



LONG BIO:

Jacquelyn Young is a champion for public health and a catalyst for change through collaboration. Without knowing it Texas Health and Environment Alliance (THEA) was formed the day Jackie discovered what no doctor could about her and her families health - that their water was the culprit of their illnesses. It was in her hydrology class when she discovered the toxic environment in the area was making them sick through their water source.

Once she revealed what was causing the death of her animals, her father's cancer, and her own battles with seizures, loss of motor function, and endometriosis, she dedicated her undergraduate studies to the environmental issues at the root of the problem. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and knew that she wanted to continue the work. In 2014 Jackie launched Texas Health and Environment Alliance, where she has been a driving force in leading collaborative efforts across government agencies holding polluters responsible - specifically Superfund Sites.

Representing more than a half million voices in Houston and surrounding areas, Jackie has influenced more than \$115 million in clean up efforts across THEA's programs including, San Jacinto River Coalition, Jones Road Groundwater Plume, as well as, Fifth Ward cancer cluster. Voted 40 under 40 by Houston Business Journal, and the winner of Environmental Justice Award, Jacquelyn Young is the bright mind at the forefront of THEA, an organization dedicated to keeping the public informed on the quality of their environment to protect their health. Today, as the Executive Director of THEA, Jackie safeguards the environment and water resources in Texas by working diligently to keep Houston represented in crucial conversations with the FDA, EPA, as well as, in D.C.

SHORT BIO:

Jackie Young is the resounding voice of Texans who are negatively affected by toxins in their environment. With her Environmental Geology degree in hand and a passion for public health, Young discovered what no doctor could - a hidden menace that threatened the lives within her home and those of San Jacinto residents; toxic chemicals and heavy metals seeping into the water supply. Today, as the Executive Director of Texas Health and Environment Alliance, she is in the front lines of protecting public health by collaborating with government agencies, businesses, and community members to hold environmental polluters accountable.

VERBAL INTRODUCTION

Jacquelyn Young discovered what no doctor could while earning her degree in Environmental Geology - that the toxic environment in her town of Highlands, Texas had contaminated their water source. Despite daily debilitating seizures, Jackie continued to earn her degree and focused on the environment around her. Today, she is the Executive Director of Texas Health and Environment Alliance, a nonprofit based in Houston, Texas with a mission to protect water resources and public health by advocating and collaborating for the safe removal of toxic contamination caused by Superfund Sites. Please help me welcome today's speaker, Jackie Young.

**You can refer to Texas Health and Environment Alliance as THEA - pronounced as it looks Thea*