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**Young, Gifted & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards
11th Anniversary Celebration Honoring Black History Month**

Brooklyn, NY (Monday, February 22, 2016) **The Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards Black Tie event will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in Brooklyn NY at 26 Bridge Street in D.U.M.B.O Brooklyn**, honoring African-American & Caribbean professionals who are the "unsung heroes & heroines" within their industries and communities. "The 2016 honorees all have significant backgrounds highlighting their journeys toward the Continued Pursuit of Success. This allows our organization to create a platform that can motivate and empower individuals to believe in themselves to reach their goals." - Carl O. Gray Founder.

The YGB Entrepreneurial Programs celebrates 11 years honoring over 200+ key individuals with various backgrounds and a multitude of industries.

EVENT: BLACK TIE
DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2016
TIME: 6:00 PM- 11 PM
6:00PM Cocktails, VIP Reception & Media Interviews
8:00 PM Dinner & Presentations
LOCATION: 26 Bridge Street
D.U.M.B.O
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tickets www.ygbawards.com
<https://2016ygbentrepreneurialawards.eventbrite.com>

View Official Video - <http://video214.com/play/zrOQQ2hp7v8L08fTPQaY5g/s/dark>



This year's 2016 Honorees:

Recipient	Award	Title	Business / Company
Alicia Ashley	Sports, Health & Fitness Award	Boxer	WBC Women's Junior Bantamweight 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 Award	Jazz Singer, Song writer, Vocal Coach	
Will Dubose	Strategic Vision Award	Founder	WILL DUBOSE DESIGN
Diana Bellamy	P.O.W.E.R. – N – M.O.T.I.O.N Award	Motivational Speaker	Diana's REAL TALK

Our special dignitary guest this year the Honorable Eric L. Adams, Brooklyn Borough President & Bishop Lamor M. Whitehead. We are excited to announce our lineup of hosting and entertainment for the evening: Co-Hosts, Daina Bellamy, Motivational Speaker, Diana's REAL TALK), Jaime Roberts, Actor & Executive Dir. Comedy With A Purpose, Black Carpet Host, Shemille Blake, Owner, B SECCI LLC & Former 1st Runner, Miss Jamaica Universe 2005, Announcer Extraordinaire, Jessica Sinclair (Master of Ceremonies; Performances by the A.R.M.O.R. Chorus Community School 111Q, Spoken Word Artist Renowned Art Worldwide (RAWW), *Artist of the Violin*, Brooke Alford & Special Nina Simone Performance by Whitney Marchelle and more surprises to be announced.

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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.



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