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19th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala

THE METRO NEW YORK CHAPTER
NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION, INC.

presents



THE *19th* ANNUAL
A SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS GALA

*“This Moment in Time:
Honoring Our Legacy & Leaders in Business and Education”*

December 18, 2009

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Frances W. Ferguson
President, Metro New York Chapter NMBBAA, Inc.

December 18, 2009

Welcome!

On behalf of our Executive Board of the Metro New York Chapter National Black MBA Association, Inc., I would like to welcome you to our 19th Annual Scholarship & Awards Reception and Dinner. We are pleased to have our members, corporate partners and community leaders join us this evening in celebrating 2009 as a year of notable Chapter accomplishments!

Tonight, we celebrate “This Moment in Time: Honoring our Legacy and Leaders in Business and Education” by acknowledging the talents and contributions of our leadership team, volunteers and partnering organizations. We recognize and applaud their volunteerism and commitment to the Chapter and their success in uplifting the Metro New York African-American community-at-large.

Tonight, we recognize our Chapter volunteers who have worked in association with New York Aids Walk, New York Cares and the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Foundation. We are proud of these relationships and the opportunity to deliver measurable results influencing our community and small businesses.

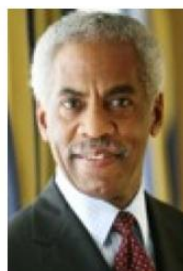
Our College Awareness Symbolizes Hope/Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Program remains a core initiative with volunteers mentoring Metro New York high school students. Tonight, we recognize the volunteer efforts of our members who mentored 100+ Metro New York students in 2008 and 2009.

I am pleased to announce that tonight we will award 10+ scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students for their academic accomplishments and business potential. We are continuing the legacy of uplifting our future business leaders.

I offer my warmest regards and congratulations to our honorees and awardees this evening for their professional accomplishments. Each award recipient exemplifies excellence and integrity in their individual profession. As our educators and business leaders, they inspire and empower. Tonight we celebrate their passion and commitment to give back to our community.

Tonight’s event would not be possible without the hard work and support of our gala planning team, speakers and corporate partners. Thank you all for your continued support of the Chapter and support of our mission. It is my honor to serve as Chapter President. Please enjoy your evening.

Yours truly,
Frances W. Ferguson
President, Metro New York Chapter NMBBAA, Inc.



December 18, 2009

Welcome All!

On behalf of the National Board of Directors, National Headquarters Staff and members of the National Black MBA Association, Inc. (NBMBA), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Metro New York Chapter's 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala. I would like to also extend my sincere thanks to the many corporate partners that have supported the Metro New York Chapter and also special congratulations to those being recognized at this evening's event.

Of special note, the Metro New York Chapter has continuously made strides toward fulfilling the NBMBA mission of creating educational opportunities and economic growth for African American professionals. This evening's event provides a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize, and celebrate, the Metro New York Chapter's many accomplishments as well as offering praise for the Chapter's leadership for their efforts to bring hope, enthusiasm and inspiration to the local African American community.

Tonight as we salute the many honorees – including those who are business leaders, entrepreneurs, scholarship winners and corporate partners, we wish you the very best and look forward to a fruitful and fulfilling relationship. Going forward, the Metro New York Chapter is poised to continue its legacy of solid accomplishments and contributions to all of its key stakeholders. My best wishes to all for being a part of this wonderful affair and also to this grand organization.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Wells, Jr.

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This Moment in Time

Honoring our Legacy & Leaders in Business and Education



Karen S. Chance &

Claudine M. Winston

19th Annual Gala Co-Chairs



Welcome!

As the Chairs of this year's Scholarship & Awards Gala, we welcome you to celebrate "This Moment in Time: Honoring our Legacy & Leaders in Business and Education". We are truly honored to have this role and to be working alongside an exceptional committee of diligent and resourceful professionals. Together we have planned an exciting evening for you and our honorees.

This evening, we should all be inspired by our honorees. They have enhanced our lives through their accomplishments, sincerity, and generosity to others. Whether it is a trusted face on television, an entrepreneur creating his/her own financial empire, an organization providing cultural and financial resources to a community or an individual who contributes to the welfare of others.

Our scholarship recipients are the true reason we are here tonight; they represent our future. Through their academic and personal achievements, they provide us with continued and strengthened faith that we can solve the problems of tomorrow. Our outreach and support of our youth is a responsibility and commitment we should all make to ensure a pipeline of black talent.

We would like to personally thank our committee members for making this evening a success. Their tireless efforts and continued energy made this event possible. Let tonight's theme "*This Moment in Time: Honoring our Legacy & Leaders in Business and Education*" be a fitting celebration our legacy, heritage, and our future. Thank you for your support, and have a wonderful evening.

With warmest regards,

Karen S. Chance & Claudine M. Winston
Co-Chairs 19th Annual Gala Committee

Menu

*Baby Spinach Leaves with
Smoked Gouda, Sundried Cherries and
Tarragon Vinaigrette*



*Duet of Citrus Marinated Petit Chicken Breast and
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National Black MBA Association

Scholarship and Awards Gala



WELCOME <i>Frances W. Ferguson</i> <i>President, Metro New York Chapter</i>
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REMARKS - MASTER OF CEREMONIES <i>DeMarco Morgan</i> <i>WNBC Anchor</i>
INVOCATION <i>Reverend Michel White-Haynes</i> <i>Greater Faith Temple, Bronx, NY</i>
PRESIDENT’S TOAST <i>Frances W. Ferguson</i>
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY SHERRY WINSTON
KEYNOTE SPEAKER <i>Carla Harris</i> <i>Wall Street Pioneer & Author</i>
PRESENTATION OF SCHLORSHIPSS <i>Rosalind Murphy</i> <i>Director of Student Relations</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS <i>Karen S. Chance & Claudine M. Winston</i>
RECOGNITION OF OUR LEGACY <i>Cherri Illidge McKenna</i> <i>Vice President of Operations</i>
 <i>Martine Saint-Vil &</i> <i>Gala Committee Members</i>
RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEES & CLOSING REMARKS <i>Frances W. Ferguson</i>

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WHEREAS, THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS EDUCATION AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR, THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION IS CELEBRATING THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON URBAN ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE AND USTA EASTERN, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP GROWTH TARGETS, THE SUCCESS OF THE YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM, AND THE LEVERAGING OF RENEWED CORPORATE PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING ITS 19TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS GALA WITH THE THEME "THIS MOMENT IN TIME: HONORING OUR LEGACY OF LEADERS IN BUSINESS AND EDUCATION" AT THE NEW YORK W HOTEL IN MANHATTAN ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009; AND

WHEREAS, THE ANNUAL GALA SERVES AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR NEW YORK STUDENTS AND TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THEIR CORPORATE SPONSORS, LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO NEW YORK'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN ORGANIZATIONS OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM AND COMMEND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE EDIFICATION AND EMULATION OF OTHERS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT I, SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MALCOLM A. SMITH, RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION WE HAVE AN ORGANIZATION WORTHY OF OUR HIGHEST RESPECT AND ESTEEM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK MBA ASSOCIATION DURING TODAY'S CELEBRATION.



