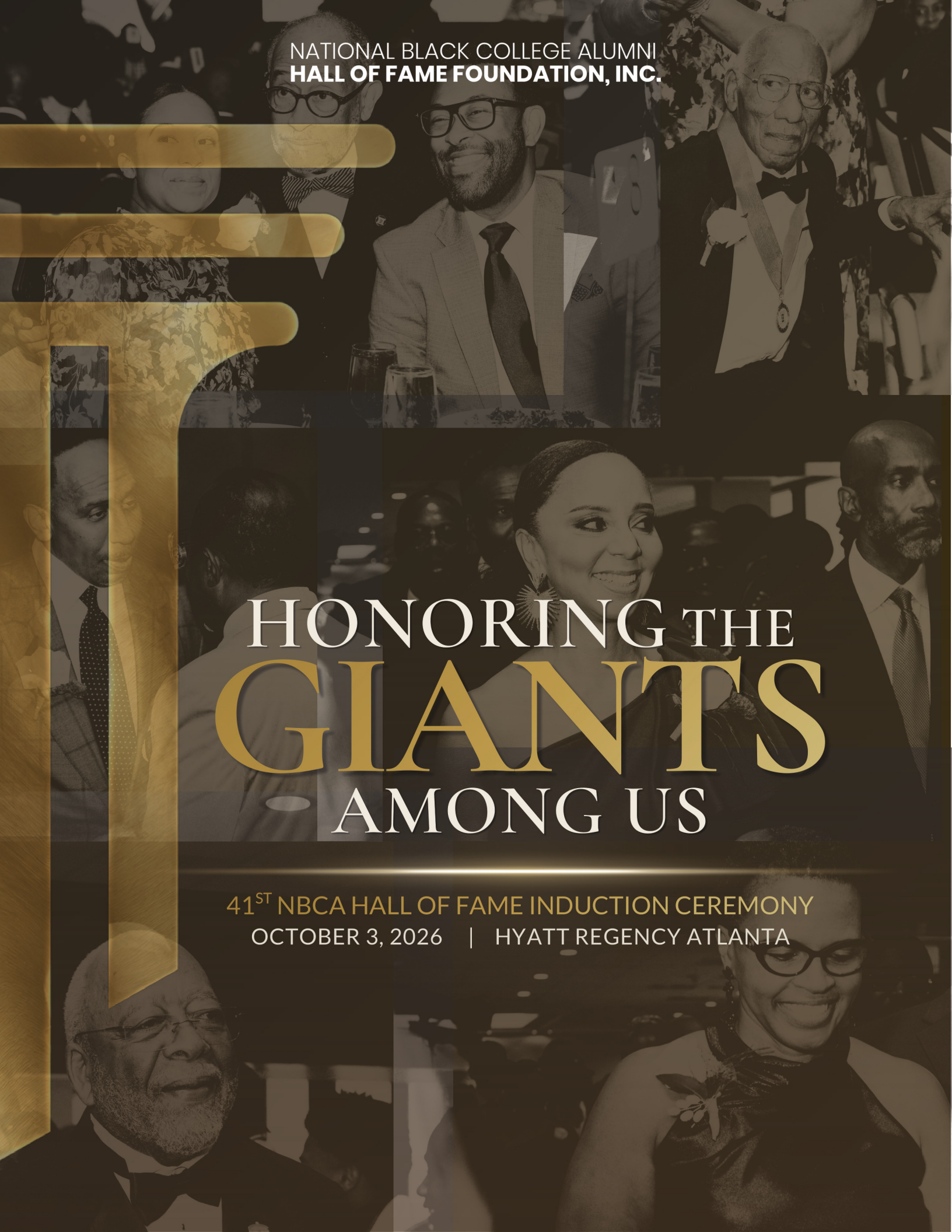


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To be a catalyst and partner for ensuring the stability, strength, and excellence of the nation's historically and predominantly Black colleges and universities.

GOALS

01 **Sustain and Grow Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

We serve as a national steward of HBCU excellence by preserving stories, promoting best practices for institutional leadership, fostering alumni engagement, and ensuring that the impact of HBCUs continues to inspire future generations.

02 **Honor Distinguished Achievement**

We recognize exceptional HBCU graduates whose accomplishments have transformed industries, advanced communities, and exemplified the enduring value of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

03 **Invest in Student Success**

Through scholarships, emergency assistance, and educational support programs, we help students overcome barriers to degree completion and achieve their academic and professional aspirations.

04 **Develop Future Leaders**

We cultivate the next generation of HBCU leaders through mentorship, leadership development, professional exposure, and experiences that prepare students to make meaningful contributions in their communities and careers.

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THE NBCA HALL OF FAME WEEKEND

Programs & Initiatives

The Hall of Fame Weekend is the Foundation's annual fundraiser. Across several days it promotes the visibility of HBCUs while providing a forum for students, alumni, faculty, and staff to sharpen their skills through workshops, seminars, and programs. Every event is designed to equip attendees to better serve their institutions and communities.

01

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Honors graduates of HBCUs whose contributions to society have been significant in their chosen fields. Since 1986 the Foundation has celebrated more than 400 inductees across Arts & Entertainment, Athletics, Business & Industry, Civil Rights, Community Service, Education, Faith & Theology, Government & Law, Medicine, Science, and Lifetime Achievement — and, in special instances, the Chairman's Award.

02

8th Annual National Summit for the Sustainability of HBCUs

Dedicated to the long-term success, visibility, and preservation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Summit convenes HBCU presidents, corporate leaders, philanthropic partners, foundation executives, and alumni directors on Friday, October 2 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Chaired by Dr. Donald Comer under the 2026 theme From Legacy to Leverage: Building the Institutions That Create Giants, this year's sessions explore NIL and institutional revenue, the ethical path to becoming an agentic university, building wealth that lasts, and campus security and resilience.

03

Thomas W. Dortch, Jr. HBCU Golf Classic

Attracts the elite Division I and Division II HBCU golf teams in the largest HBCU golf tournament — the only one sanctioned by the NCAA. The Foundation awards scholarships to participating schools in support of their programs.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2026

Schedule of Events

Sunday – Tuesday SEPTEMBER 20–22, 2026

Thomas W. Dortch, Jr. HBCU Golf Classic
Bear's Best Atlanta Golf Club

Friday OCTOBER 2, 2026

8th Annual National Summit for the Sustainability of HBCUs *Hyatt Regency Atlanta*	9:00 AM
01 · Building Giants: NIL, Branding & Institutional Revenue	9:30 AM
02 · From Silos to Synergy: The Ethical and Safe Journey to Becoming an Agentic University	11:00 AM
03 · Luncheon — Building Wealth That Lasts	12:30 PM
04 · Protecting the Giants: Campus Security & Resilience	2:00 PM
The Legacy Exchange Reception	5:30 PM

Saturday OCTOBER 3, 2026

05 · From Policy to Progress: Advancing the HBCU Agenda	9:00 AM
Gold Carpet Reception	5:00 PM
41st Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	6:00 PM

BEYOND THE WEEKEND

The Work *Continues.*

Hall of Fame Weekend may bring us together each year, but the mission of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation continues long after the celebration ends.

Throughout the year, the Foundation invests in HBCU students, develops emerging leaders, connects generations of alumni, and creates opportunities that strengthen the institutions at the heart of our mission.

OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

400+	50+	$1M+	5,000+
Distinguished Hall of Fame Inductees	HBCUs Engaged Nationwide	Scholarships Awarded	Student Leaders Developed

OUR YEAR-ROUND IMPACT

01 REMOVE BARRIERS

Student Scholarships & Completion Support

Through scholarships, the Hall of Fame Completion Fund, and related student support initiatives, we help remove financial obstacles and keep HBCU students on the path to graduation.

02 DEVELOP LEADERS

Andrew Young Emerging Leaders Institute (AYEL)

AYEL equips HBCU students with the confidence, skills, and networks to lead in an evolving world, with a focus on entrepreneurship, civic engagement, financial literacy, global leadership, and professional development.

03 EXPAND OPPORTUNITY

Legacy Lecture Series Tour

We bring accomplished scholars, professionals, and thought leaders to HBCU campuses for meaningful conversations with students, faculty, and communities — exposing students to new ideas, experiences, and pathways to success.

04 STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONS

Strategic Partnerships & Campus Engagement

We collaborate with alumni, corporate partners, and community leaders to advance institutional capacity, create new opportunities, and support innovative solutions that help HBCUs thrive for generations to come.



HONOR THE LEGACY.
INVEST IN WHAT'S NEXT.

We know the giants whose names fill these pages.
We don't yet know the names of the giants who will fill the next ones.

Some are sitting in HBCU classrooms today — future physicians, educators, entrepreneurs, artists, engineers, public servants and leaders. What they become will be shaped not only by their talent, but by the opportunities, relationships, and resources available to them along the way.

