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2020 YOUNG, GIFTED, & BLACK™ (YGB) ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARDS
CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY HONORING
TOP INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES

New York, New York— (**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**) The Young, Gifted & Black™ (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards will host their annual **Black-Tie Awards Dinner & Reception on February 26, 2020 in celebration of Black History Month**. The list of honorees or “**Unsung Heroes & Heroines**” within their communities and industries has been finalized with an impressive lineup of business individuals covering the **Private, Public, Government & Entertainment Sectors**.

Keynote Speaker, J. Alexander Martin, Exec. Vice President & Creative Director & Co-founder of **FUBU** and Founder and CEO of **FUBU Television Network & Partner Trace Tv US**. Author of “**Money Makes Me Crazy**”, Board Member of the National Black Chambers of Commerce, President of the New York State Black Chamber of Commerce and Representative of the Urban League Young Professional will receive the **Entrepreneur Of The Year Business Impact Award**, **Brooklyn Borough President, Eric L. Adams**, who is slated as the front runner candidate for the **2021 New York City Mayoral** election, will receive the **Lifetime Achievement Political Advocacy & Community Service Award**, **Mike Young a.k.a. Subway Singer** first captured the hearts of America's Got Talent viewers in 2017, when he made it to the semi-finals in season 12 after years of singing in the subways of New York City, will receive the **Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Rhythm & Blues Music Entertainment Award**, **Alsion Wilson, O.D., Consul General of Jamaica in New York**, will be inducted into the **Alumni Hall of Fame** receiving the **International Relations Award** having been acknowledge in 2010 with the **Women in Business Award as President-CEO of the Alsion Roach Group, LLC** are a few of the impressive list of honorees being celebrated. To view the complete list of honorees visit: www.ygbawards.com

EVENT: 2020 YGB BLACK TIE AWARDS DINNER & RECEPTION
15th YEAR CELEBRATION

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

TIME: 6:00PM – 11:00PM

LOCATION: 26 BRIDGE | BK Venues
26 Bridge Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

www.26Bridge.com

TICKETS/TABLES www.ygbawards.com or 2020ygbawards.eventbrite.com

DONATIONS: www.ygbawards.com/donation

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The event will pay tribute to “**Fallen Heroes**” recognizing former honorees, **Jezel Best (2017)**, **George Konan (2019)**, **Rowan Clarke (2006)**, **Marco Golding (2006)**, supporters **Ryan Simms (2020)**, **Brooklynite Legendary DJ Tommie Allen (2020)** of **98.7 Kiss FM/WBLS broadcasts** and iconic public figures such as basketball legend **Kobe Bryant (2020)** are among the list of individuals whose untimely passing has impacted so many lives.

The Young, Gifted & Black™ (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards program is a simple measure of giving recognition, highlighting and showing appreciation towards one’s peers. The awards program creates a platform that brings exposure to people, who represent positive role models to their peers, and provides an opportunity for others to be inspired and motivated.

Through the **YGB Cares & Educational Assistance Program** (www.ygbawards.com/donation), charities selected by an honoree will receive a percentage of the proceeds from purchases made on their behalf towards VIP tickets/tables and advertisement buys. The YGB Entrepreneurial Awards will also provide donations towards our 501 (c) 3 non-profit fiscal partner charities: **The Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign** (www.crcec.org) and **The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies** (www.AFUWI.org) .

Tickets are available online at www.ygbawards.com and processed through Eventbrite. Sponsorships, advertisements and/or donations, in addition to questions or inquiries, can be answered by contacting us at the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards service line at **347.559.4YGB (4942)** or by sending an email to ygbawards@gmail.com.

BACKGROUND

In 2006, the **Young, Gifted & Black™ (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards** program was created with one goal and mission in mind:

To positively empower individuals and communities by highlighting the achievements of the “**Unsung Heroes**” whose stories can help inspire others towards making future goals attainable.

MISSION

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Providing Opportunity With Effective Resources

Networking

Motivates Optimizes Transcends Inspires Organizes Nurtures

The **Young, Gifted & Black™ (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards** program places an emphasis on individuals that continue to reach levels of success through hard work and determination. There isn’t a formal selection criterion to receive this award; rather the program is designed for peer-to-peer acknowledgement of their Talent, Ambition and Achievements toward the “**Continued Pursuit of Success**” outlined by where they have been in life to where they are now as ambassadors of the entrepreneurial spirit.

Best Regards,

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The NetLinkz Group, Inc. is management consulting organization making a conscious effort to bridge concepts, ideas, lifestyles, professions, likes and passions within a professional and entertainment forum.

Founded in 2006 by Carl O. Gray, President and CEO, The NetLinkz Group, Inc., and Founder of Unified Network of Business Professionals, in honor of Black History Month, The Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards is designed for peer-to-peer acknowledgement for their Talent, Ambition and Achievements toward the Continued Pursuit of Success.



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J. Alexander Martin
 Exec. Vice President,
 Creative Director,
 Co-founder, FUBU

Founder-CEO, FUBU Television
 Network

President, New York State Black
 Chamber of Commerce

Keynote Speaker

Entrepreneur of the Year Business
 Impact Award



Hon. Eric Adams
 Brooklyn Borough President

Lifetime Achievement Political
 Advocacy & Community Service
 Award



Alston Wilson, OD
 Consul General of Jamaica in New
 York

Alumni Hall of Fame
 International Relations Award



Mike Yung
 Recording Artiste
 Singer
 Songwriter
 Musician

Nina Simone
 Artistic Excellence
 Rhythm & Blues
 Music Entertainment
 Award



Alphonzo Albright

Senior Vice President
Client Relationships at GTL

Millennium Business
Strategic Vision Award in
Technology Solutions



Dr. Yvonne Riley-Tepic

Vice President,
Senior Regional Giving Manager,
Office of Charitable and
Community Giving,
TD Charitable Foundation

Millennium Business
Strategic Vision Award in Financial
Services



Chef Ameer Natson

Celebrity Chef

Millennium Business
Culinary Award of Excellence



Tanya Stephens

Reggae Artist

Lifetime Achievement
Women in Reggae Music
Entertainment ICON Award



Ray Dejon

International Host
Comedian
Motivational Speaker

Millennium Business
George Konan
One Love
Award

Comedic Influencer



Ray Montgomery

President
Entertainment Solutions, LLC

Millennium Business
Business Man of the Year Award



Carline Beaubrun

Owner - Founder
Events by Carline, LLC

Professional Services
Strategic Innovator Award in
Event Management



Correy Kaiten

Founder
Correy K. Events

Professional Services
Strategic Vision Award in
Marketing & Promotions



Fe Noel

Fashion Designer
Owner
Fe Noel Designs

Professional Services
Fashion Designer of the Year
Award



**Kira N. Breerton-Paul,
Esq.**

Attorney & Associate General
Consul,
S&P Global Ratings

Professional Services
Corporate Leadership & Business
Management Award



Melissa Sadler

Owner
Island Standard, LLC

Professional Services
Strategic Vision Award in Business
Development



Negesti Pinnock

Co-Founder/CEO
Head Mixologist
ButterMEssentials

Professional Services
Small Business Development
Award



Vayden Pinnock

Co-Founder
ButterMEssentials

Professional Services
Small Business Development
Award



Tanya Weddemire

District Design Manager
New Jersey

Professional Services
Strategic Business Development
& Management Award