manager and Legislative Counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. DeNora has contributed to The New York Times' City blog, Gotham Gazette, Huffington Post, the Des Moines Register, Medium and Newsday.

DeNora is an alumna of A. Phillip Randolph Campus High School, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Fordham University School of Law. DeNora serves as a board member of Planned Parenthood, NYC Votes and the New York Junior League. DeNora is a member of the Greater New York Chapter of The Links, Inc. and the Metropolitan Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. She was a fellow with the Council of Urban Professionals in 2011, and was honored as a 40 under 40 by The Network Journal in 2015.

DeNora is a native New Yorker and mother of three children, including a son D'Aundre Martin who she had as a teenager. D'Aundre is an alumnus of Beacon High School and a recent graduate of Indiana University.