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**THE YOUNG, GIFTED, & BLACK (YGB) ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARDS**  
**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

New York, New York—(Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2015) The Young, Gifted, and Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards, will be held on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in New York City, at The Copacabana in Times Square New York honoring African-American & Caribbean professionals who are the “unsung heroes” within their communities. In keeping with tradition, the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards program will again honor individuals who “Make Strides Toward the Continued Pursuit of Success.” The 2015 honorees include:

Recipient	Award	Title & Company
Arkell Bailey Cox	Woman In Business Award	Platinum SVP 5 Linx Enterprises Franchise Owner i-Hop Restaurant
Alizé Utteryn	Strategic Vision Award	CEO & Founder AlizéLaVie Corporate Magazine
Bryant Arthur	Civic Leadership & Community Service Award	National Co-Chair The Young & Powerful Group
Dionne Jaggon	Educational Empowerment Award	Principal P.S. 111 JACOB BLACKWELL, NYC
Gregg Bishop	Strategic Business Development Award	Deputy Commissioner Business Development at NYC Small Business Services
Gregory M. Gunn	Innovation & Entrepreneurship Award	Entrepreneur in Residence City Light Capital
Macdella Cooper	Philanthropist Award	Founder The Macdella Cooper Foundation
Mahogany L. Browne	Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Spoken Word & Dynamic Writing	Program Director Nuyorican Poets Café
Pat Sumpter Davis	Health & Beauty Management Award	Founder/CEO StylesbyPat LLC
Raxann Chin	Fashion Designer of the Year Award	Founder Femheka Save Our Jamaica Foundation

The YGB Entrepreneurial Program celebrates 10 years awarding over 150+ key individuals across a myriad of industries, including: **Urban Music Management:** Robert "Don Pooh" Cummins, CEO, Franchise Owner, Entrepreneur; **Radio Personalities & DJ:** Legendary DJ Red Alert – Boogie Down Productions, Dahved Levy – Radio Personality & Host WBSL 107.5FM / Caribbean Fever; **Music Entertainment:** Gordon Chambers, Singer,



Producer, & Grammy Award Songwriter; **Media Publications:** Len Burnett, Co-CEO and Group Publisher, Uptown Media Group and Vibe Lifestyle Network; **Caribbean Music Management:** Monica Jackson, Manager, Reggae Artist - Sanchez, Winston "Wee Pow" Powell, Founder / President /CEO, Stone Love Enterprise; **Sales & Account Management:** Tim Ralph, Sr. Account Manager, Viacom / BET Networks; **Entrepreneurship: 1<sup>st</sup> Winner of Donald Trump's "Apprentice"** Dr. Randal Pinkett, Chairman and CEO, BCT Partners, Author of Black Faces in White Places, No-Money Down CEO and Campus CEO; **Government:** Honorable Yvette D. Clarke – US House of Representatives, Honorable Damion Crawford – Minister Of State – Ministry Of Tourism & Entertainment Of Jamaica are amongst distinguished notables who have been honored.

The intent of the awards program is to acknowledge individuals whose journey towards success can motivate, inspire and empower others by highlighting the paths each honoree has taken throughout his/her life. Honorees are nominated by previous award recipients or peers who appreciate the individual's drive for success—from where he/she has been in life to where he/she is now as an ambassador of the entrepreneurial spirit.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.ygbawards.com](http://www.ygbawards.com) via Eventbrite. Sponsorships, advertisements and/or donations, in addition to questions or inquiries, contact us on the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards service line at **347.559.4YGB (4942)** or send an email to: **[ygbawards@gmail.com](mailto:ygbawards@gmail.com)**.

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**About YGB:** 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."

**About CRCEC:** The Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign seeks to fight youth violence by raising community awareness and creating solutions by offering positive alternatives. CRCEC intends to mobilize the community to increase community awareness of the factors that contribute to youth violence; occurrences of violence; the impact of violence; and strategies for preventing delinquency of adolescents that leads to youth gang involvement and community violence. The Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign is a New York Not-for-Profit corporation with a registered 501(c) 3 status. The interim acting governing body of CRCEC is the Family Coordinating Committee. The acting executive body in New York is the Brooklyn Steering Committee and in Pennsylvania, the Bushkill Steering Committee. The committees are composed entirely of volunteers and are actively seeks committed new-members.

**About AFUWI:** The AFUWI serves as the primary vehicle for The University of the West Indies in its Capital Campaign and fundraising efforts in the United States. This is done by organizing special events, locating funding sources, facilitating research programs and developing strategic partnerships with American corporations, foundations, alumni and other organizations in order to sponsor projects, scholarships and academic programs which benefit students and faculty in the 4 campuses serving the region. This includes –three main campuses in Jamaica-Mona , Barbados-Cave Hill, Trinidad & Tobago-St Augustine and the Open Campus in the 12 University Centers located on the islands of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Montserrat, St Kitts's, St. Lucia and Nevis, St Vincent and The Grenadines. While fundraising is the Foundation's primary mission, it also seeks to establish long term strategic relationships with other institutions, organizations and individuals who share the desire to positively impact the educational offerings of the University and by extension improve the socio-economic structure of the Caribbean region. The Foundation has more recently intensified its focus



on supporting the University so that the institution can continue to expand to meet the dynamic demands of a global environment while remaining relevant to the societies it serves.