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THE YOUNG, GIFTED, & BLACK (YGB) ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARDS
11th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

New York, New York— (Thursday, December 17th 2015) The Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards was launched in 2006, in honor of Black History Month. It was initially created to bring exposure to people who represent positive role models to their peers and provide an opportunity for others to be inspired and motivated. The YGB Entrepreneurial awards program is a simple measure of giving recognition, highlighting and showing appreciation toward his/her peers. **Mr. Carl O. Gray, founder of the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards**, states, “This program has a simple mission which is to bring light to those individuals who exemplifies an entrepreneurial spirit. Our honorees all have significant backgrounds which highlight their journey towards the **Continued Pursuit of Success** that allows our organization to create a platform to motivate and empower others to believe in themselves in order to reach their goals.”

In February 2016, the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards celebrates its 11th year anniversary. Each year creates a different milestone with the fascinated honorees and the talent they possess.

Maddella Cooper, Founder, The Maddella Cooper Foundation and Liberian Ambassador, is the 2015 Philanthropist of the Year Award recipient was quoted in her acceptance speech with following statement “It is great to be acknowledge by your peers and this award will be cherished forever...being recognized by peers, my people of color and colleagues...it is encouraging!”

See 2016 Honorees Below

EVENT: BLACK TIE
DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2016
TIME: 6:00PM – 11:00PM
LOCATION: 26 Bridge Street
D.U.M.B.O.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
www.26bridge.com

Tickets www.ygbawards.com
<https://2016ygbentrepreneurialawards.eventbrite.com>

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Honorees:



Recipient	Award	Title	Business / Company
Alicia Ashley	Sports, Health & Fitness Award	Boxer	WBC Women's Junior Featherweight Champion
Amy Theard	Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award	Artist / Painter	
Brian Cunningham	Political Advocacy Award	Community Leader	
David Germain	Business Management & Leadership Award	Realtor	Rapid Realty Kensington
Dr. Noel Anderson	Educational Empowerment Award	Clinical Professor/Director of Educational Leadership	New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development
Giselle Modeste	Cosmetology Science & Beauty Management Award	Owner	ALTEREGO by GM Inc
Janell Hazelwood	Journalism & Media Management Award	Chief Content Curator	The Boss Moves
Kymsha Henry and Claire Simon	Civic Leadership & Community Service Award	Co-Founders	Young Women of Color Health Advocacy Coalition (YWCHAC)
Lilian O. Ajayi	Philanthropist of the Year Award	Founder and Executive Director	Global Connections for Women Foundation
Lola Ogunnaike	Woman In Business Award	Journalist	Arise News
Margaret Persaud	Fashion Designer of the Year Award	Owner	GAMAKACHE BLACK
Selwyn Collins	Innovation & Entrepreneurship Award	Author, WebTV Talk Show Host, and Entrepreneur	SELCO2000 Web Solutions; CWS(Conversations With Selwyn)
Tricia Quartey, DDS	Strategic Business Development Award	Dentist	Noble Dental Care, P. C.



Whitney Marchelle	Jazz & Blues Music Entertainment Awards	Jazz Singer, Song writer, Vocal Coach	
Will Dubose	Strategic Vision Award	Founder	WILL DUBOSE DESIGN

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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.