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# RECLAIMING OUR VOICES THROUGH COUNTERSTORIES

## WE SHALL OVERCOME

"Stories matter. Many stories matter. Stories have been used to dispossess and to malign, but stories can also be used to empower and to humanize. Stories can break the dignity of a people, but stories can also repair that broken dignity."

-Chimamanda Adichie

The sharing of counterstories provides a powerful opportunity for critical hope among students and teachers to reimagine their educational environments in order to transform and reclaim them. Utah NAME strongly believes that this reclamation of concealed stories and histories is essential to humanizing educational spaces.

Through the telling of these counterstories, we hope to provide all attendees the opportunity to explore the silenced voices and invisible experiences that are historically excluded in educational texts and curricula.

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