DATED: DECEMBER 18, 2009
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE

MALCOLM A. SMITH
NEW YORK STATE SENATE
14TH DISTRICT

December 18, 2009

Dear Friends:

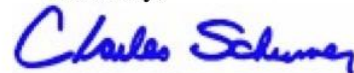
Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather for the National Black MBA Association, Inc.'s 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala themed "This Moment in Time: Honoring our Legacy of Leaders in Business and Education." I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of the NBMBA, its leadership, its supporters and tonight's honorees on this wonderful occasion.

Since its inception in 1970, the NBMBA has dedicated itself to helping create economic and intellectual wealth in the African-American community in New York State and around the country. With partnerships with over 400 top organizations in the United States, the NBMBA has made significant inroads in creating economic wealth and prosperity in the African-American community but also helping so many individuals achieve the American Dream. I applaud NBMBA's commitment to this extremely important and noble endeavor.

Further, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate tonight's honorees; Ruby Dee, Michael Phillips, Derek Jones, Andrew Morrison, American Express, Geoff Canada, Desiree Dancy, Danita Branam and Fred Riley. I am honored in joining everyone gathered here tonight in recognizing these outstanding individuals for their dedication to the mission of the NBMBA. They are certainly deserving of tonight's accolades and I know they will continue to work hard on behalf of this wonderful organization.

Again, thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of all New Yorkers. I know the National Black MBA Association, Inc. will continue its work in creating economic success for our state and our country for many years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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CHARLES B. RANGEL
CHAIRMAN

November 24, 2009

Honorable Frances W. Ferguson
President
Global Alumni Network for the University of Pennsylvania
30 West 44th Street, 11th Floor
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Dear Ms. Ferguson,

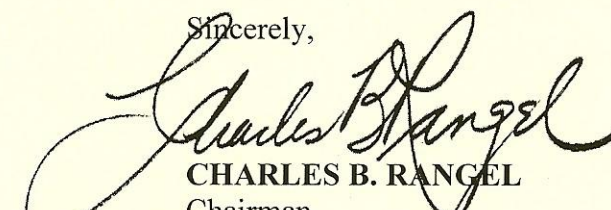
It is with great enthusiasm and much pleasure that I congratulate your Chapter on its 19th Annual Scholarship & Awards Reception Dinner taking place at the W New York Hotel. I am so proud of the meaningful work your organization has accomplished in its mission of serving the African American community, especially this year's special tribute to our leaders in business and in education.

For many years now, the NY Chapter of the National Black MBA Association has continued to lead in the creation of economic and intellectual wealth for African Americans in the New York Metro area. Through its various projects and services NYNBMBAA has produced great results that have changed the lives of many, truly making a difference in the world. The College Awareness Symbolizes Hope/Leaders of Tomorrow (CASH/LOT) Mentorship Volunteer Program has helped to inspire students in the metropolitan New York area to not only graduate from high school, but have the opportunity to pursue college and graduate study.

Having committed my political life in service to families confronted with health, employment and educational issues, I continue to be touched by the level of commitment and compassion I see in the NYNBMBAA's work. Such commitments to the NY Metro's African American community are remarkable and deserving of never-ending praise, and your partnership with the William Jefferson Clinton Foundation speaks to the dedication and commitment of all of your alumni partners and friends.

I am especially pleased to salute three very special friends of mine who are being honored this evening: Ruby Dee, Barbara Smith and Geoffrey Canada. You all have sacrificed and have accomplished so much in lifting the lives of the countless many and less fortunate so our Nation will flourish and America can continue to be strong. I am extremely grateful to all of you and all of this year's honorees.

Sincerely,


CHARLES B. RANGEL
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means

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DAVID A. PATERSON
GOVERNOR

December 18, 2009

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala of the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association.

Since its inception, the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association has empowered countless members of New York's African-American community toward academic and professional success, serving as both an invaluable educational resource and a visible, positive presence in the greater metropolitan community. Through scholarships, career guidance and development opportunities, and public service initiatives, the Metro New York Chapter provides its members with the tools they need to become the next generation of leaders in the classroom, boardroom, and community.

Each year, the *Scholarship and Awards Gala* provides an opportunity to reward exceptional high school and college students and spotlight outstanding individuals who have helped the Chapter in its mission to empower New York's African-American community. I am proud to join with everyone gathered in recognizing this year's scholarship and awards recipients for their leadership and commitment to excellence.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association and its volunteers and community partners for your exemplary leadership, dedication, and many valuable contributions to the metropolitan region and the Empire State.

With warmest regards, and best wishes to all for a wonderful evening and much future success.

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December 18, 2009

Metro New York NMBBAA, Inc.
P.O. Box 8135
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Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincerest greetings as you gather for the 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala of the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association, "This Moment in Time: Honoring our Legacy and Leaders in Business and Education."

Since its incorporation in 1994, the Metro New York Chapter of the NMBBAA has been dedicated to the Association's mission of creating economic and intellectual wealth for the area's African American Community. Through programs and initiatives such as the CASH/LOT Program and its relationships with the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Foundation, New York AIDS Walk and New York Cares, the Chapter has demonstrated its tireless commitment to volunteerism. For all they have done to improve the quality of life for countless individuals, everyone associated with the Chapter can be very proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud all of the individuals being recognized tonight - Ruby Dee, Barbara Smith, Michael Phillips, Derek Jones, Andrew Morrison, Geoff Canada, Danita Branam, Nathaniel Christian, and Fred Riley - as they are acknowledged for leadership and excellence within their professions and their tireless efforts on behalf of their community. In addition, tonight's scholarship recipients can take great pride in having their academic accomplishments and business potential recognized by such a distinguished organization. I salute them for a job well done.

Again, congratulations to the honorees and the scholarship winners, and best wishes to the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association for continued success.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO



December 18, 2009

Greetings,

On behalf of New York's 11th Congressional District, it is my honor to extend warm greetings to the Metro NY Chapter of the National Black MBA Association on the occasion of your 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala.

I would like to commend Frances Ferguson, President, and the Board of Directors for your leadership of such a vital organization in today's society. For many years, you have fulfilled your mission to "lead in the creation of economic and intellectual wealth for the Metro New York African American community." I would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of both this chapter and your membership, who reflect the great strides that you have made over the years. On behalf of all New Yorkers, specifically the residents of Brooklyn, I would like to thank you for your invaluable contributions to our community.

It is my hope that the Metro NY Chapter of the National Black MBA Association will continue in its efforts to educate, mentor, provide scholarships, and promote volunteerism within our community. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvette D. Clarke".

