Women Trailblazers:
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Q: The National Women’s History Alliance has declared this year’s theme for Women’s History Month is “Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope.” What does this theme mean to you?

A: In the criminal legal system, I see an overwhelming amount of pain, suffering, trauma, and injustice. If I can provide hope to people in prison and walk with them toward freedom and healing, I have fulfilled my highest values. Hope and healing are necessary components to justice.

Q: What motivates/drives you to continue in public service?

A: For me, “public service” neither feels like a choice nor an obligation. It is simply a part of my identity, one that is motivated by the necessity to liberate people, communities, and myself.

Q: What would you consider your proudest moment – professional, academic, personal or otherwise?

A: I am proud of standing with people in their fight for freedom. I am especially proud to stand with people who have felt abandoned or forsaken by others.

Q: Who are the women who inspire you?

A: My grandmother’s effusive love and patience, alongside her fierce stubbornness, have nurtured and influenced me. I am inspired by all the women in my family who came before me and made it possible for me to thrive.

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