Your gift helps us create those opportunities.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS

STUDENTS COMPLETE
Scholarships and emergency financial support help remove barriers between HBCU students and graduation.

LEADERS EMERGE
Leadership development, mentorship and professional exposure prepare students to lead beyond the classroom.

CONNECTIONS GROW
Students gain access to accomplished alumni, executives and networks that expand the trajectory of their careers.

HBCUS THRIVE
Programs, partnerships and national engagement help strengthen the institutions that continue producing generations of leaders.

THE NEXT GIANTS ARE ALREADY AMONG US.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Greetings



Quentin L. Roach

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Greetings and welcome to Atlanta! On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., it is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to our 41st Annual Hall of Fame Weekend.

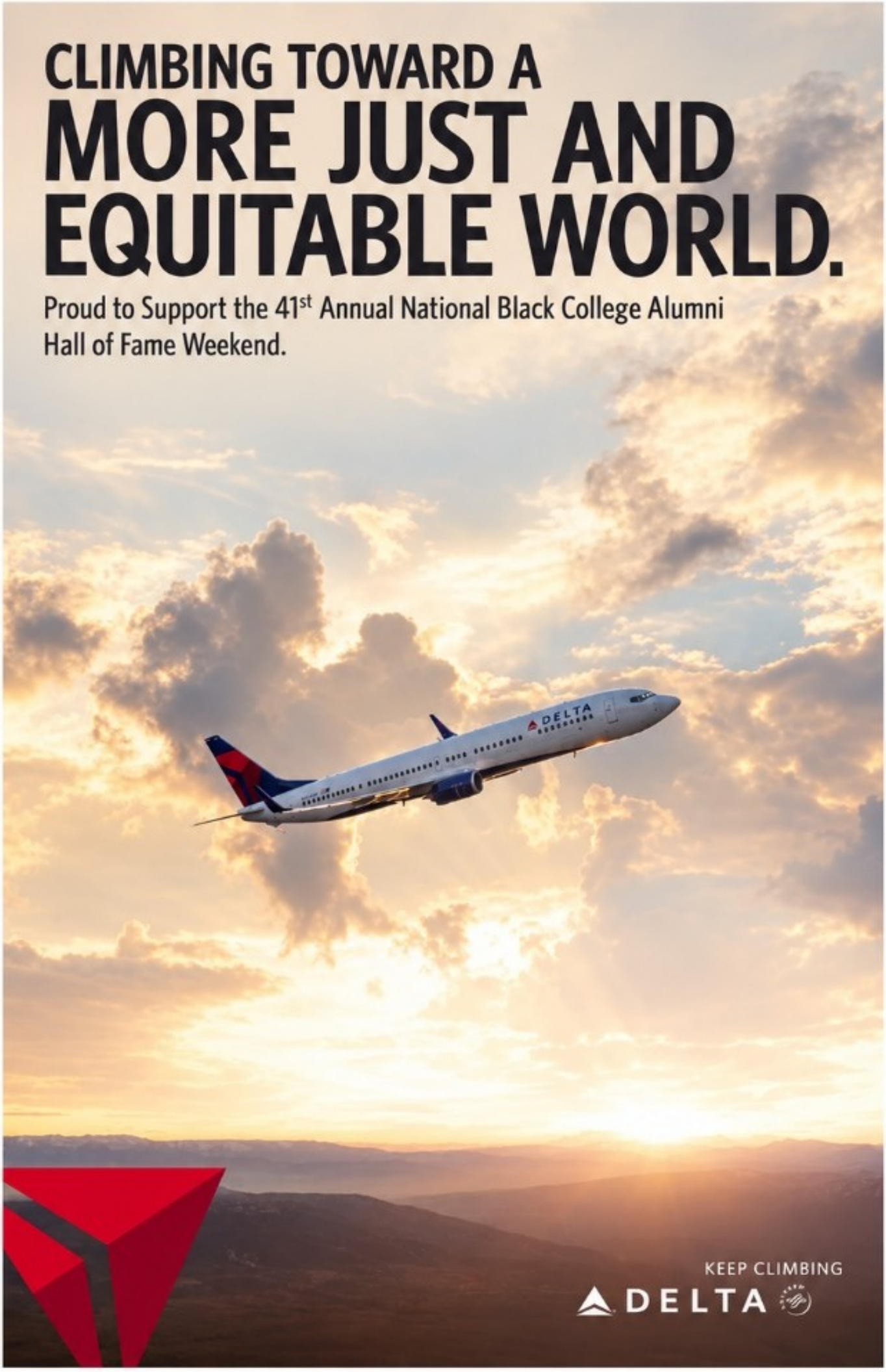
This year's theme, "Honoring the Giants Among Us," reflects a simple truth: giants do not rise alone. They are cultivated by institutions, mentors, families, communities, and generations of people who saw promise and created opportunity. Our HBCUs have been doing exactly that for more than a century and a half.

I thank our sponsors, donors, and supporters for their unwavering investment in the work of the Hall of Fame, and the students, parents, and friends who add so richly to these days. From the Thomas W. Dortch, Jr. HBCU Golf Classic and the Competition of Black College Queens to the National Summit for the Sustainability of HBCUs and the Legacy of Leaders Alumni Honors, every event this week exists to engage, inspire, and cultivate the dreams of HBCU students and the leaders who serve them.

The Class of 2026 once again represents the top talent, extraordinary contribution, and unmatched leadership that HBCU alumni bring to the world every day. Congratulations to each inductee. Enjoy the weekend — and be well.

Quentin L. Roach

Chairman of the Board · The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.


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October 3, 2026

Greetings,

Welcome to the 41st annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony hosted by the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.! This gathering is a great opportunity to celebrate four decades of uplifting our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

HBCU's play a critical role in promoting excellence in education and molding the minds of our country's future leaders. As a proud graduate of Morehouse College, I am especially delighted to see the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.'s commitment to securing scholarships for and celebrating the achievements of HBCU students and alumni.

To those being recognized this weekend, please accept my sincere congratulations for this distinguished honor. I am thrilled to join your friends and families in celebrating your contributions to your alma maters and communities. I look forward to seeing your organization's continued success, and please do not hesitate to let my office know how we may ever be of service to you.

Keep the faith, and keep looking up,

U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock

41ST ANNUAL NBCA HALL OF FAME WEEKEND

Table Sponsors

With gratitude to the corporations, foundations, institutions, and friends whose tables make this weekend — and the scholarships it funds — possible.

THOMAS W. DORTCH, JR. HONOR TABLE

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- Dr. Karen Bearden
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- The Foundation at NCAT

TABLE HOSTS

- Essye Miller
- Talladega Alumni Association
- Dr. Charles Gibbs
- Fort Valley State University
- Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams
- Captain Anthony Holder
- Talladega College
- Rickey Mahorn
- Amir Windom
- Hampton University
- Claflin University



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 · 6:00 P.M. · HYATT REGENCY ATLANTA

Order of Program

CEREMONIAL OPENING

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Graelea · Vocalist

WELCOME

Stoney McKnight
Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame 2025–2026

MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Gwendolyn Mason
President & CEO, GAB Speaks LLC

Jonathan Stacey Radford
Meteorologist, Fox 5 Atlanta

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Rev. Dr. Jason R. Curry
Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College

DINNER SERVED

SPONSOR AND DISTINGUISHED GUEST RECOGNITION

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES · I

ARTS	Amir Windom *Florida A&M University* *Presented by Alan Williams*
ATHLETICS	Rickey Mahorn *Hampton University* *Presented by Dr. Betty Stewart*
BUSINESS	Nicole Pullen Ross *Hampton University* *Presented by Dr. Betty Stewart*

FEATURED SPOKEN-WORD PERFORMANCE

Jackie Naomi
Miss Bethune-Cookman University, 2018–2019 · "Giants Among Us"

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES · II

COMMUNITY SERVICE	Captain Anthony "Tony" Holder *Howard University* *Presented by Wayne A. I. Frederick, MD*

ORDER OF PROGRAM · CONTINUED

EDUCATION	Dr. Charles J. Gibbs *Howard University* *Presented by Wayne A. I. Frederick, MD*
FAITH AND THEOLOGY	Pastor Shirley Caesar *Shaw University* *Presented by Dr. Mildred Williams-Johnson*

STUDENT IMPACT PRESENTATION

The Hall of Fame Completion Fund

Damarion King · Morehouse College, Class of 2027

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES · III

GOVERNMENT AND LAW	Essye B. Miller *Talladega College* *Presented by Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.*
INDUSTRY	Geoffrey E. Foster *North Carolina A&T State University* *Presented by Dr. Andrew Daire*
MEDICINE	Dr. Samantha J. F. DeLoache *Claflin University* *Presented by Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack*
SCIENCE	Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams *Hampton University* *Presented by Dr. Betty Stewart*

FEATURED MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Markeena Novembre

"Ain't Nobody"

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES · IV

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT	The Honorable Belvin Perry Jr., Chief Judge (Ret.) *Tuskegee University* *Presented by Dr. Mark A. Brown*
CHAIRMAN'S AWARD	Dr. Cheryl McKissack Daniel *Howard University* *Presented by Wayne A. I. Frederick, MD*
CHAIRMAN'S AWARD	Dr. Harry L. Williams *Appalachian State University* *Presented by J. J. Brown*

CLOSING REMARKS

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2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Mistress of Ceremony



Gwendolyn Mason

President & CEO, GAB Speaks LLC

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Mason is a Hall of Famer, author, minister, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, and community advocate. An Atlanta native and mother of three, Milan, Jordan, and Jacob, she is driven by a passion for serving others.