*Yvette D. Clarke
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the Metro New York
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winners for 2009.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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December 18, 2009

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome all those attending the 19th Annual Scholarship & Awards Reception and Dinner, hosted by the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association.

Since its establishment, this organization has done outstanding work expanding economic and educational opportunities for African Americans. Whether it is providing scholarships to promising business students, promoting volunteerism and service, running an exceptional mentoring program, or offering vital support to entrepreneurs through its partnership with the Clinton Foundation, NBMBA has done so much to strengthen and advance African American communities in the five boroughs and beyond. Its efforts are helping to build a better city for all New Yorkers, and I am proud to join everyone gathered in applauding the Metro New York Chapter on its tremendous accomplishments. I especially commend tonight's honorees for their remarkable commitment to giving back to the community and improving other people's lives—and congratulate this year's scholarship recipients on the hard work and dedication that have earned them this incredible honor.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

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is possibility and where there is possibility change can occur*
- Jesse Jackson -

December 8, 2009

Ms. Frances W. Ferguson
President
Metro New York NBMBA Inc
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New York, New York 10116

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) Inc. on your organization's Nineteenth Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala. It is indeed a noble occasion when individuals are recognized and honored for their contributions in improving the quality of life in communities. Your dedication to providing educational and business opportunities to the African American community of New York City is invaluable and your commitment to service is life changing.

Salutations to this year's honorees: **Ruby Dee**, Grammy award winning actress; **Michael Phillips**, International artist; **Derek Jones**, Managing Director, Credit Suisse; **Andrew Morrison**, Founder, Small Business Camp; **American Express**, Corporate Partner; **Geoff Canada**, Civic Leader; **Desiree Dancy**, Chief Diversity Officer, NY Times; **Danita Branam**, Founder, Development School for Youth and **Fred Riley**, Board Member, NBMBA Inc., Metro New York Chapter. Your accomplishments were attained only through diligence and hard work, and the rewards are worth the sacrifice.

Once again, congratulations and thank you for your commitment and devotion in providing leadership that facilitates development, growth and opportunities. Your vital and selfless contributions have made you beacons in our communities. Continue the good work of providing a helping hand and making New York a better place to live.

Very truly yours,


John L. Sampson
Member, State Senate
19th Senatorial District

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25th District

December 18th, 2009

Frances W. Ferguson
President of Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 8138
New York, NY 10116

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Metro New York chapter of the National Black MBA Association on the occasion of its 19th Annual Scholarship and Award Gala.

I respect and admire all that the Metro New York chapter has done to nurture leadership, volunteerism, and integrity within the African-American community in New York. The chapter has helped to support future generations of leaders through its scholarship and financial aid opportunities and should take pride in its many successes.

I would like to also congratulate the honorees and awardees of the night, as well the Chapter's leaders, business partners, educators, and volunteers. I look forward to serving the community in partnership with the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association in the coming years. As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-298-5565.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron
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MARTIN MALAVE DILAN
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November 20, 2009

Dear Friends,

Please allow me to commend your association's efforts and accomplishments as you partake in your chapter's 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala. The Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association's achievements are truly a reason to celebrate here tonight.

Your members' dedication to and support of education is truly commendable. A developed body with an unchallenged mind is like a sailboat without an experienced captain. Surely the vessel floats and may be taken out to sea, but it best not leave the comforting view of the shore. Add a seasoned seaman and this vessel can explore the world - gaining perspective, navigating a tumultuous sea with confidence and experience, and ultimately achieving its' full potential.

Your actions enable many entrepreneurs and young minds to dream and to reach their full potential. This is something each and every one of you, especially those honored here tonight, should be justifiably proud of. It is with my sincerest desire that I wish success for those of you here tonight who are on the path to achieving their dreams.

Again, congratulations upon the occasion of your 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala.

Sincerely,

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December 18, 2009

Dear Friends and Members of the Metro Chapter:

I want to congratulate Frances W. Ferguson, President, Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association, Karen Chance and Claudine Winston, Gala-Co-Chairs and the members of the Chapter on the occasion of their 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala.

The Chapter has earned increasing accolades as one of the most prominent in the National Black MBA Association and its efforts are more important than ever in this time of financial crisis which is evident most visibly in our minority communities.

Through networking, training, financial education, the awarding of scholarships and the mentoring of local youth, the Metro Chapter has become one of our City's most important economic resources.

This evening the Metro Chapter is honoring individuals and one corporation that have always been there to empower our communities.

I want to salute our great actress, **Ruby Dee**, Chief Diversity Officer of the New York Times, **Desiree Dancy**, international artist **Michael Phillips**, banker **Derek Jones**, executive of the "Small Business Camp", **Andrew Morris**, civic leader, **Geoff Canada**, youth educator **Danita Branam**, attorney, **Nathaniel Christian**, Metro board member **Fred Riley** and Metro's corporate partner, **American Express**.

Continue your good work providing hope and resources to young scholars and entrepreneurs in our minority communities who must lead us out of this recession.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Frances W. Ferguson, President
The National Black MBA Assoc., (NBMBA) Inc.
Metro New York Chapter
PO Box 8135
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Dear President Ferguson:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to write to congratulate the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) Inc. on the occasion of its 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala. I applaud your organization as it continues to strive for excellence.

This year's theme, **"This Moment in Time: Honoring our Legacy and Leaders in Business and Education,"** is in keeping with a personal belief dear to my heart, and that is that we *ought* to give honor to those among us to whom honor is due. Therefore, I join with you in saluting those wonderful individuals who have so unselfishly given of themselves for the betterment of our community. I am delighted to see that their labors have not gone unnoticed. I congratulate all of this year's deserving honorees and awardees.

On behalf of the residents of the Sixteenth Council District of the City of New York, whom I represent, and myself, I congratulate and commend the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA on its outstanding accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Helen Diane Foster

