



## Jamila Gales (she/her)

**Theme Song:** *Take Up Sis* by Toni Jones

*Founder of Girls Reflecting Our World, Boston Police Officer  
Community Initiatives Liaison*

Jamila is 13-year veteran Boston Police Officer, currently assigned to the Bureau of Community Engagement as a community Initiatives liaison. Jamila founded the Girls Reflecting Our World mentorship program dedicated to providing space for inner city girls providing them with skills, resources, empowerment and new life experiences that promotes a growth mindset.

Jamila is a lifelong resident of Boston, MA, specifically Dorchester. Jamila is a graduate of the John D. O'Bryant High school of Mathematics and Science, class of 1999. She continued her education at the University of Massachusetts at Boston where she completed her undergraduate academic career graduating as a triple major (Biology, Criminal Justice, and Sociology). She also played 4 years of collegiate basketball at UMass where she was a record-breaking player, served as team captain and received numerous awards for excellence in academics and athletics. After graduation, Jamila spent years as a biologist both at Tufts University and Boston University. After completing coursework in biomedical forensics and later receiving a certificate in forensics, Jamila would go on to receive her Masters of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Jamila decided she wanted to explore the criminal justice field further, and decided to accept the invitation to the Boston Police Academy in December 2010.

Jamila, now a mother of two, Boston Police Officer by career and mentor to 35 young ladies, thrives off of creating space for innovative thinking, inspiring the future leaders of tomorrow and advocating for those around her. Jamila considers herself a natural born leader with strengthens in empowering others, being an outside the box thinker and problem solver. She believes every problem has a solution and it is our job to navigate our way to solutions. Jamila is most empowered by advocating and creating spaces for freedom of expression and growth for women and girls.