As President and CEO of GAB Speaks LLC, Gwen uses her signature "5-Minute Transformation" to inspire audiences nationwide. She brings more than 30 years of communications experience, rising from the occupational ranks to corporate executive. Along the way she coached more than 500 sales professionals and was recognized in the top 1% of her company.

Gwen co-founded the Stewart Foundation, a youth leadership program that has reached more than 41,000 young people. She also led a breast cancer walk that raised over $100,000. She is the presiding Pastor of Solid Rock Ministries in Atlanta and has done missionary work in Guyana, South America. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she served as National Arts & Letters Co-Chair and now sits on the board of its DREF foundation.

Her honors include the Congressional Trailblazer Award and proclamations from Congressmen John Lewis and Hank Johnson. She holds a B.A. in Mass Communications from the University of West Georgia and an M.S. in Human Resources, with honors, from National Louis University.

2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Master of Ceremony



Jonathan Stacey Radford

Meteorologist, FOX 5 Atlanta

Jonathan Stacey Radford is an acclaimed Atlanta-based media personality and meteorologist, a passionate Gospel preacher, and a compassionate funeral service professional.

As an unwavering justice advocate and progressive thinker, Jonathan blends his skills and passions to make a transformative impact on those he serves. In 2021, he joined the FOX 5 Atlanta Storm Team as the first full-time African American meteorologist for the station. He spent a decade honing his craft in five other television markets across the Southeastern U.S., including WBTV in Charlotte, North Carolina, and has received numerous accolades, including two regional Emmy Awards and recognition as the Best Meteorologist in the state by the Georgia Association of Broadcasters.

Beyond his television career, Jonathan is a licensed Baptist minister who has served in various roles across Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee. He holds degrees from Middle Tennessee State University, Mississippi State University, and Vanderbilt Divinity School. Jonathan is currently pursuing education and licensure in mortuary sciences and is a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

REIGNING

Miss NBCA *Hall of Fame*



Stoney McKnight

40th Miss NBCA Hall of Fame

From Spelman College to the Hall of Fame, Stoney McKnight is building her journey around resilience, service, and safer healthcare for women who too often go unseen.

Stoney McKnight's journey to becoming the 40th Miss NBCA Hall of Fame is rooted in a belief she has carried with her for years: where you begin does not determine where you can go.

Raised in Louisiana by her grandmother, McKnight experienced profound loss and periods of financial insecurity at a young age. Education became both an anchor and an avenue toward something greater. That determination eventually led her to Spelman College, where she found not only an education, but community.

At Spelman, McKnight studied Comparative Women's Studies with a concentration in Women's Health on the pre-medical track. A first-generation college graduate, she distinguished herself through scholarship, service and leadership across the Atlanta University Center. Her collegiate journey included serving as the 89th Miss Maroon & White of Morehouse College and Centennial Miss Alpha Rho, along with membership in Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the inaugural all-women's chapter of Collegiate 100. She was also selected as a Georgetown University School of Medicine ARCHES Fellow and Harvard University DuBois Fellow.

In 2025, McKnight added another chapter to that journey when she was crowned the 40th Miss NBCA Hall of Fame, becoming part of a four-decade legacy of HBCU women representing scholarship, leadership and service.

Now a graduate of Spelman College, McKnight is preparing for medical school and ultimately hopes to become an OB/GYN. Her aspirations are deeply connected to home: she plans to use medicine to address disparities in maternal healthcare, particularly among Black women and underserved communities in Louisiana.

For McKnight, that calling is an extension of what her HBCU experience gave her. She has described Spelman as the place that allowed her to "shine from the darkness" and gave her the nourishment, community and confidence to grow.

As her reign as Miss NBCA Hall of Fame comes to a close, McKnight leaves the crown with a message embodied by her own story: circumstance may shape where a journey begins, but it does not have to determine where it ends.

INTRODUCING THE

Class of 2026

The newest members of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, to be honored in Atlanta on Saturday, October 3. For the complete list of past inductees, visit nbcahof.org.



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AMIR WINDOM

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY



Grammy Award-winning music and entertainment executive Amir Windom has helped shape the work of some of the world's most influential artists while building an expansive career across music, film, television, live entertainment and philanthropy.

Amir Windom is an Oscar-nominated music supervisor, film and television producer, and creative executive whose work has influenced contemporary entertainment across multiple platforms. He has contributed to the careers of artists including Bruno Mars, Kanye West and Pharrell Williams, as well as acclaimed projects such as Pharrell's global hit "Happy" and Bruno Mars' Grammy Award-winning album 24K Magic.

Across film and television, Windom has composed, produced and placed music, developed original scores, and designed creative strategies for Sony Pictures, Universal Pictures, Lionsgate and other major studios. His credits include Despicable Me 2, Think Like a Man, Collateral Beauty, Little, Insecure, Being Mary Jane and Entourage.

His creative reach also extends to global campaigns for Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Wells Fargo, Kodak and ESPN. He helped launch Black News Channel, the first major 24-hour television news network created specifically for Black audiences, and has developed festivals and live experiences including the Capella Music Festival, The Big Homecoming and Grits & Biscuits.

A proud Florida A&M University alumnus, Windom remains committed to creating access and opportunity for others. Through his ventures, he has helped provide more than $500,000 in scholarships and grants while developing programs that support emerging talent, strengthen communities and improve quality of life.

DERRICK ALLEN MAHORN

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

NBA champion, Derrick "Rick" Mahorn built a career defined by defense, toughness and perseverance. A three-time All-American and Hampton record-holder, he spent 18 seasons in the NBA before extending his influence through broadcasting, championship coaching and mentorship.

Derrick "Rickey" Allen Mahorn arrived at Hampton in 1976 as a lightly recruited graduate of Weaver High School in Hartford, Connecticut. Known first for his defense, he averaged 5.7 points as a freshman before an injury to Hampton's starting center created an unexpected opportunity. In December 1977, playing against Virginia State at his former high school, Mahorn delivered a breakout performance of 37 points and 18 rebounds.

That game helped launch a remarkable collegiate career. Mahorn averaged 24.0, 22.8 and 27.6 points over his final three seasons, helping Hampton post a 69–23 record after the program had endured 12 consecutive losing seasons. A three-time All-American, he finished with 2,418 points and 1,465 rebounds, averaging 20.3 points and 12.3 rebounds per game. By the end of his Hampton career, he held 18 school records.

Selected 35th overall by the Washington Bullets in the 1980 NBA Draft, Mahorn played 18 seasons with Washington, Detroit, Philadelphia and New Jersey. His physical defense and uncompromising style became central to the identity of the Detroit Pistons' famed "Bad Boys." In 1989, he helped the Pistons capture the NBA championship and earned a lasting reputation as one of the league's most formidable defenders.

Mahorn later brought his knowledge of the game to coaching and broadcasting. As an assistant coach with the WNBA's Detroit Shock, he contributed to two championship teams before becoming head coach. In 2017, he guided Trilogy to the inaugural BIG3 championship and was named the league's first Coach of the Year. He now leads the Detroit Amps while continuing his work as a respected basketball broadcaster and analyst.

In 2015, 35 years after leaving Hampton, Mahorn returned to fulfill a promise to his late mother and completed his bachelor's degree—adding one of his most meaningful accomplishments to an already extraordinary legacy.



NICOLE PULLEN ROSS

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY



Nicole Pullen Ross is a nationally respected wealth-management leader. Her career reflects financial expertise, inclusive leadership and a sustained commitment to education and institutional stewardship.

Nicole Pullen Ross is region head of the Northeast Private Wealth Management business at Goldman Sachs and leads the firm's Sports and Entertainment Solutions offering. In this role, she oversees a major regional business while advising clients and directing specialized wealth-management services for athletes, entertainers, team owners and other leaders across the sports and entertainment industries.

Ross and her team launched Sports and Entertainment Solutions in 2018 to address the distinct financial needs of individuals whose careers may generate significant wealth within compressed and highly visible professional timelines. The practice brings together investment strategy, wealth planning, risk management and the broader resources of Goldman Sachs to help clients protect, grow and thoughtfully steward their assets.

