



100 BLACK MEN OF ATLANTA'S HONORS GALA PAID TRIBUTE TO LEADERS Andrew Young and Jermaine Dupri Headlined Sold-Out Signature Fundraiser

June 29, 2023 – ATLANTA... 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. presented the 100 Honors Gala on Saturday, June 24 at the Omni Atlanta Hotel. With its theme 'Empowering Our Youth,' the black-tie gala returned this year, live and in-person for the first time since 2019. The highly anticipated 100 Honors Gala raises funds supporting the 100 Black Men of Atlanta's mission to improve the quality of life by supporting and enhancing educational and economic opportunities particularly for African American youth in the Atlanta community. Ambassador Andrew Young and Mrs. Billye Aaron served as Honorary Co-Chairs. The event was led by Co-chairs Marlon Cousin, Imara Canady, and Derin Dickerson. Emceed by renowned broadcast journalists Fred Blankenship and Lori Wilson, guests enjoyed an impressive program of awards presentations as well as inspirational remarks by students and recent graduates.

Under the leadership of Immediate Past Chairman Keith I. Millner and recently installed Chairman Sidney D. Barron, the Honors Gala recognized those who have made significant contributions that align with the organization's mission.

Event photos: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G_a0EiNI_JHKV3F-s_TK9wihcvDMrbCW?usp=sharing

100 Honors Gala – Awards & Honorees

- **Andrew Young Lifetime Achievement Award**
This award is designed for someone who has achieved an unparalleled level of success and made a positive impact on the community by giving back and representing a group of underrepresented people.
Honoree: Jermaine Dupri, CEO of So So Def Recordings
- **Maynard H. Jackson Community Impact Award**
This award is reserved for someone that has made a lasting impact on the community through charitable giving or community education on a variety of topics such as criminal justice reform, civic engagement, financial empowerment, health awareness or other areas that will leave the community a better place.
Honoree: Jay Bailey, President & CEO of Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs (RICE)
- **Nathaniel R. Goldston, III Trailblazer Award**
This award is designed to recognize someone that has made a lasting impression in an area or industry such as corporate America, education, entertainment, sports, or entrepreneurship and has opened doors in their area and paved the way for others.
Honoree: Dr. Kevin James, Ed.D., President of Morris Brown College
- **John Lewis Emerging Leader Award**
This award is presented to an individual under 35 years old that has already begun to leave a lasting impact and represents the next generation of leaders with their character and work in the community or their professional accomplishments.
Honoree: Aundell "AJ" Terrell Jr., NFL cornerback for the Atlanta Falcons
- **Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Civic Leadership Award**
This inaugural award was created to honor the legacy of the late Chairman Emeritus Thomas W. Dortch Jr., who also served as Chairman ex-officio of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and Chairman of the 100 Black Men of

America. The award recognizes an individual leading African-America youth as well as a leader in industry, education, or entrepreneurship. It specifically pays tribute to a member who has had transformational impact on African-American youth through programs and mentorship.

Honorees: Joshua Byrd, Sr. and Richard Byrd, Anti-Gun Violence Leadership

- **Chairman's Circle Corporate Responsibility Award**

This award is designed to recognize a corporate partner for their philanthropic impact on the City of Atlanta and metro community.

Honoree: Delta Air Lines

Monies raised directly benefit student mentoring programs such as Project Success, The Robotics Program, Saturday School, Anti-Gun Violence initiative, educational field trips, the Collegiate 100 and more. Every dollar enables the organization to execute its mission, funding programs that drive the “Four for the Future,” which are Mentoring, Education, Economic Empowerment/Entrepreneurship and Health & Wellness.

“As our organization’s signature fundraiser, the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. relies on the generosity and support of our community partners, stakeholders, and allies. Together, we can increase our impact by serving more children, growing our programs, and increasing our presence, all on behalf of the youth of Atlanta. We sincerely thank all sponsors and supporters, and we are especially grateful to Valedictorian Sponsors Delta Air Lines and Google, as well Salutatorian Sponsors Bank of America, EY, Publix, and UPS,” said Chairman Sidney D. Barron.

***The vision of 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.** is to become the city’s strongest, most self-reliant African American volunteer organization focused on education, enrichment and empowerment. A non-profit organization, The 100 provides college preparatory services and mentorship to at-risk Atlanta youth. Civic-minded members dedicate their time and talent as mentors to help boys and girls break the cycles of poverty, under-achievement and violence that plague their communities, thus enabling them to seek their highest potential. Since its inception in 1986, 100% of the students who complete Project Success, the organization’s flagship program, have graduated from high school and 80% have graduated from college in four years, far outpacing the national averages. Project Success is a nationally recognized post-secondary preparation, tuition assistance, and mentoring program for Atlanta Public Schools (APS) students whereby the 100 Black Men of Atlanta provides tuition-assistance scholarships for all Project Success students who graduate from high school. For more info: <https://100blackmen-atlanta.org>*

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