

Memorable Quotes from the Taking Nature Black Conference

“2019 was the year of climate awareness. 2020 has to be the year of climate action!” – Jerome Foster II

“In the Riverkeeper circles, I’m the Black Riverkeeper. But in Black circles, I’m their Riverkeeper.” – Fred Tuttmann, Patuxent Riverkeeper

“Bring young people to the front! Young people have been at the forefront of every major movement.”

“When we get that opportunity to speak truth to power, we have to take it... The environment does belong to all of us...We need to bring solutions to people.” – Dawone Robinson of NRDC

“We may have arrived on different ships but we are all on the same boat.”

“We need to value the work of grassroots organizers and leaders!”

“I am not supposed to be a tree hugger...I ended up in a field where there are no black people.” “I am a weirdo, and we should create more weirdos.” – Maisie Hughes, owner of Design Future

“Until the lions learn how to write, the story will always be told by the hunter.” “Success is your ability to tell your story.” – Larry Glover

“More people die from air pollution every year than gun violence and car crashes. Mostly Black and Latinx folks.” – Mustafa Ali

“The person who loves their community will build their community.” –Akiima Price

“...there are social costs of being a person of color in the environmental field.” – Maisie Hughes

“Paying people for their work is an equity issue.”

“Change the players in the room and you change the conversation.”