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**Olivia Beasley – Advocate and Role Model for the Young Deaf and Hard of Hearing**



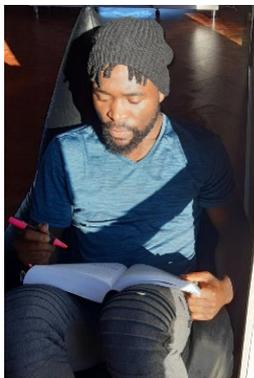
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Olivia is an emerging leader in the youth, disability and Deaf sectors, having been Youth Governor of Victoria in 2019 and leading the YMCA-led Youth Parliament. Growing up in a Deaf family has given Olivia a unique perspective. She communicates via Auslan (Australian Sign Language) at home with her siblings and parents (who are also Deaf).

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**Eangano Singebehuye: A Passion for Helping Others**



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He and his seven siblings moved to Australia in 2005 as refugees from Tanzania, but his family was originally from Burundi. Poverty drove his father to try his luck and apply for the UNCHR refugee resettlement program. A year later, they were finally given the all clear to come to Melbourne. Eangano was seven.

Eangano's abiding motivation is to help others, which he does for 15-20 hours per week. Aged only fifteen he started an organisation Acts of Random Kindness, to help children and others, which currently has 250 volunteers. A gifted athlete he is coach of the Brimbank Football Empowerment Program for children whose parents can't afford sporting club fees. He believes he was saved by sport which can counter social isolation, boredom and youth crime.

In addition to his studies and part time work, he has participated in many community led projects and raised funds for the Salvation Army homelessness programme. In 2020, he received Brimbank Young Citizen of the Year award and Western Suburbs Unsung Hero award. Eangano chose Biomedical Science as a skill to take back to Africa and help people improve their lives. 'My motivation is to see people thrive in my community.'



### **Hiba Abd El Hamid – Community Work with Diversity and Inclusion**



Hiba and her family arrived in Australia in 2003 after fleeing the civil war in Sudan. Growing up in Australia, her earliest memories were of overwhelming poverty and struggle. She worked to support her family and siblings. She was also actively involved in the African and mainstream Australian community and witnessed the effects that intergenerational poverty, poor mental health and poor educational effects on the communities.

After receiving a VCE bursary from Skyline, she completed her Bachelor of International studies in International politics from Deakin University with a scholarship in 2015. Later in 2018, she completed her Master of International Development from RMIT. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Victoria African Leadership Program.

Hiba has been extensively involved in the community development sector in Melbourne in recognition of the unique and complex issues that the African community faces. She co-founded AfriCare a youth-led, non for profit organisation that aims to address mental health issues through education and empowerment. Working to link the community and mainstream service providers, it has been featured extensively on SBS, the ABC and international media as an Australian first. She has also been a Volunteer Coordinator for SAIL (Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning program). In 2015 Hiba went to Sudan for six months as a Humanitarian Affairs Intern with the UN, organizing training programs on gender-based violence and humanitarian law. Her skills were reported as exceptional.

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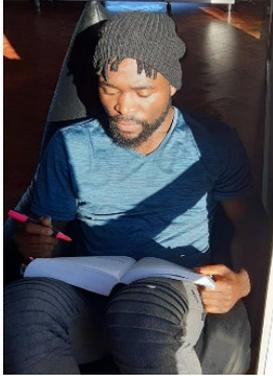
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