



UPSTATE ALLIANCE FOR THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

## Black Lives Matter

The murder of George Floyd and the ensuing protests left us reeling last week. We steadfastly support Black Lives Matter as well as the protests over systemic racism and the police brutality that have plagued black and brown communities throughout our nation's history.

We decided to channel our grief, outrage and energy into support of black-owned businesses. To that end, we've created a Google map highlighting black-owned businesses and black-led organizations in the Capital Region, which you can download and access on your laptop, tablet and mobile device. This map is informed by lists that are being compiled by organizations and individuals in the Capital Region, but we know that it isn't complete. **We're asking for your help in adding businesses to it.** This map will become a permanent project and asset on the ACE and CapRegionNY websites, and we'll continue to build and develop it with community input.

We will also continue to promote and support black-owned businesses in our articles and content. If you have or know of a business you'd like to nominate, please let us know. We are committed to working together to support higher rates of black business ownership and entrepreneurship, and would like to work with you to understand, expand, and support the needs of black businesses.

ACE is committed to making the Capital Region a better, more inclusive, and more equitable place. We are ready to help, assist, stand by, and partner with people and organizations who are doing amazing and important work to create real, profound, and permanent change.

## The List: 150+ Cap Region Black-Owned Businesses and Black-Led Organizations



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Support 150+ Capital Region black-owned business and black-led organizations by shopping, hiring, posting, contributing funds, volunteering, and learning more about what they do. Click on the map below to see our list. This list is far from complete, and you can help develop it! Use the form to add businesses.

[Click here for the lists and map!](#)

## Cap Region Entrepreneur Highlight: Kaciem Swain

Kaciem Swain was born and raised in Arbor Hill, in the South End of Albany, in an underserved community. His plan was to move away when he had the chance, but for his whole adult life, he's stuck



around to serve those very same communities he grew up in.

Currently, he's in the midst of launching a few entrepreneurial ventures, including **Capital Curbside**. His goal is "to hire creatives of color, bring them into my company, give them equity in it." Read on to learn more.

[Read the interview here!](#)

## An Update from Freelancer / Activist Jade Warrick, "TrashKid"



Jade Warrick is a powerhouse artist and freelancer. Known in the art world as "TrashKid," you may remember her from our **"Freelancer February"** series. Jade is not only a Cap Region icon because of her creative graphic design & energetic spirit, but because of her active voice in the communities she's a part of and her passion for making art accessible for everybody.

We sat down with Jade to ask her what she's been up to over the past few months - especially during the COVID-19 crisis and the Black Lives Matter movement.

[Read the interview here!](#)

## National Perspective From Black Journalists



From The Guardian  
[The Dangers of Being Black While in Nature](#)



From CityLab  
[America's Cities Were Designed to Oppress](#)



From NPR  
[Being Black in America](#)

## IMPORTANT! Health Insurance Open Enrollment Ends Next Week, on June 15th

Have you lost your job, your health insurance, or



some of your income due to COVID-19? **You can apply for no-, low- or reduced-price insurance through New York State of Health through June 15th.**

Apply at [NYStateofHealth.com](https://www.nystateofhealth.com), call NY State of Health Customer Service at 1-855-355-5777, or [click here](#) to get enrollment help.

## Job Leads

- [Center for Economic Growth \(CEG\)](#) has job listings for a wide range of Capital Region companies. [Click here for more information.](#)
- [NYS Department of Labor Job Board](#) has job openings in Albany. [Click here for more.](#)
- [DeCrescente](#) has open job positions. [Please visit their site to apply.](#)
- [DAIM Logistics Inc.](#) has career openings. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)
- [CDTA](#) is currently hiring for multiple positions. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)
- [Compass Group](#) has multiple job openings in the Albany area. [Click here for more.](#)
- [Target](#) has many positions available across the Capital Region. [Click here for more.](#)
- [Lowe's Home Improvement](#) has many positions available across the Capital Region. [Click here for more.](#)
- [The College of Saint Rose](#) is hiring for multiple positions. [Click here for more.](#)

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