

DOPE INC.

Chaquanzha Stephenson
DOPE INC., Founder & CEO



Don't Oppress People, Educate!

Mission: Don't Oppress People, Educate Incorporated aims to diversify and educate all by transforming negativity into compassion and compassion into inclusion for all.

Chaquanzha Stephenson is 23 years old and she graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2013, with a dual degree in Political Science and Justice Studies. Chaquanzha encountered her first act of discrimination in the spring of 2010, while sharing a common space with a fellow student from the university. The student was a Caucasian male that she never met prior to that day. Chaquanzha and the fellow student engaged in a rather interesting conversation and the male proceeded to express how he felt about 'black people.' After a heated debate, that resulted in the student using the 'N' word, insulting her intelligence, referring to her as an animal and much more. Chaquanzha walked away distraught and confused, trying to figure out how to rectify a conversation, which was innocent in the beginning, but shifted drastically after a few minutes.

After feeling oppressed by the Caucasian male's use of words, Chaquanzha took matters into her own hands, by standing her ground and reporting the incident. Once the incident was documented, Chaquanzha went through a series of mediations and meetings, which lasted through the summer and continued into the fall semester of her sophomore year.

With many allies and strong willed family members, students and faculty & staff behind her, she was able to help the university make amends to their discrimination restrictions. The previous restrictions once stated, a discriminatory remark could only go against ones code of conduct if it was said/ done in a dormitory. With persistence and faith, the discrimination restrictions have been changed and discriminatory remarks can now effect ones code of conduct if it is said/ done anywhere on the campus, not just in the dormitory.

Chaquanzha became a mentor for multicultural students and she was also able to share her story across the campus to speak on behalf of students who were afraid to voice their concerns.

During Chaquanzha's last semester of her senior year, she came up with the name DOPE, which stands for Don't Oppress People, Educate. Since then, Chaquanzha has incorporated her name and she is slowly, but surely rolling out her Non-profit movement, DOPE Inc.

Topics DOPE INC. will encompass:

- Race
- Culture
- LGBTQ
- Ability
- Bullying
- Substance Abuse
- Education (Swag)
- Self Esteem

If you can assist me with research, testimonials, informants or funding for DOPE, please email me at cstephenson.dopeinc@gmail.com

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