Bios

**Danielle Slaton** was an American professional soccer player and is currently a television soccer analyst for the San Jose Earthquakes, on NBC, and on Fox Sports. On the staff at Santa Clara University and serves on the Board of Directors for both the U.S. Soccer Foundation and BAWSI (Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative)."

**Marlene Bjornsrud** is a leader and advocate for equal opportunity for women in sports. Her advocacy journey has led her to testifying before Congress about the importance of Title IX, serving as Executive Director of the Alliance of Women Coaches and co-founding the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative and earned her numerous awards.

**Lucy Jane Bledsoe** is an award-winning novelist who puts compelling, determined women at the heart of her stories to encourage this generation to find its voice and speak up for social justice. A high school and college basketball player herself, Lucy’s latest novel, “No Stopping Us Now,” draws on her own true experience of bringing the Portland Public Schools into compliance with Title IX.

**Jess Eagle** is a passionate social justice advocate working to make the world a better place for women, girls, and nonbinary individuals. Jess currently works at Equal Rights Advocates where she is involved in media relations, grassroots organizing, and digital advocacy.  Previously she was the Development Director at Family Violence Appellate Project, a California nonprofit that helps domestic violence survivors.

**Rebecca Sheff** is a Program Coordinator at Equal Rights Advocate and in that role she works on restorative justice, community organizing, trauma-informed advocacy and more. She has worked on behalf of at-risk youth for many years now including time spent at Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth -- working in the Oakland Unified School District and the Alameda Juvenile Justice System -- and at the United Way of Santa Cruz with their Youth Violence Prevention Taskforce.

**Dr. Akilah Carter-Francique** she is an Associate Professor in the Department of African American Studies and is the Executive Director for the school's Institute for the Study of Sport, Society, and Social Change. Akilah earned her doctorate in sports studies at the University of Georgia and has researched and written extensively on education and sports, primarily as it has impacted African Americans women.

**Maha Ibrahim** also joins us from Equal Rights Advocates where she is a staff attorney representing women who are pursuing Title IX complaints. Her success has led to settlements that include multi-year programmatic monitoring, policy reforms, and yes, cold hard cash. Maha is a graduate of UCLA School of Law, she's a one-time board member to various bay area women's political groups, and a parent who very much wants to make the world a better and fairer place.