AKUA KATELYN PAGE
INDEPENDENT GULLAH GEECHEE LANGUAGE ACTIVIST & EDUCATOR

A fierce advocate ensuring the voices of her ancestors are heard while fighting for a more equitable future for all Gullah Geechee people, Akua educates locals and visitors on the myriad ways Charleston has been influenced by the Gullah Geechee people. She has been featured on a national level by NBC News, which lauded her work on TikTok to preserve the Gullah Geechee community. After discovering that a brick structure at Riverfront Park was made by stolen Africans, she successfully petitioned the City of North Charleston to install an educational placard near the “Dead House,” honoring their hidden contributions.

Akua, who received the Jenkins Youth and Family Village's Special Appreciation Award for her work mentoring foster girls, completed her Certified Interpretive Guide training at the Avery Research Center for African American Research at the College of Charleston.

KEY ISSUES

1 Reparations for descendants of stolen Africans

2 The erasure of Gullah Geechee history and heritage in Charleston, SC