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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Better Brothers Los Angeles and the Event Host Committee, we welcome you to the Inaugural Truth Awards Ceremony. This award ceremony was born out of our belief that there is an urgent need, in a world that sometimes portrays us one-dimensionally, to showcase examples of courage and leadership in the Black LGBTQ community.

This evening, we celebrate amazing individuals in our community who have, through their individual accomplishments and their commitment to living their truth, influenced how we are viewed in society, how we dream and what we think is possible – and, in some cases, they've literally saved lives, saved relationships and kept people from losing their minds! Through their efforts and example, they continue to influence how our diverse community is perceived by the larger society and, more importantly, how fully we see ourselves.

As we publicly embrace these dynamic heroes and heroines, the trails they continue to blaze and the legacies they continue to shape, we hope you leave tonight with memories that are inspiring, encouraging and heartening. We also hope this spotlight on excellence and courage will inform future discussions and provide a richer context for discussions in the Black community.

Last but not least, we want the Truth Awards to be about the future. In addition to honoring an incredible new talent in Hollywood tonight, we are also awarding book scholarships to Black LGBTQ youth to encourage their academic and career pursuits. And later this year, Better Brothers LA will launch initiatives aimed at the total individual because we believe that by affirming and recognizing the total person – educationally, financially, physically, and socially – we increase that person's ability to move confidently in society and better cope with challenges. These initiatives include:

- Partnering with financial institutions to support the financial health of Black LGBTQ individuals.
- Supporting and communicating total health & wellness information to LGBTQ individuals.
- Providing facilitated discussions and information around healthy relationship development.

Thank you so much for coming tonight. It means so much to the honorees and to us. We look forward to another year of programming and activities that is worthy of the support you have shown to Better Brothers Los Angeles.

Much love,

Vincent, Scott and Elton  
Co-Founders  
Better Brothers Los Angeles



Dear Friends,

It is with great delight that the DIVA Foundation and I welcome you to the first annual Truth Awards. To all of the honorees I salute you. It is your perseverance, your talent, your devotion to others and immense service to serving the community that has won you this award of truth. Bless you.

Vincent, Elton and especially Scott, I am so very proud of your endeavor in the creation of this important event. Living in your truth and acknowledging the truth in others is a brave and wonderful thing. I know that the Truth Awards will become one of the most coveted prizes for men and women of the LGBTQ community and their allies.

25 years ago when I created the Diva Foundation Divinely Inspired Victoriously AIDS Aware, people told me that I was a fool. They told me that nobody cared about HIV/ AIDS and certainly nobody would like me for spending so much time with "those" people. The little church girl in me was very confused. I was always taught that we should love all people no matter who they were just because they were people, human beings. That is my truth. Tonight, I acknowledge with you that the truth will come to light! Let your light shine.

I love you just the way you are. I hope to see you Saturday October 24th for the 25th annual Divas Simply Singing! the longest consecutive running musical AIDS benefit in the country.

Your Diva,

SherylLeeRalph  
Founding Director  
The DIVA Foundation



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and  
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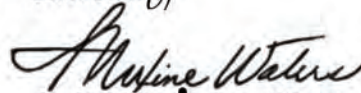
I am pleased to congratulate you on the occasion of the Inaugural Truth Awards.

I join you in acknowledging this year's distinguished honorees, B. Slade, Stanley Bennett Clay, Darren "Buttah Man" Brin, Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan, Dr. Tenika Jackson, Quincy & Deondray Gossfield, Wendell James, Jewel Thais-Williams, Benjamin Cory Jones, Vallerie Wagner, Steph Thomas and Glen Lawrence, for their outstanding contributions to the Los Angeles community. I have worked with many of the honorees over the years and know firsthand of their dedication and concern for our community.

I commend Better Brothers Los Angeles and The Diva Foundation for honoring the achievements of outstanding Black men and women in the LGBTQ community.

To Better Brothers Los Angeles, The Diva Foundation, the honorees and everyone in attendance, I extend my very best wishes for a most enjoyable and memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

  
Maxine Waters

Member of Congress  
43<sup>rd</sup> District, California



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March 28, 2015

Dear Friends,

I extend my congratulations to **The DIVA Foundation** in association with **Better Brothers L.A.** on the occasion of their inaugural *Truth Awards Ceremony*.

Founded in 1990 by HIV/AIDS advocate Sheryl Lee Ralph, The DIVA Foundation has worked to break the silence and stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. Better Brothers LA joined this work in 2014, with a mission to provide spaces to network, socialize and develop a sense of community in a culture that still presents significant difficulties for gay Black men and women. Efforts to remove the shame and stigma from living with HIV/AIDS, including efforts aimed at the Black community, play a vital role in fighting and preventing the disease.

In addition, I want to congratulate this evening's honorees, some of whom have labored in this field since the beginning of the AIDS crisis:

- ❖ B. Slade
- ❖ Stanley Bennett Clay
- ❖ Darren "Buttah Man" Brin
- ❖ Wendell James
- ❖ Quincy & Deondray Gossfield
- ❖ Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan, M.D.
- ❖ Benjamin Cory Jones
- ❖ Vallerie Wagner
- ❖ Steph Thomas & Glen Lawrence
- ❖ Dr. Tenika Jackson
- ❖ Jewel Thais-Williams

Thank you for your attention to this important public health issue. You have my best wishes on a memorable event!

