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THE YOUNG, GIFTED, & BLACK (YGB) ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARDS
12th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2017 HONOREE ANNOUNCEMENT

New York, New York — (Tuesday, December 6th 2016) The Young, Gifted & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards launched in 2006 to honor Black History Month will again induct into its consistently growing national program a remarkable class of “Unsung Heroes & Heroines” within their communities and business domains:

EVENT: 12th ANNUAL BLACK TIE
VIP Dinner & Presentation

DATE: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017

TIME: 6:00PM – 11:00PM

LOCATION: MILK River Restaurant
960 Atlantic Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11238
www.milkriverrestaurant.com

ONLINE www.ygbawards.com

TICKETS: www.2017YGBAwards.eventbrite.com

The awards program creates a platform that brings exposure to individuals who are positive role models within their communities, while providing an opportunity for others to be inspired and motivated. The **YGB Entrepreneurial Awards Program is the brainchild of Mr. Carl O. Gray**, President & CEO of The NetLinkz Group, Inc.

The NetLinkz Group, Inc. provides management-consulting services to entities involved in a wide variety of industries. Mr. Gray described the YGB Entrepreneurial awards program as “a labor of love” on a recent internet radio interview with **On Point! Experience**. His feeling is that the awards programs shines a light on average and accomplish individuals who exemplify an entrepreneurial spirit. A common thread among the honorees is their journey towards the **Continued Pursuit of Success**. It is this spirit of tenacity shown by each honoree that the program celebrates with the hope that it inspires others to pursue a similar path to entrepreneurial success.



Since its inception in 2006, the program's honorees consistently receive recognition for their positive community and business impact, bringing great credit to the program for identifying these individuals. The awards program has steadily grown to become a civic event of substantial importance attracting leaders from both the public and private sector with local, national and international appeal.

Beginning with the 2017 program, the awards launches the **YGB – Caribbean (YGBC)** then rollout the **YGB – African (YGBA)** platform in subsequent years. **The YGBC** recognizes **Reggae artist, Tony Rebel**, who will receive a special **ICON Award in Reggae Music & Concert Production for Rebel Salute**, a Roots & Culture Concert, occurring over 25 years in Jamaica, W.I.

Tickets are available online at 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.

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2017 YOUNG, GIFTED & BLACK (YGB) ENTREPRENURIAL AWARDS HONOREES

YGB PROFESSIONAL SERVICE HONOREES:

- Barry Cooper, **Strategic Vision Award**
 - Dean, Advisor, Political Activist
 - Vice Chair of Education - Vanguard Independence Democratic Association
 - Dean/Director of Culture for Eagle Academy
- Camille C. Joseph, **Women Empowerment Award**
 - Vice President, State Government Affairs Administration, Charter Communications
- Donovan West, **Philanthropist of the Year Award**
 - Chief Operating Officer, People for People Inc.
- Jezel Best, **Strategic Business Development Award**
 - Operations Director, TVT Group
 - CEO/Founder, Financial Wellness Coach, JB Advisory
- Joanne Taitt, **Woman in Business Award**
 - Author, Entrepreneur, Consultant,
 - Director For International Empowering Conferences, Empower Each Other Organization
- Kelly-Ann Daniel, **Strategic Account & Brand Manager Award**
 - Owner, KAROSS Marketing
 - Sales Representative, Royal Wine Corp
- Kerry-Ann Reid-Brown, **Strategic Business Development & Management Award**
 - Founder, Carry on Friends
- La-Niece Lyew, **Restaurant Management & Hospitality Award**
 - Owner, Milk River Restaurant
- LaToya Morgan, **Motivational Coach & Inspirational Speaker of the Year**



- Owner-Operator, Life Coach, Your Hidden Treasure Inc.
- Linnette Harrigan, **Strategic Business Management Award in Music & Entertainment**
 - CEO-President, Music Supervisor, LINNETTE HARRIGAN MEDIA
- Susan Cameron, LCSW, **Health & Human Services Award**
 - Senior Associate Director of Social Work - Behavioral Health, Kings County Hospital, New York City
- Tyran Marquis, **Fashion Stylist of Year Award**
 - Fashion Designer, Styling by Marquis
- Wayne Thompson, **Community Empowerment Award**
 - Founder, Managing Director, S.O.A.R! (Strategic Opportunities Achieving Results)

YGB MILLENNIUM BUSINESS HONOREES:

- Jocelyn R. Taylor, **Strategic Vision Award in Media, Marketing & Public Relations**
 - President-CEO, JRT Multimedia, LLC
- Roger Millner, **Strategic Business Management Award in Marketing & Brand Management**
 - Deputy Executive Director of Marketing, MetroPlus Health Plan

NINA SIMONE ARTISTIC HONOREES:

- Colby Christina, **Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Creativity & Entrepreneurship**
 - Professional Actress, TV TALK SHOW HOST - Colby's Corner, Dancer, Singer, Model, Choreographer, Motivational Speaker, Advocate, AUDELCO - Rising Star Award Recipient
- The Melisizwe Brothers, **Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Music Entertainment**
 - Artists & Band Performers

YGB – P.O.W.E.R.-N.-M.O.T.I.O.N. MISSION AWARD

- Phil Andrews, **Providing Opportunity With Effective Resources – Networking – Motivate Optimize Transcend Inspire Organize Nurture Mission Award**
 - President, Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (LIAACC)

YGB – CARIBBEAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES HONOREES:

- Gregory Clarke, **Health & Instructional Fitness Award**
 - Owner - Fitness Instructor Miami Fitness Jamaica
- Jay Will, **Strategic Business Management Award in Film, Video and Movie Production**
 - Film Director, Jay WILL Films, (Game Over)

YGB – CARIBBEAN MILLENNIUM BUSINESS HONOREES:

- Michael "Candy" Muir, **Caribbean Lifestyle & Sound System Production Award**
 - Owner-Operator, Fun Factory Disco International
- Tony Rebel, **ICON Award in Reggae Music & Concert Production**
 - Reggae Artist/Event Producer, Rebel Salute Productions

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