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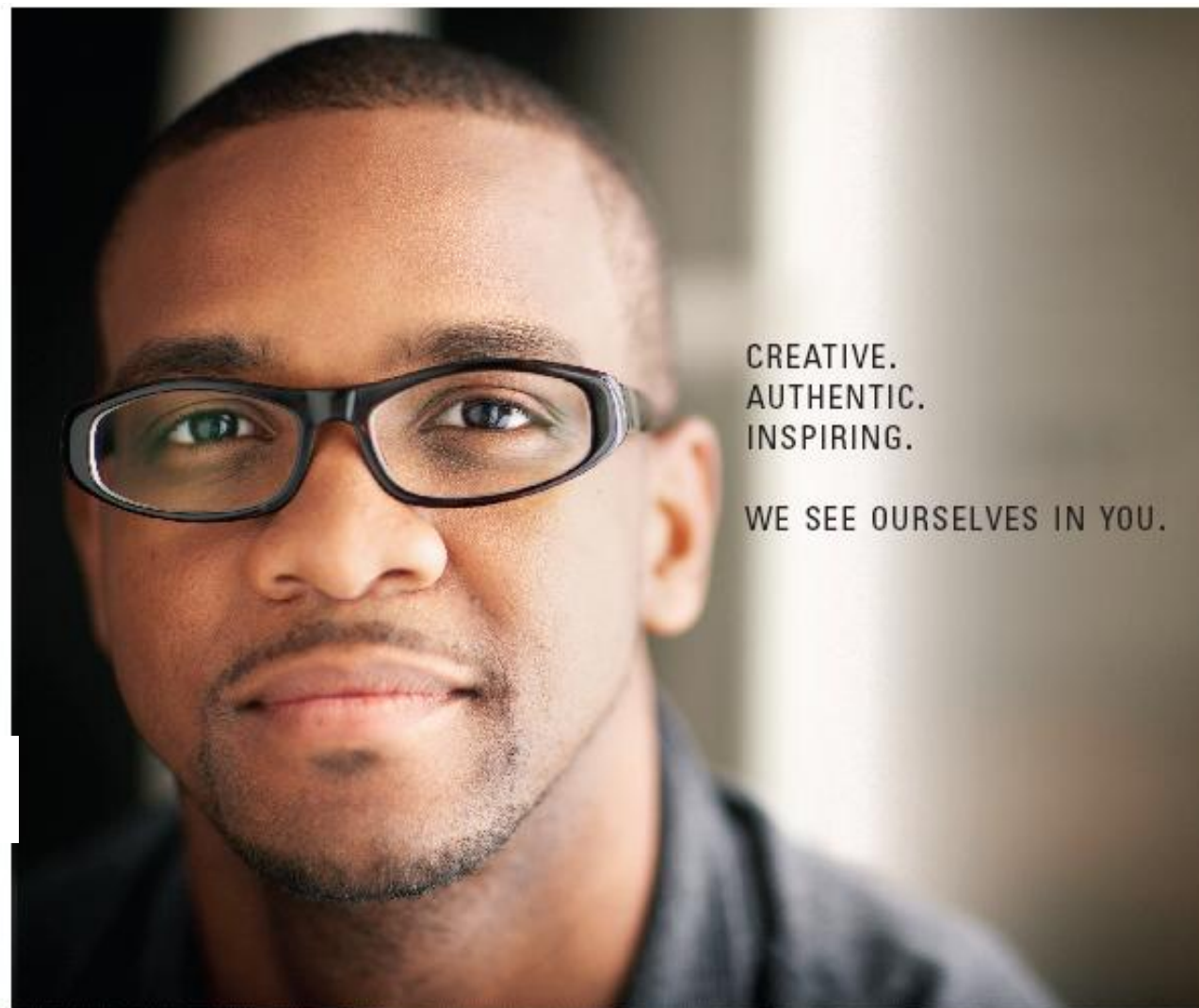
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WOMEN'S ISSUES

December 18, 2009

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the 35th Council District, I am pleased to send greetings to the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) on the occasion of their Chapter's 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala.

Members of the NBMBA have shown outstanding leadership and an unwavering commitment to the community by providing education and business opportunities for African Americans in the New York area, as well as invaluable scholarship support for students with community ties to New York. This annual event is an excellent reminder of the important role of education within the African American community, and in all of our lives.

It is my honor and pleasure to give special recognition to this year's awardees. Congratulations to you all; we have much to celebrate on this wonderful occasion and many reasons to be proud.

Again, it is my pleasure to offer words of praise to the National Black MBA Association; your good works in New York City and for the world are commendable!

Sincerely,

Letitia James
Member of the City Council





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MARTY MARKOWITZ
President

December 18, 2009

Frances W. Ferguson
President, Metro New York NMBAA Inc.
P.O. Box 8135
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Dear Friends,

Brooklyn is widely renowned as the African-American heart and soul of this nation, and because it maintains a special bond with those countries from which our many African-American residents trace their roots, it is most fitting that we recognize those venerable organizations that promote and support the professional and educational endeavors of African-Americans, and that are dedicated to improving the quality of life for all Brooklynites. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to President Frances W. Ferguson, the dedicated officers, members and supporters of the Metro New York National Black MBA Association, Inc., (NMBBAA) as you gather on the joyous occasion of your 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala.

There is no greater calling than the pursuit of education and sharing that education with others. I join with the supporters gathered here today to acknowledge the on-going work of NMBBAA in their efforts to leverage business and educational opportunities for African Americans in the metro area, offer scholarship support to needy and deserving high school students, undergrad, graduate and PhD students with ties to the community, and to recognize the corporate sponsors, local businesses and community leaders who have contributed significantly to New York's African American community.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute and commend President Ferguson, gala co-chair Karen Chance the dedicated officers, members and supporters of Metro New York National Black MBA Association Inc., on the auspicious occasion of their 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala with the theme "This Moment in Time: Honoring the Legacy of Leaders in Business and Education." Furthermore, I congratulate today's honorees as they are most justifiably paid tribute, and I thank everyone present for making Brooklyn a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Marty Markowitz

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Honoring Our Legacy: 39 Years of

The Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association, Inc. is overjoyed to welcome you to our 19th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala, themed “This Moment in Time: Honoring Our Legacy and Leaders in Business and Education”!

Since the Chapter’s creation in 1970, we’ve been led and supported by individuals who were driven by a strong desire to be excellent and help others achieve their greatest goals. Academics, corporate executives, students and philanthropists have all contributed to making this Chapter the pre-eminent business organization for African Americans in the New York City area. Their efforts culminated in many “Only” and “First” milestones among NBMBA chapters and other minority groups- For example, The Metro New York Chapter is the *only* Chapter to receive a Letter of Proclamation from its state legislative body; the *only* chapter to establish a partnership with the William J. Clinton Foundation, the *only* organization to partner with the Executive Leadership Council (ELC) to pilot their professional mentoring program; and the *first* New York minority organization to host an exclusive executive career fair for over 300 of its members and 20 plus corporate partners.

Each era in the Chapter’s 39-year history contributed unique elements which continue to influence a legacy of excellence. All of these eras are held together by a common thread, that chapter members have always had a keen ability to identify and meet specific needs of professionals and the New York community. Please join us in saluting our Pioneers, Trailblazers and Transformers!

PIONEERS (1970 through 1985)

The Chapter was founded in response to a prejudice and a politically charged environment. African Americans were locked out of most executive positions. The few who gained access recognized they had to actively work with their counterparts across industries to change the landscape and ensure many others followed them.

In the late 1960’s, minority MBA students from schools like the University of Chicago, Columbia, New York University and Harvard set-out to develop cross-campus relationships which continued to flourish after graduation. Students who settled in the New York City area were among the first African Americans to initiate support channels between professionals. Each member acted as a sounding board, resource, advisor and pathway to new opportunities. They worked from within their companies to improve the access others had to corporate America. The success of these informal networks prompted these individuals to form an official organization to increase its impact.