Ross joined Goldman Sachs in 1999 as a private wealth advisor in New York and has continued working directly with clients throughout her leadership career. Before assuming responsibility for the Northeast region, she led the firm's New York and Mid-Atlantic Private Wealth Management businesses. She was named managing director in 2011 and partner in 2020. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, she worked at JPMorgan in New York.

Beyond her business responsibilities, Ross has held senior leadership roles supporting inclusion and the advancement of Black professionals within Goldman Sachs. She has also contributed to firmwide initiatives designed to expand economic opportunity for Black women.

A committed advocate for education, Ross serves on the boards of Hampton University and the Charter School Growth Fund. At Hampton, she chairs the Investment Committee, helping steward the long-term financial strength of the institution that helped shape her own career.

Ross earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Hampton University and an MBA from Columbia Business School. Her leadership brings together financial excellence, innovation, service and an enduring commitment to creating opportunity for institutions, families and future generations.

CAPT. ANTHONY HOLDER

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Air Force veteran and aviation pioneer whose five-decade career spans military and commercial flight. As FedEx's fourth African American pilot, he paired professional excellence with sustained mentorship, STEM education and service to aspiring aviators and underserved youth.

Captain Anthony "Tony" Holder's aviation journey began at Howard University, where he arrived from the Bronx in 1967 with no STEM background or aviation experience. Initially admitted as an English major, he shifted toward engineering, joined Air Force ROTC and graduated in 1971 with a degree in civil engineering, a commission in the U.S. Air Force and selection for pilot training.

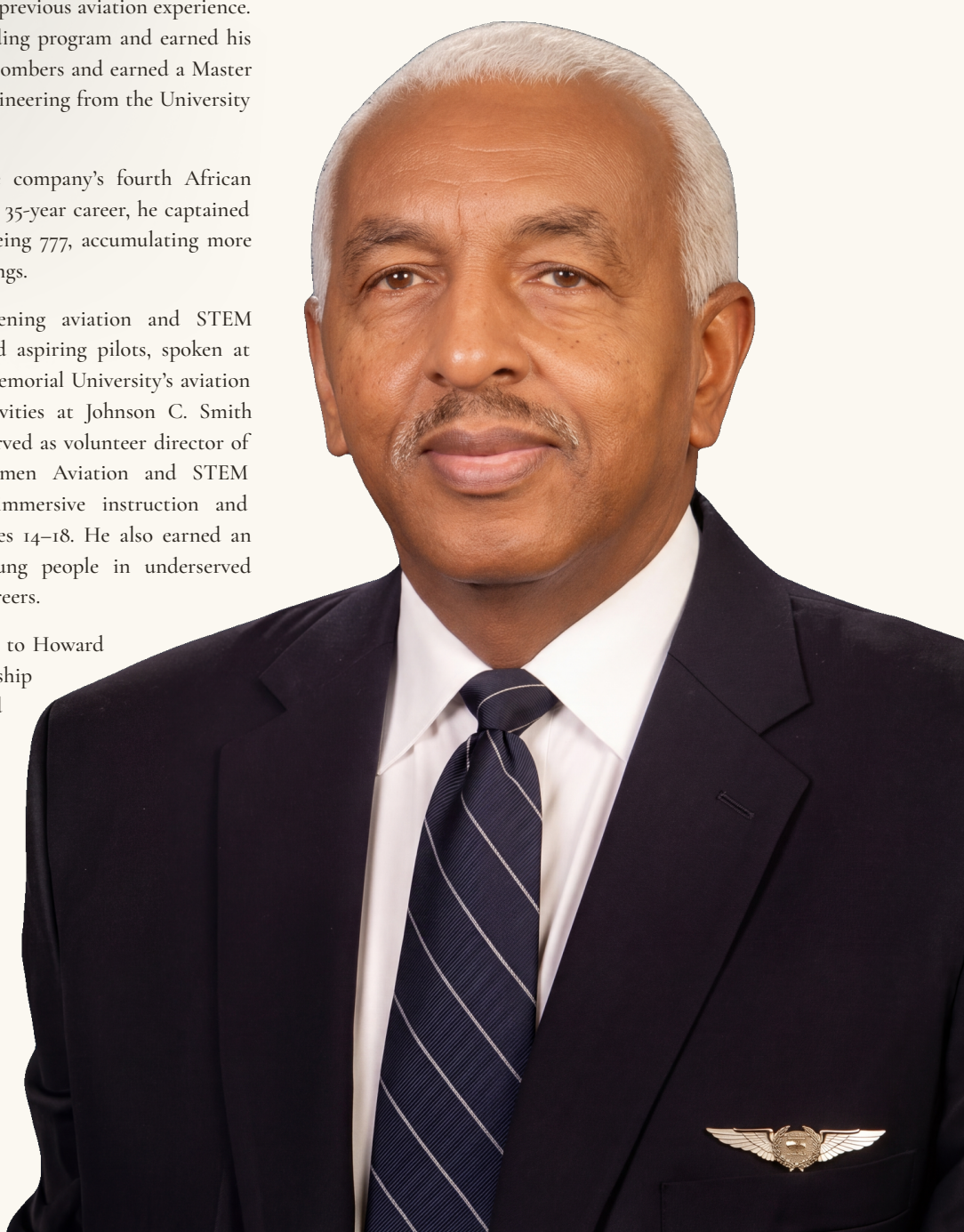
At Reese Air Force Base, Holder was the only person of color in a class of 60 and the only officer without previous aviation experience. He nevertheless completed the demanding program and earned his wings in 1973. He went on to fly B-52 bombers and earned a Master of Science in Systems Management Engineering from the University of Southern California.

In 1979, Holder joined FedEx as the company's fourth African American pilot. During a distinguished 35-year career, he captained the Boeing 727, DC-10, MD-11 and Boeing 777, accumulating more than 22,000 flight hours and 3,000 landings.

Holder has devoted decades to opening aviation and STEM pathways for others. He has mentored aspiring pilots, spoken at schools and HBCUs, advised Florida Memorial University's aviation curriculum and led youth drone activities at Johnson C. Smith University. Following retirement, he served as volunteer director of the Atlanta Chapter's Tuskegee Airmen Aviation and STEM Training program, which provides immersive instruction and first-flight experiences for students ages 14–18. He also earned an FAA drone license to introduce young people in underserved communities to additional aerospace careers.

Holder has remained deeply connected to Howard through philanthropy, ROTC mentorship and support for engineering and athletics. In 2017, he also helped restore the university's historic Sundial, applying calculations based on the work of Benjamin Banneker to properly position its gnomon.

A recipient of the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, Holder has been recognized for 50 years of exemplary aviation experience, professionalism and commitment to safety.



DR. CHARLES J. GIBBS

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Three-time Howard University graduate and the seventh—and first African American—president of Metropolitan College of New York. His 25-year higher-education career reflects transformative leadership in student success, institutional advancement, HBCU collaboration, and mentoring the next generation.

Dr. Charles J. Gibbs is the seventh—and first African American—president of Metropolitan College of New York, bringing more than 25 years of experience in higher education, nonprofit leadership, and student advocacy to the role.

A former special-education student and high school football player from Montclair, New Jersey, Gibbs first encountered the possibility of college through Upward Bound. A scholarship to Howard University changed the course of his life and his family's future. He went on to earn three Howard degrees—a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing, a Master of Education in education administration and policy, and a Doctor of Education—while completing his education without student debt. In 2004, he was inducted into Howard's Bison Express Football Hall of Fame.

Gibbs spent 16 years in leadership at Howard, advancing through roles that included vice provost for student affairs. He later held senior positions at Clark Atlanta University and Miles College, where his work encompassed institutional advancement, enrollment, fundraising, accreditation, and student success. As president of the Propel Center HBCU Consortium, he helped expand learning and career opportunities for HBCU students in technology, health, agriculture, the arts, and social justice. He also served as chief executive officer of 100 Black Men of America, strengthening the reach of one of the nation's foremost African American male mentoring organizations.

Since becoming president of Metropolitan College of New York on July 1, 2024, Gibbs has continued to champion access, career-connected education, and pathways that help students transform their lives and communities. His service was recognized in 2024 with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. His own journey—from scholar-athlete to university president and doctor of education—embodies his enduring message that determination, opportunity, and institutional support can make achievement possible.



SHIRLEY CAESAR

SHAW UNIVERSITY

The internationally revered "First Lady of Gospel" has spent more than seven decades uniting electrifying song, preaching, and service. A 12-time Grammy winner and Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, she has expanded gospel's reach while remaining rooted in ministry and community care.

Pastor Shirley Caesar, celebrated worldwide as the First Lady of Gospel, has spent more than seven decades carrying a message of faith through music, preaching, and service. Her unmistakable voice, dramatic storytelling, and commanding stage presence have helped preserve the foundations of traditional gospel while opening the genre to new audiences.

