



Marissa Bode

Marissa Bode is an actress who made her feature film debut as Nessarose Thropp in the musical films "Wicked" (2024) and "Wicked: For Good" (2025). Born in Wisconsin, she became disabled following a car accident at age 11 and has since used a wheelchair. Marissa is passionate about representing disabled women of color in the entertainment industry and has been praised for her performances and advocacy. (Wisconsin Public Radio, 2024, "Wisconsin native makes history for her role in 'Wicked'")



Anthony Robles

Anthony Robles is a wrestler who won the 2011 NCAA individual wrestling national championship in the 125-pound weight class, despite being born with only one leg. He is also an author and motivational speaker, sharing his story of perseverance and determination. Anthony's achievements have made him a role model for many, and his life story was recently adapted into a film titled "Unstoppable". (Anthony Robles, 2025, "About")



Danielle Jinadu

Danielle Oreoluwa Jinadu is a fashion icon, content creator, and disability advocate diagnosed with Sickle Cell Anemia. She uses her platform to raise awareness about non-apparent disabilities and the importance of blood and organ donation. Danielle's elegant and minimalistic style has garnered her a loyal following, and she continues to inspire others through her advocacy and fashion sense. (TED, 2019, "The Big Black Blood Issue")



Shawn Aleong

Shawn Aleong is a disability and civil rights activist with cerebral palsy and an intellectual disability. He is currently studying legal studies and finance at Temple University and serves on multiple advisory boards, including the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Shawn is dedicated to advocating for the rights of disabled individuals and breaking down barriers for underserved communities. (AUCD, 2025, "Shawn Aleong")



Claudia Gordon

Claudia Gordon is the first Deaf Black female attorney in the United States and a prominent disability rights advocate. She has held various influential roles, including serving as an advisor on disability issues in the White House and currently working as a Senior Accessibility Strategy Partner at T-Mobile. Claudia's work focuses on promoting inclusion and accessibility, and she continues to inspire many with her dedication and achievements. (RespectAbility, 2018, "First Deaf African American Lawyer Claudia Gordon, Anti-Discrimination Advocate")