Founded in 1970, The Metro New York Chapter was the first professional group in New York to connect professionals, students and corporations with the goal of providing career development and broadening African American entrée to positions of influence. Within its first 15 years, we established a model for corporate development, the Entrepreneurial Awards Program to annually honor ten outstanding entrepreneurs and the Gold Note Awards to recognize exceptional Jazz artists. The Chapter also quickly stepped onto the national stage by hosting the first two-day NBMBA Conference Career Fair and partnering with the United Nations to help acclimate African ambassadors and students to the US through involvement in Chapter and National events.

TRAILBLAZERS (1986 through 1999)

To support the growing size and complexities of the African American professional community, the Metro New York Chapter initiated a series of programs and corporate partnerships that continue today and acted as the blueprint for national programs. This era also ushered in a new focus on both undergraduate and graduate students, literally creating a pipeline of the next generation of trailblazers.

The Chapter was incorporated as a 501c3 non-profit organization in 1994. Other internal changes included the establishment of the Board of Directors, elected offices and formal committees. These structural changes allowed the Chapter to more effectively serve its members. These years mark the beginning of the College Awareness Symbolized Hope (CASH) program (which was the model for the national Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) program), academic scholarships, small business support and formal corporate partnerships with companies such as American Express to

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From January to June of each year, the Metro New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association sponsors the College Awareness Symbolizes Hope/Leaders of Tomorrow Program. CASH/LOT is designed to provide African-American high school students with awareness of the economic and social advantages of graduating high school and continuing their education.

The CASH/LOT Program consists of college preparatory workshops under the guidance of dedicated mentors. At the end of the workshops, qualifying students will be awarded acceptance to and funding for the “College Bound” Tour—an eight (8) day tour of Historically Black Colleges and Universities hosted by the ETA Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Pioneers, Trailblazers and Transformers

Directly support executive development and career fairs. The Chapter also began to celebrate its accomplishments with an annual scholarship and awards reception where the best and brightest of our community were acknowledged for their contributions. Many chapter members were also politically active and played critical roles to help David Dinkins win his campaign to be elected New York’s first (and only) African American Mayor.

TRANSFORMERS (2000 through Today)

The Chapter now faces a hypercompetitive business world characterized by technological advances and the worst economic climate since the great depression. Despite these challenges, the Chapter surpassed its previous successes and continues to find new ways to support its members, maintain fiscal autonomy and promote community outreach and volunteerism.

The Chapter currently has over 40 corporate partners, supports 100+ high school students through the CASH/LOT program and has more than 580 registered members. Over the past ten years, we’ve partnered with numerous executives and the Executive Leadership Council (ELC) to provide distinct career counseling for midcareer and executive level professions and to host the first series of professional development discussions named the Business Advisory Program. During this period we’ve also hosted the largest executive-level job fair partnering with over 20 New York City companies. The Chapter strengthened its community bonds by prompting member volunteerism to support the New York Aids Walk and the New York Cares program. Over the past five years, we cemented an exclusive, 18-month nationwide partnership with the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation to support almost 20 small businesses in the poorest congressional districts in the US and have awarded more than \$35k in academic scholarships surpassing any other period in our nearly 40 year history. The Chapter also transformed the annual reception into a Black-Tie Gala to reflect the scale of member accomplishments and corporate partnerships.

The professional and civic communities have acknowledged our impact through their continuing support and accolades. Corporate partners value the Chapter’s ability to develop talent and have increased their fiscal support and source many of their next group of leaders from our membership. Many state and federal dignitaries have written declarations of the far reaching effects of our programs. And one of the greatest testaments to our success is our membership which continues to be comprised of a wide variety of African Americans who look to us for professional growth.

Through program series, greater civic focus and a strong vision to improve the collective voice of African Americans, this era confirms the Chapter’s position as the “go-to” organization among New York’s professionals and corporate diversity recruiters.

As we approach 2010, we look forward to all of your continuous support. Your attendance tonight is evidence that you recognize the importance of our organization and the increasing need to grow strong networks for African Americans in the Greater New York area.

Tonight, as we celebrate all of our and your accomplishments remember how far the Chapter has come since 1970 and consider what can help propel us into the next decade of professional networks, entrepreneurial initiatives and community support.

The Metro New York Chapter, the Board of Directors and the general body thanks you for your support in the pursuit of these milestones. Enjoy this year’s Gala!

- The Gala Journal Committee

Special Thanks To Carl Fields Jr, Frances Ferguson, Jaydee Hudson, Mary McElrath-Jones, Antoinette Malveaux, Lynn Owens and Derryl Reed for their outstanding contribution to the Chapter and assistance in writing this selection.



DeMarco Morgan

WNBC Anchor & Reporter
Master of Ceremonies

DeMarco Morgan joined WNBC in November 2008 from WTVJ in Miami where he co-anchored the "South Florida Nightly News". He began his broadcasting career in the Big Apple while working on his Master's Degree at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism where he covered the September 11th attacks. Morgan's reporting beat took him through the streets of Brooklyn, parts of Queens, Manhattan and Harlem in his efforts to find fascinating stories about everyday New Yorkers.

After graduation, Morgan landed his first reporting job at CBS affiliate WJTV in Jackson, Mississippi, and then later moved on to ABC affiliate WISN in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he anchored and reported for the station's morning newscasts. Morgan then joined NBC6 in Miami as an anchor and reporter in 2007.

Morgan has been honored with several Associated Press and broadcasting awards. He has interviewed former U.S. President Bill Clinton, Africa's first elected female Head of State, and has covered a wide range of stories from corporate scandals to the nation's first civil rights era murder prosecution by federal authorities.

Morgan is a strong advocate of community service. He has volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the American Cancer Society, NAACP, served on the board of managers for the YMCA, and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. In 2006 he received the NABJ National Community Service Award.

While in Milwaukee, Morgan was the Honorary Grand Marshal two years in a row for the United Negro College Fund. He has served as a spokesperson for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund based in New York City, which has provided more than 100 million dollars in scholarships to students attending public historically black Colleges and Universities. Morgan's speaking abilities have taken him across the country from Las Vegas to the nation's capital hosting receptions at the Congressional Black Caucus conventions.

Morgan graduated with honors from Jackson State University in Mississippi. He then went on to earn his Masters Degree at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and while there helped start the J-School's student chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). Morgan taught Journalism at JSU for two years and taught English at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Morgan was named one of the only African Americans ranked in the nation's Top Ten Collegiate Journalists in the country in 2001 by Scripps Howard and named one of Ebony Magazine's Top 30 Future Young Leaders of America in 2006. He was recently named one of South Florida Magazine's top 40 most influential black professionals in 2008.