Born and raised in Durham, North Carolina, Caesar was inspired by her father, gospel singer Big Jim Caesar. After his death, she began performing professionally as "Baby Shirley" to help support her family and recorded her first single at age 13. In 1958, she joined the Caravans, one of gospel music's most influential groups. During eight formative years with the ensemble, her impassioned leads helped define favorites including "Sweeping Through the City" and "No Coward Soldier."

Caesar launched her solo ministry in 1966 and built a career distinguished by both spiritual conviction and creative range. Recordings such as "No Charge," "Hold My Mule," and the chart-topping album Live in Chicago became gospel standards. Decades later, a line from "Hold My Mule" inspired the viral "U Name It" challenge, introducing her work to another generation.

Her honors include 12 Grammy Awards, 18 Dove Awards, 19 Stellar Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the Recording Academy's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Caesar graduated magna cum laude from Shaw University in 1984 and was ordained as a pastor in 1990. As senior pastor of Mount Calvary Word of Faith Church and founder of Shirley Caesar Outreach Ministries, she has extended her calling beyond the stage by providing food, clothing, shelter, and emergency assistance to people in need.



ESSYE B. MILLER

TALLADEGA COLLEGE



Her 35-year federal career culminated in senior leadership across the U.S. Department of Defense. A Talladega College trustee, she continues advancing national security, corporate governance, and pathways into technology for future generations.

Essye B. Miller is a nationally respected technology and cybersecurity executive whose 35-year federal career culminated in some of the most influential information-technology leadership roles in the U.S. Department of Defense.

As Principal Deputy Chief Information Officer, Miller helped advise the Secretary of Defense on information management, cybersecurity, telecommunications, satellite communications, spectrum management, and other mission-critical technologies. She also served as Acting Department of Defense Chief Information Officer during key periods of national leadership. Earlier, as the Department's Chief Information Security Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, she guided enterprise-wide strategy and coordinated policies, standards, and practices across military partners, federal agencies, and private industry. Her career also included senior leadership assignments with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army.

In 2018, Miller received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, one of the federal government's highest honors for members of the Senior Executive Service. Since retiring from public service, she has continued to contribute through corporate governance and strategic advisory work, offering technology and national-security insight to public- and private-sector leaders.

Miller remains deeply committed to Talladega College. Through leadership, philanthropy, and support that helped secure a $1 million gift from the Scripps Family Foundation, she played an important role in strengthening the college's Cybersecurity Center and its standing as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity. As vice chair of the Talladega College Board of Trustees, she continues to champion innovation, workforce development, and student access to high-demand technology careers.

Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts from Talladega College, a Master of Business Administration from Troy State University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from Air University. Talladega awarded her an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2021 in recognition of her public service, professional achievement, and enduring commitment to her alma mater.

GEOFFREY E. FOSTER

NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

Engineer, inventor, educator, and manufacturing entrepreneur whose company, Core Technology Molding Corporation, serves global medical, automotive, pharmaceutical, and aerospace markets. A two-time North Carolina A&T graduate, he pairs industrial innovation with philanthropy, workforce development, and hands-on STEM opportunities for young people.

Geoff Foster is an engineer, inventor, educator, and manufacturing entrepreneur whose leadership has expanded opportunity across industry, higher education, and the community.

Foster earned bachelor's ('90) and master's ('96) degrees in industrial technology from North Carolina A&T State University, concentrating in applied engineering technology. He began his career with AMP Incorporated and Tyco Electronics in quality engineering, product engineering, and global product management. His work produced U.S. Patent 6,024,591 for a sealed electrical connector used in over 31 million Ford Motor Company vehicles. After earning an MBA from Wake Forest University, he joined Corning Life Sciences, where he managed an $80 million product line and a workforce of 125 employees.

In 2006, Foster founded Core Technology Molding Corporation in Greensboro, North Carolina, and serves as its president and chief executive officer. The advanced injection-molding company operates around the clock and serves customers in more than 150 countries across medical-device, biopharmaceutical, automotive, heavy-truck, outdoor-equipment, and aerospace markets. Its growth has included highly controlled clean-room manufacturing, multiple quality and environmental certifications, and a major investment in an expanded Greensboro facility.

Foster's business leadership has earned recognition including the 2020 Ernst & Young Southeast Entrepreneur of the Year award and multiple supplier and small-business honors. Yet his influence extends well beyond manufacturing. He has taught in North Carolina A&T's Department of Applied Engineering Technology for more than 20 years, helping connect classroom learning with real-world industry needs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he founded Molding Kids for Success, a nonprofit STEM initiative that reaches approximately 1,000 young people each year through hands-on learning and career exposure.

Foster is a Lifetime Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, and Vice Chairman of the NC Biotech Piedmont Triad Advisory Board. Foster has two children with his wife of 34 years, Tonya, who is the VP with Core Technology over HR, Safety and Environmental.

Through teaching, mentorship, philanthropy, and business creation, Foster continues to build both products and pathways—preparing a new generation to participate in the future of advanced manufacturing.



HON. BELVIN PERRY JR.

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY



A pioneering Florida jurist whose career spans prosecution, judicial leadership, and community service. The first African American elected to Florida's Ninth Judicial Circuit without prior appointment, he led the court for nine terms and strengthened access, fairness, and innovation throughout the justice system.

Retired Chief Judge Belvin Perry Jr.'s distinguished career has advanced justice, professionalism, and public service throughout Central Florida.

A native of Orlando, Perry was raised in a family committed to education and civic responsibility. His mother was a public-school teacher, and his father was among the first two African American officers hired by the Orlando Police Department. Perry earned a Bachelor of Science in history and a Master of Education in student personnel services from Tuskegee University, followed by a Juris Doctor from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

He began his legal career in 1977 as a trial attorney with the Office of the State Attorney and rose to chief assistant state attorney. In 1989, he became the first African American elected to the Ninth Judicial Circuit bench without first receiving an appointment. Over the next 25 years, Perry served as administrative judge in Osceola County and completed nine terms as chief judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit before retiring in 2014.

His leadership extended well beyond the courtroom. Perry chaired the Florida Innocence Commission, became the first African American chair of the Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges, and served on numerous Florida Supreme Court and justice-system committees. He also helped establish innovations addressing complex business litigation and the intersection of mental health, substance use, and the criminal-justice system.

Perry's honors include state and regional Jurist of the Year awards, the Florida Bar's Judge William M. Hoeveler Judicial Award for Professionalism, and recognition on EBONY's Power 100 list. Following the bench, he practiced personal-injury law until 2024 and continued serving community organizations, including 100 Black Men of Greater Orlando and the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation.

Through a lifetime of trailblazing leadership, Perry has joined legal excellence with a sustained commitment to fairness, mentorship, and stronger communities.

DR. SAMANTHA J.F. DELOACHE

CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Samantha J. F. DeLoache is an award-winning pharmacist, entrepreneur, speaker, author, and leadership-development advocate who empowers professionals to communicate with confidence, increase their visibility, and lead with greater impact.

Her path began at Claflin University, where DeLoache earned a Bachelor of Science in biology. She went on to complete a Doctor of Pharmacy at the Medical University of South Carolina and a Master of Business Administration at The Citadel, preparing her for a career that bridges clinical practice and business leadership.

For nearly two decades, DeLoache has worked in healthcare, pairing a pharmacist's precision with an entrepreneur's instinct for growth. That combination became the foundation for the Model Speakers Academy, which she founded to help emerging and established leaders sharpen their executive presence, clarify their message, and speak with authenticity. Through keynotes, coaching, workshops, and corporate training, she has reached audiences in healthcare, higher education, the nonprofit sector, and corporate America, teaching professionals not only to hold expertise but to present it with purpose and credibility.

She is also the creator of the nationally recognized Modeling Pharmacist® brand, which reflects her belief that professionals can embrace every dimension of their talents while pursuing excellence. Uniting pharmacy, entrepreneurship, public speaking, and personal branding, the brand offers a broader picture of what leadership can look like.

Her work has earned recognition from Who's Who in Black Charlotte, the Charlotte Ledger's 40 Over 40, and KNOW Charlotte, along with the Platinum Voice Award and the Career Mastered Emerging Leader Award. She is a graduate of Leadership North Carolina and a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

DeLoache mentors aspiring professionals and supports youth-development initiatives, encouraging young people to own their voices and lead with confidence. She regards her Hall of Fame induction as both a personal honor and a tribute to the education, leadership, and commitment to excellence that first took root at Claflin University.



DR. SYLVIA TRENT-ADAMS

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY



A lifelong public servant whose career has advanced health equity, safety, and quality across the nation. The former Acting U.S. Surgeon General now leads the Institute for Healthcare Improvement after more than 30 years of military and federal service.

Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams is a nurse, public-health leader, and lifelong public servant whose career has advanced health equity, safety, and quality at the highest levels of government, higher education, and healthcare.

As president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Trent-Adams leads a global organization dedicated to improving health and healthcare worldwide. She previously served as president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, where she had also been executive vice president and chief strategy officer.