Sincerely,

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Karen Bass  
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**March 28, 2015**

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings and congratulations to The DIVA Foundation and Better Brothers Los Angeles on the occasion of your **"Truth Awards Ceremony"**. A special greeting and welcome to all in attendance in support of this inaugural event.

Congratulations and commendations are in order for the 2015 honorees. I join you in celebrating their personal and professional accomplishments, and to commend them for their outstanding contributions to the community.

On behalf of the 35<sup>th</sup> Senate District, congratulations to the DIVA Foundation and Better Brothers LA on this your first Annual Truth Awards Ceremony event. Best wishes for a memorable and successful evening.

Sincerely,

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**ISADORE HALL, III**  
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## **MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

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March 28, 2015

### **The DIVA Foundation & Better Brothers LA**

#### ***Truth Awards Ceremony***

Congratulations to the DIVA Foundation and Better Brothers LA on the occasion of its inaugural Truth Awards Ceremony.

For more than two decades, the DIVA Foundation has raised awareness for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Under the leadership of its incomparable founder, Sheryl Lee Ralph, the foundation continues to soar to new heights.

I am proud to join the DIVA Foundation and Better Brothers LA in congratulating tonight's honorees.

On behalf of the more than 10 million people who reside in the County of Los Angeles and the members of the Board of Supervisors, I extend my best wishes for continued success and a most memorable event.

With hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Ridley-Thomas".

**MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**  
Supervisor, Second District





**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

March 28, 2015

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I welcome you to the Truth Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Diva Foundation and Better Brothers Los Angeles honoring black gay men and women. Thank you for doing your part to help people live free of shame as equal members of the community. Your efforts are important in the fight to end HIV/AIDS and will lead to a healthier community.

I also want to congratulate Sheryl Lee Ralph and Vincent Holmes for their tireless advocacy on behalf of LGBT community and people living with HIV/AIDS. They have helped make a difference in people's lives around the world.

I send my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti' with a horizontal line and a small flourish at the end.

**ERIC GARCETTI**  
Mayor





# Los Angeles NAACP

"Making The Difference In Our Community"

March 26, 2015

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Los Angeles Branch, we congratulate Better Brothers Los Angeles and The Diva Foundation for their efforts to bring the Truth Awards to fruition.

The NAACP also stands in solidarity with Better Brothers Los Angeles and The Diva Foundation, and believes that civil marriage is a civil right and a matter of civil law. The NAACP's support of marriage equality is deeply rooted in the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and its provision providing equal protection to all people.

As the nations oldest and largest civil rights organization we also believe that a healthy black community where everyone is recognized as equal and rightful members of the community is paramount to the struggle to end discrimination, prejudice, and racism in every segment of American life.

We welcome your leadership and wish you a wonderful evening of celebration.

Best regards,

Minnie Hadley-Hemstead, President

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Los Angeles Branch



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## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### **JEWEL THAIS-WILLIAMS, M.S.O.M**

At a time when black patrons had to show I.D. to enter white-owned gay clubs, sometimes even two pieces of I.D., Jewel Thais-Williams took it upon herself to open The Catch One in Los Angeles. The year was 1972, making the Catch One the oldest black-owned gay and lesbian club in the country. Countless friendships have been established, relationships formed, memories made and a few break-ups caused, over the course of 40 years, at the Catch One.

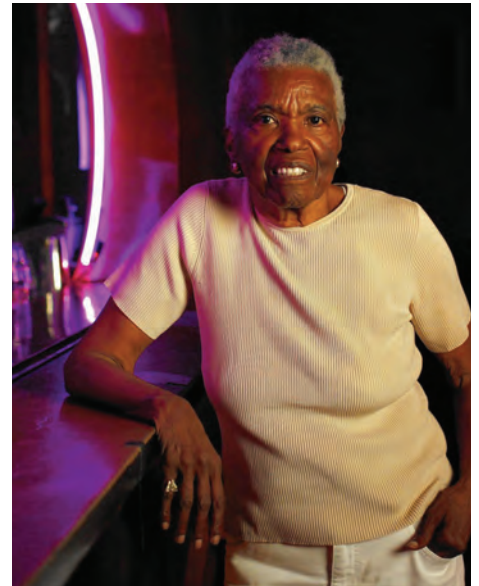
Bitten by the entrepreneurial bug at age 9 while working in her uncle's corner grocery store, Jewel spent the early years of her adult life working her way out of a job. After many years of going to school part-time and working various and sundry jobs, Jewell decided to complete college at UCLA. This meant she would have to work around a full day of classes. Self-employment proved to be the answer for Jewel and also the beginning of a journey to make her dreams come true.