Morgan resides in Manhattan. His motto in life can be found in the African Proverb, "Care more than others think is wise. Risk more than others think is safe. Dream more than others think is practical. And expect more than others think is possible

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Desiree Dancy

Chief Diversity Officer - The New York Times Company

President's Legacy Award

Desiree Dancy was named Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President, Corporate Human Resources in June 2009. In this role, Ms. Dancy continues to lead The New York Times Company's diversity and inclusion efforts; in addition, she is responsible for corporate human resources and The New York Times College Scholarship and Neediest Cases programs. Previously she had served as vice president, diversity and inclusion for the Times Company since October 2006.

Before joining the Times Company, Ms. Dancy spent 12 years in corporate diversity with major investment banks in New York, including Credit Suisse and Goldman Sachs.

She is a member of the Executive Leadership Council and sits on the Executive Committee of the American Advertising Federation's Mosaic Council. She is also a member of the Newspaper Association of America's Media Diversity Networking Group.

Ms. Dancy received a B.A. degree from Audrey Cohen College in 1994 and a M.S. degree from The New School University in 1998.



Pastor Michel White-Haynes

Invocation

Pastor Michel White-Haynes is the Founder and Pastor of the Greater Faith Temple Church of the Living God in the Bronx, N.Y. She carries an apostolic mantle upon her life and has been called by God to be a covering for a number of ministries. She is the Overseer of Greater Faith Temple Ministry Alliance, [GFTMA] covering Greater Faith Ministries [Harrisburg, PA], Bountiful Blessings [Hempstead, NY], Greater Blessed Hope [Mt. Vernon, NY], GFT Living Word Ministries [Monticello, NY] GFT Rhema Christian Worship Center [Newburgh, NY] and Revelation Universal Worship Center [Summerville, SC]. Also part of GFTMA is Redeeming Hearts Ministry [Bronx, NY]. We believe that this is Pastor Haynes' season and we look forward to this alliance [GFTMA] expanding to include other churches and ministries in the very near future.

Pastor Michel White-Haynes is a proponent of the importance of education and leads by example. She is a graduate of Fordham University holding a B.A. in Psychology. She also holds a Bachelor of Theology and Religious Education from the American Bible College and is an advanced graduate student of the Manhattan Bible Institute in New York City.

She is multi-talented and she has been favored with a tremendous music ministry that includes: singing, training choirs, choir directing and playing various instruments.

Pastor White-Haynes is extremely interested in uniting the Kingdom. Her tireless efforts to assist new ministries, young ministries and all ministries whenever she's called upon to minister, teach and encourage cannot go without being mentioned. Her credentials and gifts coupled with her anointing have made Pastor White Haynes a formidable vessel fit for the Master's use.

Pastor White-Haynes is a leader who watches for the souls of her sheep and loves unconditionally. She lives the life she preaches about and leads by example with integrity.

Pastor Michel White-Haynes is also an innovative new author, with a newly released book titled: *Left-Handed Victory – The Autobiography of Michel White-Haynes Forward by Bishop George Bloomer*.

She is a pastor in love with God, with a compassion for people and has led her congregation into greater heights, deeper depths and Greater Faith in God.



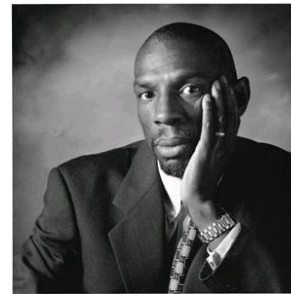
Carla Harris

Wall Street Pioneer, Author, Speaker
Keynote Speaker

Carla Harris is a Managing Director in the Strategic Client Group at Morgan Stanley Investment Management providing investment advice to Corporations, Public Pension Plans, Foundations and Endowments. She also heads the Emerging Managers Platform. She formerly headed the equity capital markets effort for the Consumer and Retail industries and was responsible for Equity Private Placements. Ms. Harris has extensive industry experiences in the technology, media, retail, telecommunications, transportation, industrial, and healthcare sectors.

Ms. Harris began her career with Morgan Stanley in the Mergers & Acquisitions department in 1987. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, Carla received from Harvard Business School an MBA, *Second Year Honors* and an AB in economics from Harvard University, *Magna Cum Laude*. Carla Harris is actively involved in her community and heartily believes that “we are blessed so that we can be a blessing to someone else.” As a result, Carla has funded the Carla Harris Scholarship Fund at Harvard University and at Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, Florida.

She is the Chair of the Board of the Morgan Stanley Foundation and sits on the boards of Food Bank for NYC, The Executive Leadership Council, Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO), A Better Chance, Inc., The Apollo Theater Foundation, Mt. Sinai Hospital, the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, and is an active member of the St. Charles Gospelites of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Mark Howell Singers. Ms. Harris is also on the board of the Maya Angelou Research for Minority Health and was a member of the Board of Overseers’ Committee on University Resources, Harvard University. Ms. Harris is a member of the National Social Action Commission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She has received the Bert King Award from the Harvard Business School African American Alumni Association, the 2005 Women’s Professional Achievement Award from Harvard University, the Pierre Toussaint Medallion from the Office of Black Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York, the Women of Power Award given by the National Urban League, the Bill and Camille Cosby Award given by Associated Black Charities, the NASP New York’s Wall Street Hall of Fame Award, Blazing New Trails award from the Robert A. Toigo Foundation, the Bethune Award from the National Council of Negro Women, the Ron Brown Trailblazer Award from St. John’s University School of Law, the Women of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of Greater Essex and Hudson Counties, and the Frederick Douglass Award given by the New York Urban League. In her other life, Carla is a singer, and has released her second CD, a gospel album entitled, *Joy is Waiting*, which has been featured on *BET Nightly News*. Her first CD entitled, “*Carla’s First Christmas*”, was a bestseller on Amazon.com in New York and in record stores, and was featured on the *CBS Evening News with Dan Rather* in his “American Dream” segment. She is also the author of the newly released book, *Expect to Win* (Hudson Press).



Geoffrey Canada

President Harlem Children’s Zone
President’s Legacy Award

Mr. Geoffrey Canada grew up in the South Bronx in a poor, sometimes-violent neighborhood. Despite his troubled surroundings, Mr. Canada was able to succeed academically, receiving a bachelor of arts degree from Bowdoin College and a master's degree in education from the Harvard School of Education. After graduating from Harvard, Mr. Canada decided to work to help children who, like himself, were disadvantaged by their lives in poor, embattled neighborhoods.

Drawing upon his own childhood experiences and at the Harlem Children's Zone, Mr. Canada has written two books: "Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America," published in 1995 by Beacon Press, and "Reaching Up for Manhood: Transforming the Lives of Boys in America," published in 1998 by Beacon Press. In its review of "Fist Stick Knife Gun," Publishers Weekly, "a more powerful depiction of the tragic life of urban children and a more compelling plea to end ‘America's war against itself’ cannot be imagined."

For his years of work advocating for children and families in some of America's most devastated communities, Mr. Canada was a recipient of the first Heinz Award in 1994. In 2009, he was named the winner of the John Gardner Leadership Award by the Independent Sector. In 2004, he was given the Harold W. McGraw Jr. Prize in Education and Child Magazine's Children's Champion Award.