Her public-service career spans more than 30 years in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Trent-Adams served as Deputy U.S. Surgeon General, Acting U.S. Surgeon General, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Earlier, as deputy associate administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration's HIV/AIDS Bureau, she helped oversee the $2.3 billion Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, which supports medical care, treatment, referrals, and essential services for uninsured and underserved people living with HIV.

Across these roles, Trent-Adams helped shape policy and coordinate responses to major public-health challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the opioid epidemic, the Flint water crisis, the Zika virus, and hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Her service has been recognized with the International Committee of the Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal for her leadership in the U.S. response to the 2015 Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Trent-Adams earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Hampton University, a Master of Science in nursing and health policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and a doctorate in public policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Her career reflects a sustained commitment to evidence, equity, and the belief that every person deserves safe, high-quality care.

DR. CHERYL MCKISSACK DANIEL

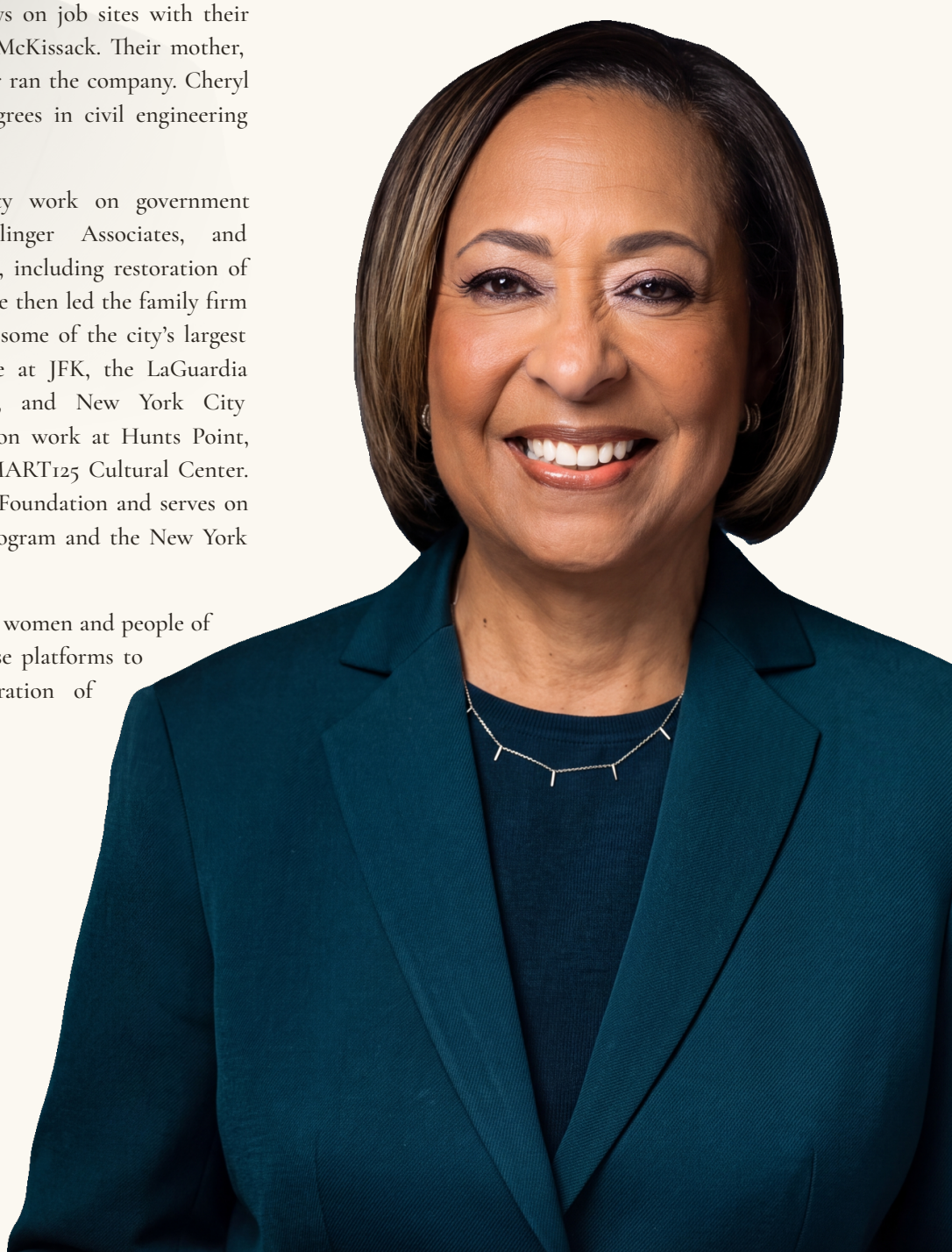
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

A fifth-generation builder, Dr. Cheryl McKissack Daniel leads McKissack & McKissack, the nation's oldest minority- and woman-owned design and construction firm, and has helped shape some of New York's largest civic projects.

Dr. Cheryl McKissack Daniel is a civil engineer and the president and chief executive officer of McKissack & McKissack, widely recognized as the nation's oldest minority- and woman-owned design and construction firm. Born in Nashville in 1961, she is a fifth-generation builder in a family whose professional story begins with Moses McKissack III, who founded the firm with his brother Calvin in 1905. She and her twin sister spent Saturdays on job sites with their father, architect William DeBerry McKissack. Their mother, Leatrice Buchanan McKissack, later ran the company. Cheryl earned bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Howard University.

Her early career included quality work on government research, engineering at Weidlinger Associates, and estimating at Turner Construction, including restoration of the historic Schomburg Theatre. She then led the family firm from New York, winning roles on some of the city's largest civic projects: New Terminal One at JFK, the LaGuardia Central Terminal redevelopment, and New York City Economic Development Corporation work at Hunts Point, the Fulton Fish Market, and the MART125 Cultural Center. She chairs the New York Building Foundation and serves on the boards of the ACE Mentor Program and the New York Building Congress.

In an industry that still has too few women and people of color at the top, she has used those platforms to open doors for the next generation of designers and builders.



DR. HARRY L. WILLIAMS

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Harry L. Williams has spent his career widening the door to higher education, from the presidency of Delaware State University to leading the Thurgood Marshall College Fund as a national voice for America's public HBCUs.

Dr. Harry L. Williams is president and chief executive officer of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the leading organization exclusively representing America's public HBCUs, historically Black community colleges, and predominantly Black institutions. A first-generation college student from Greenville, North Carolina, he came to Appalachian State University on a track scholarship and earned bachelor's and master's degrees there before completing an Ed.D. at East Tennessee State University. He began his career in Appalachian's admissions office, later served in the University of North Carolina system and at North Carolina A&T State University, and built a national practice in enrollment management.

Williams became the 10th president of Delaware State University, serving until 2018. Under his leadership enrollment grew, research capacity expanded, and the campus secured major public-private investments. In 2017 TMCF named him president and CEO while he was still a sitting HBCU president—the first time the organization had done so. He took office in 2018 and has since grown membership, invited historically Black community colleges into the network, and built partnerships with companies including Boeing, Medtronic, Visa, Ally Financial, and Hennessy USA.

Delaware State later named him president emeritus. He remains a national voice for HBCU funding, student access, and the IGNITE HBCU Excellence Act.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

1986 Leontyne Price, Central State University
1987 Lionel Richie, Tuskegee University
1988 Phylicia Rashad, Howard University
1989 Jack "The Rapper" Gibson, Lincoln University of Missouri
1990 John T. Biggers, Hampton University
1991 Dr. William Taylor, Virginia State University
1991 Tim Reid, Norfolk State University
1992 Olivia Ward, Bowie State University
1993 Robert DoQui, Langston University
1994 Roscoe Lee Browne, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
1995 Dr. Tommie Stewart, Jackson State University
1996 Oprah Winfrey, Tennessee State University
1997 Dr. Rosalyn A. Walker, Hampton University
1998 Dr. Della B.T. Hardman, West Virginia State College
1998 JoMarie Payton, Albany State University
1999 Debbie Allen, Howard University
1999 Robert "Bob" Thompson, West Virginia State University
2000 Kenny Leon, Clark Atlanta University
2001 Joe Torry, Lincoln University of Missouri
2002 Nancy Wilson, Central State University
2003 Leo Twiggs, Claflin University
2003 Dr. Bobby Jones, Tennessee State University
2005 Emmanuel Lewis, Clark Atlanta University
2006 Irma Dolores Player Hall, Texas College
2006 Lynn Whitfield, Howard University
2008 Denise Dowse, Norfolk State University
2009 Ernest Eugene Barnes, Jr., North Carolina Central University (Posthumously)
2010 Cecil J. Williams, Claflin University
2011 Pearl Cleage, Spelman College
2012 Floyd Gordon, Claflin University (Arts)
2012 T'Keyah Crystal Keyman, Florida A&M University (Entertainment)
2013 Bernadine R. Oliphint, Texas Southern University
2014 Will Packer, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
2015 Will Downing, Virginia Union University
2017 Jonathan Slocumb, Oakwood University
2018 Mr. Dowell Taylor, Jackson State University
2019 Dr. Sandra Daye Hughes, North Carolina A&T State University
2019 Anita Ward-Richardson, Rust College
2020 La'Verne E. Washington, Langston University
2023 Ed Bradley (posthumously), Cheyney University
2024 Bernard & Shirley Kinsey, Florida A&M University
2025 Dr. Myles R. Cunningham, III, Virginia State University
2025 Stephen A. Smith, Winston-Salem State University

