



Anecdotes from panelists on the March 28, 2023 *Break the Bias* panel held at Pinecrest Gardens:

“The goal of this program is to help us reflect and learn from each other’s’ experiences and identities so that we can live in a community, free of bias, where everyone can feel valued.”

Sami Gitlin, junior at Gulliver Prep,
Moderator for Break the Bias



“We all must be willing to sacrifice some of our privileges so that humanity can have the opportunity to share more and bring solutions to the problems.”

Reverend Jeremy Upton,
Refuge Church in Homestead

“Whether aggression is large or small, racism is racism, and once it is normalized, we have to learn to break out of it as a society, and that is hard.”

Ava McCabe, sophomore at
Miami Killian Senior High School



“If you meet people with an open mind, you will learn so much; it’s OK not to know everything before talking with those of a different race.”

Jordan Bankston,
senior at Gulliver Prep

“The opening formula for fighting any bias is to be willing to say, “Hello, my name is _, what’s your story? We need to listen to each other.”

Rabbi Jeremy Barras,
Temple Beth Am

BREAK THE BIAS

What if we listened to each other?

What if we stepped up to be the change?

Join our neighbors to reflect and learn from each other’s experiences and identities so that we can live in a community, free of bias, where everyone can feel valued.

Hear from local panelists - high school students to adult community leaders - representing different races, ethnicities, faiths, ages and genders and sharing their personal stories.

“We need to realize that microaggressions add up and that we may be speaking in a way that unintentionally hurts others. Awareness is key.”

Shannon del Prado, Councilmember,
Village Council of Pinecrest

“The best way to deal with bias is to truly just be yourself. If we hide who we are, we are hiding what makes us special and unique, and what we have to offer the world.”

Johnathan L’Amoureux,
senior at School for Advanced Studies,
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