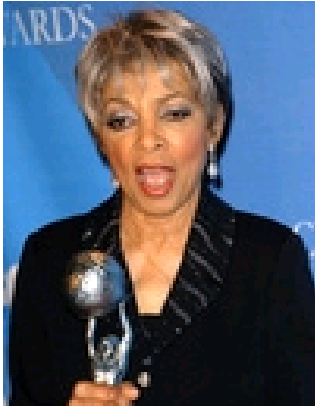
He has also received the Heroes of the Year Award from the Robin Hood Foundation, The Jefferson Award for Public Service, the Spirit of the City Award from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Brennan Legacy Award from New York University and the Common Good Award from Bowdoin College. He has received honorary degrees from Harvard University, Bowdoin College, Williams College, John Jay College, Bank Street College and Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary.

In 2006, Mr. Canada was selected by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as co-chair of The Commission on Economic Opportunity, which was asked to formulate a plan to significantly reduce poverty. In 2007, he was appointed co-chair of New York State Governor's Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

Mr. Canada is also the East Coast Regional Coordinator for the Black Community Crusade for Children. The Crusade is a nationwide effort to make saving black children the top priority in the black community. This initiative is coordinated by Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund.

Mr. Canada joined Harlem Children's Zone, Inc. (then called the Rheedlen Foundation) in 1983, as Education Director. Prior to that, he worked as Director of the Robert White School, a private day school for troubled inner-city youth in Boston.

The National Book Award-winning author Jonathan Kozol called Mr. Canada, "One of the few authentic heroes of New York and one of the best friends children have, or ever will have, in our nation."



Ruby Dee

Actress, Pioneer and Activist
President's Legacy Award

Ms. Ruby Dee, although born in Cleveland, Ohio, considers herself a product of Harlem, where she grew up and began her career as a member of the American Negro Theatre. She received her B.A. from Hunter College, and later studied acting with Paul Mann, Lloyd Richards and Morris Carnovsky.

Her most recent roles have been in *American Gangster*, with Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe; in *Steamroom*, with Dick Anthony Williams and Ally Sheedy; and in the independent film *Clarksdale*. In 2005, she starred in *Number 2*, a New Zealand comedy-drama which won the Audience Award at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival and for which she was awarded New Zealand's highest acting honors. Ms. Dee is featured with Julie Harris in the *The Way Back Home*. She was also featured in the Oprah Winfrey television production of *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

Some of her favorite roles on stage and screen include Lutiebelle in *Purlie Victorious* (written by her late husband, Ossie Davis); Ruth in *A Raisin in the Sun*; Lena in *Boesman and Lena*, for which she received an Obie and a Drama Desk award; and Mary Tyrone in *A Long Day's Journey Into Night*, for which she received a Cable ACE award. Other notable credits include *Anna Lucasta*, *Wedding Band*, *St. Lucy's Eyes*, *The Jackie Robinson Story*, *Uptight* (which she co-wrote), *Buck and the Preacher*, *Countdown at Kusini* (which she co-produced with Delta Sigma Theta sorority), *Do The Right Thing*, *Jungle Fever*, *Peyton Place*, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *The Stand*, and *Having Our Say*. She has received several Emmy nominations, and in 1991, won an Emmy for her performance in *Decoration Day*.

In 2006, Ms. Dee released the selected speeches and writings of Ossie Davis in *Life Lit by Some Large Vision*, in bookstores now. She is also the author of two children's books, *Tower to Heaven* and *Two Ways to Count to Ten*; a book of poetry and short stories, *My One Good Nerve* (which she has adapted into a solo performance piece); and *With Ossie and Ruby: In This Life Together*, a joint autobiography co-authored with her late husband—recently released on audio and nominated for a Grammy Award. She has also narrated several audio books, including Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (for which performance she won an Audie Award).

In 1988, Ms. Dee was inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame. With Mr. Davis, she has been inducted into the NAACP Image Award Hall of Fame, awarded the Silver Circle Award by the Academy of Television Arts and Science, the National Medal of Arts Award, and the Screen Actors Guild's Lifetime Achievement Award. In December 2004, Ms. Dee and Mr. Davis were recipients of the John F. Kennedy Center Honors. She is a member of Actors' Equity Association, the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and the Writers Guild.



Sherry Winston

Musical Performance Guest

Sherry Winston has performed in many of the major concert halls throughout the U.S. including Carnegie Hall, Constitution Hall, and Lincoln Center and at the Kennedy Center. She is a musician, composer, and businesswoman who handle all of her own bookings, negotiating and management of her band.

Sherry had the honor of performing for two sitting presidents. For President and Mrs. Clinton during their last holiday party at the White House, and for former President George H.W. Bush at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in NYC. Sherry has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Ebony*, *Black Enterprise*, *Essence* and *More Magazines*.

Sherry has been a featured guest on the *Today Show*, *"Emeril Live,"* and has co-hosted and performed on 8 shows for Bet TV.

Sherry released 5 CD's with her first *"Do It For Love,"* going to #1 on BRE and the Black Excellence Charts. *"Love Madnes,"* and *"Life is Love & Love is You,"* was Top 10 at Billboard Magazine. Sherry's third CD *"Love Is..."* won the WBLS "Quiet Storm" award and reached top 10 at "Radio and Records," an industry tip sheet.

Sherry's 4th CD, *"Life is Love & Love is You,"* features the late Grover Washington, Jr., saxophonist, Najee, guitarist, Norman Brown, and the late award winning vocalist, Jon Lucien. Bobby Lyle is featured with his wonderfully powerful keyboard solo. That alone is worth the price of the CD.

On the business side, Sherry worked as Director of Jazz Promotion at Columbia, Arista, Grp and Elektra Records. She has promoted such well-known artists as Kenny G, Grover Washington Jr., Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Harry Connick Jr., Nancy Wilson and Ramsey Lewis to name only a few.

As a performer Sherry has opened for Sinbad, Gerald Albright, Ramsey Lewis, Chaka Kahn, "Pieces of a Dream," Peabo Bryson, Regina Belle, Grover Washington Jr., Diane Reeves, Nelson Rangel, Ronnie Laws and many others.



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Michael Phillips

Saxophonist

Cultural Achievement Award

Michael Phillips began his musical odyssey at the age of five in his native Mt. Vernon, NY. After experimenting with an assortment of instruments including acoustic and electric bass, violin, piano, French horn and trumpet, he focused on the saxophone as it was the vehicle best suited to express his creative passion.

He diligently honed his talents throughout his formative years, painstakingly mastering the technical skills and self discipline required for the art form. Michael also developed a keen understanding of the unique and personal relationship between the musician and the audience. Says the young musician: "Music is more than riffs and tricks that you learn. For me, it's emotional and I want people to feel my music rather than just listen to it."