ATHLETICS

1986 Eddie Robinson, Grambling State University
1987 Willis Reed, Grambling State University
1988 Walter Payton, Jackson State University
1989 Louis Brock, Southern University
1990 John Stallworth, Alabama A&M University
1991 Harry Carson, South Carolina State University
1992 Dr. Leroy Walker, Benedict College
1993 Willie Davenport, Southern University
1994 Dr. James Frank, Lincoln University of Missouri
1995 Ralph Boston, Tennessee State University
1996 Alice Coachman Davis, Albany State University
1996 Edwin Moses, Morehouse College
1997 William J. Robinson, West Virginia State University
1998 L.J. "Stan" Lomax, Fort Valley State University
1999 Steve Wilson, Howard University
2001 Marques Haynes, Langston University
2003 Hiawatha Knight, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
2004 Doug Williams, Grambling State University
2005 Wyomia Tyus, Tennessee State University
2006 Elvin Lamont Bethea, North Carolina A & T University
2007 April Holmes, Norfolk State University
2008 Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Winston-Salem University
2009 Edith McGuire-Duvall, Tennessee State University
2010 Jethro T. Pugh, Elizabeth City State University
2011 Coach Lonnie Bartley, Fort Valley State University
2013 Robert Mathis, Alabama A&M University
2014 Dr. Catana Starks, Tennessee State University
2015 The Jones Brothers, Albany State University
2016 Alvin Attles, Jr., North Carolina A&T State University
2017 H. Anthony Wyllie, Texas Southern University
2018 Mr. Jerry Rice, Mississippi Valley State University
2019 C. Vivian Stringer, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
2020 Dr. Walter L. Reed, Jackson State University
2021 Gregory L. Lloyd, Sr., Fort Valley State University
2022 Stevie Baggs, Jr., Bethune-Cookman University
2023 Tyrone Poole, Fort Valley State University
2024 Lemar Parrish, Lincoln University Missouri
2025 Dr. Richard Barnett (posthumously), Tennessee State University

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

1986 Herman J. Russell, Tuskegee University
1987 Earl G. Graves, Morgan State University
1988 Carl Ware, Clark Atlanta University
1989 Joshua I. Smith, Central State University
1990 Harlow Fullwood, Jr., Virginia Union University

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1991 Jesse Hill, Jr., Lincoln University of Missouri
1992 Daniel Kennon, Jr., Talladega College
1992 E. J. "Jay" Williams, St. Paul's College
1993 Willie E. Gary, Shaw University
1994 William Cox, Alabama State University
1995 Joe Dudley, North Carolina A & T University
1996 Gerald Williams, Lane College
1997 Roy Terry & Rudolph Terry, Morehouse College
1998 Dr. Samuels Metters, Prairie View A&M
1999 Donald Sowell, Alcorn State University
2000 Dr. Thomas Boston, West Virginia State College
2002 Gregory Baranco, Southern University
2003 James F. Garrett, North Carolina A & T University
2004 Charles B. Gary, Claflin University
2004 Jeffrey E. Thompson, University of the District of Columbia
2005 Tom Joyner, Tuskegee University
2006 Alexis M. Herman, Xavier University
2006 Gerald B. Smith, Texas Southern University
2007 Ernest Hodge, Norfolk State University
2007 Donna James, North Carolina A & T University
2008 C.D. (Charles David) Moody, Morehouse College (Business)
2008 Dmitri Stockton, North Carolina A&T State University (Industry)
2009 Dr. Theophilus Boyd, III, Tennessee State University (Business)
2009 Logan H. Westbrooks, Lincoln University of Missouri (Industry)
2010 Willie A. Deese, North Carolina A&T State University (Business)
2010 Lonnie Johnson, Tuskegee University (Industry)
2011 Johnnie B. Booker, Hampton University
2012 John J. Funny, South Carolina State University (Business)
2012 Kevin W. Williams, Tennessee State University (Industry)
2013 Andrea Harris, Bennett College
2013 Dr. Harry L. Coaxium, Talladega College
2015 Janice Howroyd, North Carolina A&T State University
2016 Dr. Kase Lawal, Texas Southern University
2017 Mitchell A. Martin, CPA, MBA, North Carolina A&T State University
2018 Mr. Craig Welburn, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
2018 Dr. Henry Coaxum, Jr., Talladega College
2019 Dr. Valerie R. Daniels-Carter, Lincoln University of Missouri
2020 Louis C. Henry, Jr., Southern University
2021 Dr. Tyrone Adam Burroughs, Benedict College
2022 Dr. Rashad Richey, Clark Atlanta University
2022 Cathleen Richardson, Clark Atlanta University (Industry)
2023 Erin M. Tolefree, Spelman College
2023 Henry F. Allen, Jr., South Carolina State University
2024 Dr. Kara R. King, Hampton University
2025 Latica Archie-Oliver, Claflin University
2025 Douglas D. Gantt, South Carolina State University

CIVIL RIGHTS

Tennessee State University Freedom Riders

2011 Dr. Catherine Burks-Brooks, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Allen Cason, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Lucretia Collins, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. William Harbour, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Larry F. Hunter, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Patricia Jenkins-Armstrong, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Pauline Knight-Ofosu, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Frederick Leonard, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Ernest R. Patton, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Joy Reagon Leonard, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Carolyn Reed-Bush, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Etta Simpson-Ray, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Mary J. Smith, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. Francis Wilson Canty, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2011 Dr. El Senzengakulu Zulu, Freedom Rider, Tennessee State University
2012 Ralph David Abernathy – Posthumously, Alabama State University
2013 The A&T Four: Major General Joseph McNeil, Dr. Franklin McCain, Dr. Jibreel Khazan, Dr. David Richmond (posthumously), North Carolina State University
2015 The Honorable David Dinkins, Howard University
2016 Rev. Dr. William Joseph Barber II, North Carolina Central University
2017 Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Howard University
2019 Dr. Charles E. Steele, Jr., Mississippi Valley State University
2020 Bayard Rustin, Cheyney State University
2021 Melanie L. Campbell, Clark Atlanta University
2023 Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Voorhees University
2024 Dr. David J. Dennis, Sr., Dillard University

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1986 Martin Luther King, Jr., Morehouse College
1987 Ashley H. Cooke, Jr., Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
1988 Geraldine Henderson, Fayetteville State University
1989 Rev. Dr. Joseph Jackson, Jackson State University
1990 Frances Delee Taylor, Claflin College
1991 Thelma Parks, Langston University
1992 Xernona Clayton, Tennessee State University
1993 Rev. Leon Sullivan, West Virginia State College
1994 Charles Barlow, Morris Brown College
1995 Rev. Dr. Cecil Murray, Florida A&M University

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1996 Theodore Blunt, Winston-Salem State University
1997 Lyda Hannan, Fort Valley State University
1998 Ollie W. Gates, Lincoln University of Missouri
1999 Dr. Joseph Lowery, Knoxville College
2000 George Dillard, Langston University
2001 Dr. Reatha King, Clark Atlanta University
2002 George H. Andrews, Alabama State University
2003 Hon. Myron Lowry, LeMoyne-Owen College
2004 Clemmie B. Hatchett, Claflin University
2005 Dr. Fredrick D. Reese, Jr., Alabama State University
2006 Royall M. Mack, Sr., North Carolina A & T University
2007 Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Virginia Union University
2009 Joyce M. Rochè, Dillard University
2010 Dr. Jasper Salmond, Benedict College
2011 Ruth B. Crawford, Paine College
2012 Harry E. Johnson, Sr., Texas Southern University
2014 Hardy K. Dorsey, Sr., Lincoln University (MO)
2015 Elisabeth Omilami, Hampton University
2017 Judge Penny Brown Reynolds, Interdenominational Theological Center
2018 Dr. Dorothy Buchanan Wilson, Benedict College
2019 Rev. Dr. Michael Delano Page, Shaw University
2020 Dr. B. DaNine J. Fleming, Claflin University
2021 Gerald K. Harris, Sr., Dillard University
2023 Andrew James Fuller, Alabama A&M University
2024 Ernest & Floretta Collins, Prairie View A&M University
2025 Daphney A. Young, Dillard University

