

Athena Vaughn

Athena Vaughn has been a leading figure in the LGBTQ community for over fifteen years and a recent Co Creator of Trans Resistance, a growing movement to return to the authentic origins of Pride and advocating for the safety, joy, and liberation of TQBIPOC. Driven by her faith and her lived experience as a Black, trans-woman, Athena is committed to fighting for the rights and dignity of transgender and gender non-conforming people everywhere. Athena began her work in social justice at Boston GLASS and AIDS Action. From there, she worked as the Transgender Health Care Access Coordinator at Fenway Health Institute advocating for greater health care access to transgender and LGBTQ individuals. In her role as the President of the New England Ballroom Collective, she organizes Balls for trans and queer individuals to express their full selves.