In the summer of 1993, Michael made his presence felt on the music scene with his now legendary debut performance at the well-known New York City jazz & R&B spot, Wilson's. Invited there by a friend who was playing keyboards with the house band, Michael literally walked on stage and, much to the surprise of the band leader, began to blow before anyone asked him to sit in. The looks of bewilderment quickly turned to smiles and the rest, as they say, is history.

Michael has been a regular there ever since, performing with such artists as Babyface, Rachelle Farrell, Brian McKnight, Boyz II Men, and the artist formerly known as Prince. He has also showcased his extraordinary talent via performances throughout the US and abroad, touring with such notables as Teddy Riley & Blackstreet, Jonathan Butler, Simply Red, Wayman Tisdale, Kenny Lattimore and the incomparable Stevie Wonder.

In 1996, Michael was invited to perform at President Clinton's Inaugural Gala held at The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Other milestone events include the 80th Birthday Celebration for President Nelson Mandela in South Africa, a Superbowl appearance with Wonder, and the Billboard Music Awards. Michael's television credits include Saturday Night Live, The David Letterman Show, BET On Jazz, BET Sound Stage, and The Tonight Show.

Michael's artistry exceeds category, as shown by his recording sessions with an assortment of diverse performers including the late rapper Notorious B.I.G., mega movie star and recording artist Will Smith, vocalist Mariah Carey, and the gospel ensemble Anointed. And his collaboration with Teddy Riley on the Rugrats The Movie soundtrack added yet another dimension to the phenomenal sound and career of Michael Phillips. Driven to be the very best, Michael has resolved to follow in the path of his mentors, the legendary saxmen Dexter Gordon, John Coltrane and Charlie Parker, and take his genre to another level. This determination to develop his craft has helped him reconfigure the jazz landscape by infusing blues, gospel and hip-hop elements into a refreshingly unique style. Michael's Hidden Beach project, his first solo offering, is due later in 2001.



Danita L. Branam

Community Service Award

Danita Branam is skilled in project and business management and operational optimization. Rooted in the financial services industry, her experience spans administration and customer relationship management, systems sales and implementation, automation design and testing, and assessment and transformation consulting.

For the past five years Danita has been involved in consulting engagements addressing merger, conversion and integration activities for leading banks, brokerage, investment management and capital markets firms. Previously she was a Managing Director for iGate Corporation and Symphoni International, LLC providing executive management consulting, sales and project management for process and workflow optimization. During the prior eleven years, Danita provided primary support for the sales team of Financial Technologies International, LP, (n/k/a Golden Source). Her knowledge of the trust administration and securities processing environments was developed during her eleven-year career at U.S.Trust Company.

Danita recently completed her twenty-fifth consecutive semester as a hands-on coach for over 700 inner city youth, through the All Stars Project's developmental youth programs. In March, 2005 she was recognized for her work in this program with a national Points of Light Award. Danita has also volunteered within the Collegiate Church Corporation, a consortium of protestant ministries, where she serves as Chair of the Financial Planning Committee. She just joined the Board of Intersections International, an interfaith initiative dedicated to building respectful relationships and developing strategies that promote justice, reconciliation and peace.

In her spare time she loves to indulge jazz, theater, museums, and controlling her appetite for collectibles.



Corporate Partner of the Year Award

Founded in 1850, American Express is a leading global payments and travel company with a deep and rich history of service that drives everything we do. Our diverse and talented people bring a wealth of experiences and perspectives that strengthen our vision of becoming the world's most respected service brand. Promoting a culture of inclusiveness and diversity throughout the company starts at the top with our most senior executives, including our CEO, and is driven throughout the organization on a global scale. We seek to create an environment that will not only ensure employee engagement but also inspire people of all backgrounds to feel they can succeed and grow.

*Accepting the award on behalf of American Express is
Leander Lesure, Vice President of Human Resources.*



Derek Jones

Managing Partner, Credit Suisse
Corporate Executive of the Year Award

Derek Jones is a Managing Partner in the Customized Fund Investment Group ("CFIG").

The Customized Fund is one of the world's leading managers of private equity fund of fund and co-investment programs, with approximately \$24.5 billion of client commitments under management. CFIG was founded in 1999 to provide customized private equity management services to pension plans and other institutional investors. CFIG's clients include blue chip public and corporate pension plans, insurance companies, endowments, foundations, and high net worth investors globally.

Derek serves as co-head of the co-investment practice of the group with approximately \$1.8 billion in commitments under management. In addition Derek oversees the firm's Emerging Domestic Manager ("EDM") practice which has a focus on woman and minority private equity managers. Prior to joining CFIG, Derek was a Managing Partner at Oncore Capital, as well as a founding partner of Provender Capital, a middle market private equity fund. He started his private equity career at Prudential Insurance Company as part of Prudential Equity Investors, which eventually became Cornerstone Equity Investors, where he served as a General Partner in a series of Limited Partnerships with committed capital exceeding \$1.2 billion and 80 investments. During his eleven year tenure, Derek championed and managed a diversified portfolio of companies in various industries and was involved in every aspect of the principal investment process. Derek managed the strategic planning, negotiating, structuring and pricing of complex transactions, and also advised portfolio companies on various exit strategies including initial and secondary offerings, corporate sales and acquisitions. Derek served on numerous boards in this capacity.

Derek received his MBA in Finance from NYU, where he also completed a graduate study program on European Integration, and received his B.A. in Economics from American University. Prior to his career in private equity he was the founder one of the first chain of gelato (Italian ice cream) restaurants in New York.



Andrew Morrison

Founder Small Business Camp
Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Andrew Morrison is the founder of Small Business Camp - an entrepreneurial training, coaching and marketing services firm. The company delivers an intensive 2-day program that allows the participants to walk-in with just an idea and leave with a marketing plan, public relations strategy, money-making website, direct-mail campaign and 90 days of follow-up coaching. In New York City, Andrew hosted a weekly show on 98.7 KISS-FM called, "Money Making Mondays" He is also an adjunct faculty member at New York University and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Previously he built a multi-million dollar company by providing innovative direct marketing services to Fortune 500 companies. He was featured in the Wall Street Journal, Entrepreneur Magazine, and Crain's Magazine 40 under 40 and Advertising Age. He also appeared as a "Young Millionaire" on the Oprah Winfrey show.

Andrew's past speaking engagements include: Direct Marketing Association, National Alliance of Market Developers, Essence Magazine Leadership Conference, Notre dame chamber of Commerce, National Black MBA Conference, Wharton Business School and 100 Black Men.

Andrew is the recipient of the prestigious Young Direct Marketer of the Year award and serves as a Deacon at the Abyssinian Baptist Church located in the village of Harlem. Andrew recently completed his first book entitled, "21 Questions That Can Build Your Business in 90 Days." Visit www.SmallBusinessCamp.com to register for his FREE business building tele-seminar.