EDUCATION

1986 Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College
1987 Dr. Mary Hatwood Futrell, Virginia State University
1988 Dr. Henry Cheaney, Kentucky State University
1989 Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, Grambling State University
1990 Dr. Clinita Arnsby Ford, Lincoln University of Missouri
1990 Dr. Maceo Nance, Jr., Langston University
1991 Dr. Earl W. Rand, Jarvis Christian College
1992 Dr. Norman C. Frances, Xavier University
1992 Dr. Frederick Humphries, Florida A&M University
1993 Dr. William Harvey, Talladega College
1994 Dr. Robert Albright, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
1995 Dr. Arthur Bacon, Talladega College
1996 Dr. Sebetha Jenkins, Jackson State University
1997 Dr. Dorothy C. Yancy, Johnson C. Smith University
1998 Dr. William W. Sutton, Mississippi Valley State University
1999 Dr. Shirley Turnage, Elizabeth City State University
2000 Dr. Henry Ponder, Langston University
2001 Dr. Roderick Paige, Jackson State University
2002 Dr. Wilma Roscoe, Livingstone College
2003 Dr. Shirley Knox-Benton, Huston -Tillotson College
2004 Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, Fisk University
2005 Dr. Oswald P. Bronson, Bethune-Cookman College
2006 Dr. Larry L. Earvin, Clark Atlanta University
2007 Dr. Benjamin Payton, South Carolina State University
2009 Dr. Earl Richardson, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
2011 Dr. Henry Tisdale, Claflin University
2012 Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, Hampton University
2013 Thelma B. Thompson, Ph.D., Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
2014 Dr. Harold L. Martin, Sr., North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
2015 Dr. Robert Franklin, Morehouse College
2016 Dr. David Beckley, Rust College
2017 Dr. Gary A. McGaha, Mississippi Valley State University
2018 Dr. Lawrence Davis, Jr., University of Arkansas Pine Bluff
2019 Dr. Elwood L. Robinson, Winston-Salem State University
2020 Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, Tennessee State University
2021 Dr. Adena Williams Loston, Alcorn State University
2022 Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, West Virginia State University
2023 Dr. Dora S. Washington, Alabama A&M University
2024 Elizabeth Evelyn Wright (Posthumously), Voorhees University
2025 Dr. Juliet King, Benedict College

FAITH & THEOLOGY

2003 Bishop Eddie L. Long, North Carolina Central University
2004 Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, Wilberforce University
2005 Bishop T. D Jakes, West Virginia State University
2006 Rev. Dr. William Flippin, Sr., Fisk University
2007 Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley, Tennessee State University
2008 Dr. Barbara Lewis King, Clark Atlanta University
2009 Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, Morehouse College
2010 Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Morehouse College
2011 Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Benedict College
2012 Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, Bishop College
2013 Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Virginia Union University
2014 Bishop Dale C. Bronner, Morehouse College
2015 Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Morehouse College
2016 Bishop Dr. George Brooks, North Carolina A&T State University
2017 Reverend Dr. Lillie Jones, (Posthumously), Bennett College
2018 Rev. Audrey Bronson, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
2019 Rev. Dr. E. Dewey Smith, Jr., Morehouse College

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2020 Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant, Morehouse College
2021 Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Murriel, Jackson State University
2022 Rev. Dr. Charles L. Johnson, Claflin University
2023 Dr. Craig L. Oliver, Sr., Clark Atlanta University
2024 Rev. Otto W. Duncan, Jr., Dillard University
2025 Rev. Edward S. Reynolds, Morris Brown College

GOVERNMENT & LAW

1986 Honorable Thurgood Marshall, Howard University
1987 Honorable Maynard Jackson, Morehouse College
1988 Honorable Earnest Finney, Jr., Claflin University
1989 Honorable Barbara Jordan, Texas Southern University
1990 Honorable Calvin Smyre, Fort Valley State University
1991 Honorable William Jefferson, Southern University
1992 Honorable John Lewis, Fisk University
1993 Honorable Andrew Young, Howard University
1994 Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, Virginia Union University
1995 Honorable Kweisi Mfume, Morgan State University
1995 Alvin O. Chambliss, Jr., Jackson State University
1996 Donald Hollowell, Lane College
1997 Honorable Eva Clayton, Johnson C. Smith University
1998 Colonel Ora J. Williams, Alcorn State University
1999 Honorable John F. Knight, Jr., Alabama State University
2000 Honorable Michael Thurmond, Paine College
2000 Honorable Jesse White, Alabama State University
2001 Jacquelyn Barrett, Clark Atlanta University
2002 Honorable Clarence Cooper, Clark Atlanta University
2003 Honorable Willie Earl Lockette, Fort Valley State University
2004 Reuben V. Anderson, Tougaloo College
2005 Honorable Joyce London Alexander, Howard University
2005 Honorable James E. Clyburn, South Carolina State University
2006 Honorable Shirley Franklin, Howard University
2006 Honorable Matthew E. Perry, Jr., South Carolina State University
2007 Honorable Johnny Ford, Knoxville College
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1991 Dr. Hattie Carwell, Bennett College
1992 Dr. Walter Roberts, Mississippi Valley State University
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2014 Dr. Cora B. Marrett, Virginia Union University
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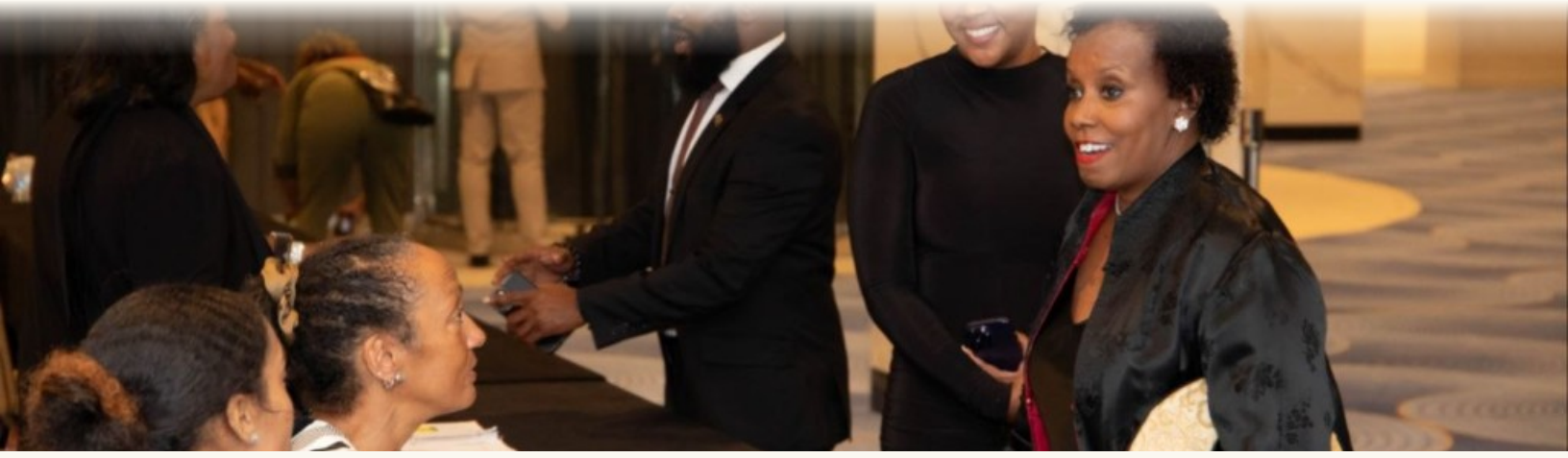
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As founder of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., he created an organization dedicated to sustaining and strengthening HBCUs through alumni recognition, scholarships, training and technical assistance, and programs promoting humanitarian involvement.

A trailblazer throughout his career, Dortch served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of TWD, Inc. In 1990, he made history as the first African American to serve as State Director and Chief Administrator for a United States Senator, serving in that capacity for Senator Sam Nunn.

His entrepreneurial and civic leadership extended across numerous industries and organizations. He served as CEO of Atlanta Transportation Systems, Inc.; Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Parking; Chairman of Lancor Parking Management, LLC; and Managing Partner of FAD Consulting, LLC. He also co-founded the Georgia Association of Minority Entrepreneurs and the Greater Atlanta Economic Alliance, advancing opportunities for minority-owned businesses and entrepreneurs.

Dortch's commitment to education and civic engagement was equally extensive. He served on the boards of Florida A&M University, Talladega College and Clark Atlanta University and held leadership roles with organizations including 100 Black Men of America, Inc., the National Business League, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation, Friendship Force International and the Atlanta Business League.

A graduate of Clark Atlanta University, where he earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice Administration, Dortch also studied at Georgia State University as a Ford Fellow in Urban Administration. His contributions earned him honorary doctorates from several institutions and recognition from organizations throughout the nation. Among his many honors, he was inducted into the Atlanta Business League Hall of Fame and the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau's Atlanta Hospitality Hall of Fame and was recognized among Atlanta's most influential leaders.

In 1995, the organization he founded honored him as an NBCA Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Inductee.

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