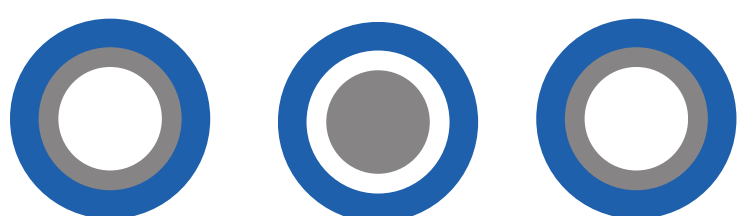


Tiara Parker

Since the night her cousin Akyra Monet Murray, 18, was killed in the mass shooting in 2016 inside the Pulse Nightclub, Tiara vowed to make sure Akyra would be remembered. Akyra graduated in the top 3% of her class, and received a full-ride scholarship to Mercyhurst College for basketball. She was so good that she had scored over 1,000 points at West Catholic High School. Tiara was also shot twice that night in Orlando where 49 people were murdered (Akyra being the youngest), yet despite her wounds, she rose to take up the fight for those whose voices were silenced. She has worked to get the right politicians into office who care about communities and has advocated for common-sense measures to stop gun violence.

A Philadelphia native, Tiara is a makeup artist who has worked in TV and hosted her own radio show; she has a background in media and journalism. Tiara also founded the Global Activists Awards, which honors people who often work behind the scenes fighting for positive societal change because, as she says, “the fight is Global.” Tiara has worked on more than 5 mass shootings.



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