

THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

Nicholas Peart

Nicholas joined The Brotherhood/Sister Sol (Bro/Sis) in 2004 as a member of Bro/Sis' Intrinsic Kings Chapter of The Brotherhood. In addition, he was a member of the organization's Youth Employment Opportunities Program where he worked as landscaper and also a member of Bro/Sis' After School Program. Nicholas was the focus of a Bro/Sis five-minute documentary, "The Closest Thing to Magic", which focused on his inspirations for success. He has represented Bro/Sis at an array of convenings on the state of Black men and boys and has assisted with many of the organization's trainings as a youth facilitator. Upon high school graduation Nicholas entered BMCC, where he earned his Associates Degree, and during his matriculation received a Reginald F. Lewis Scholarship from Bro/Sis. His next goal is to complete his Bachelors Degree and become an attorney. Nicholas has worked for the last three years as the Assistant Facilitator in Bro/Sis' elementary aged After School Program and Summer Day Camp, serving as a direct youth worker and mentor to the organization's 8-12 year old population. Nicholas is also the chief caretaker for his three younger siblings and their lead parental figure. Nicholas has been deeply involved as an organizer and advocate seeking an end to the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) "Stop and Frisk" policy. Nicholas was a named witness in the Center for Constitutional Right's lawsuit against the NYPD on this issue – Floyd v. the City of New York. He also published the Op-Ed article "Why is the NYPD After Me" in the New York Times on December 17, 2011. It has received wide acclaim and led toward interviews including on CNN, WBAI, MSNBC, Amy Goodman's Democracy Now, CBS National News, PBS, Grio.com, NPR, WPIX Channel 11, Urban Justice Center; for film projects at Yale Law School and New York University; and for Japanese, British and Brazilian television.