Her first business, a women's clothing boutique went well until the 1970-71 recession hit. Jewel learned that during economic downturns, women stop buying things for themselves. She then looked for a recession proof business. After looking at many opportunities, she saw an advertisement that a local bar was for sale. In addition to having no bartending or bar business skills, her situation was further challenged by the fact that in 1972, California law banned women from tending bars. Jewel bought the bar anyway and the rest, as they say, is history.

Jewel's energy and community service have extended well beyond the Catch One. Jewell co-founded the Minority AIDS Project, the Imani Unidos Food Pantry in South Los Angeles and Rue's House, the first housing facility for women with AIDS and their children in the United States. She also served on the Board of AIDS Project Los Angeles. In 2001, Jewel founded The Village Health Foundation to provide affordable, accessible, and effective professional services in complementary medicine to the community.

Jewel's vision to offer a place for black gays and lesbians to socialize during a period when both homophobia and racial discrimination limited their social opportunities cements her place in the annals of American LGBTQ History.

Better Brothers Los Angeles and The DIVA Foundation are proud to present Jewel Thais-Williams with the inaugural "Lifetime Achievement" Truth Award.



# Truth Awards

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### STANLEY BENNETT CLAY

Stanley Bennett Clay has always been a trailblazer. As one of the first openly gay Black screen actors working in Hollywood, Mr. Clay has always lived his truth, openly and unabashedly. Beginning his career as a teenager in the late 1960's, Mr. Clay guest-starred in such series as "Room 222," "Good Times," "Police Story" and "Cheers," to name a few. For five years he was seen on "Soul Train" as the young man receiving hair-grooming advice from Frederick Douglass in the classic Afro-Sheen commercial. Starring in the TV movie "Minstrel Man" turned him into an instant matinee idol, causing his handlers to advise him to hide his sexuality from the general public. He refused, gave up his onscreen acting career, pursued writing and acted primarily on stage where he won the NAACP Best Actor Image Award for his performance in "Anna Lucasta" and was nominated for the same award for his performance in "Zooman and the Sign."

Mr. Clay went on to write, direct and co-produce his first full-length play "Ritual." It earned him 3 NAACP Theatre Awards, 3 Drama-logue Awards, and was an L.A. Times Critics' Choice and a L.A. Weekly Pick-of-the-Week. He went on to write and direct the film version which won the Pan African Film Festival Jury Award. Moving to New York in 2010, Mr. Clay directed the world premiere of "B-Boy Blues The Play" (earning him an Artistic Expression Esteem Award), the Off-Broadway production of his play "Armstrong's Kid" and the Off-Broadway revival of "Ritual." He also wrote and directed the documentary "You Are Not Alone," an examination of depression among black gay men. It was awarded the Best Documentary Award at Detroit's Hotter Than July Film Festival.

The author of 6 novels, Mr. Clay published SBC magazine for ten years (1991-2001), at the time the most widely distributed monthly for the Black LGBT community. He also served as Board Vice President of The Minority AIDS Project and has been an outspoken advocate for Black gay rights and visibility for decades.

He is the recipient of the NYC HOTEPE Society Best Gay Novel Award, Genre Magazine's Life Guard Award, The National Black Writers' Founder's Award, the first Black Gay and Lesbian Cultural Alliance Award, the 2008 Oakland Black Gay and Lesbian Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award, Blatino Oasis 2010 Award for Literature, and the Indianapolis Black Pride/Brothers United Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature.

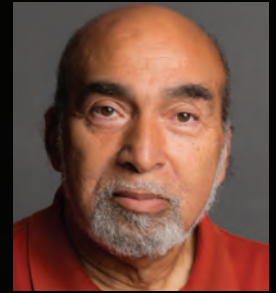
Better Brothers Los Angeles and The DIVA Foundation are proud to present Stanley Bennett Clay with the inaugural "Lifetime Achievement" Truth Award.



# ADVOCATE AWARDS

## DR. WILBERT C. JORDAN, MD, MPH

When it comes to HIV/AIDS in the African American community, Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan has a history that must be known. A Harvard graduate, Dr. Jordan has been involved with the AIDS epidemic from its recognition, and in 1983 he reported the first heterosexual case of HIV in Los Angeles County. The next year he started the AIDS Clinic at King-Drew Medical Center, now known as the OASIS Clinic. He has treated over 3,000 patients.



In 2000, he received the Surgeon General's Award for his work with HIV, which had included his involvement with the NIH - sponsored DATRI Study on low-dose oral alpha interferon, his chairing of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV & AIDS, 1993-1995, and his service on the Los Angeles County HIV Planning Council and the Prevention and Planning Committee since their inception. Dr. Jordan has been honored by the Los Angeles Sentinel, honored by the Student National Medical Association with the creation of the Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan Research Forum, and was named "Doctor of the Year" three times by the Charles R. Drew Medical Society.

In 2002, he was the first recipient of the B.E.T Community Service Pioneers Award. He has served as medical director for the Minority AIDS Project since its creation and has chaired the Black Los Angeles AIDS Consortium for the last 12 years.

Dr. Jordan received his M.D in 1971 from Case Western Reserve University. He completed an internship and junior residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA through 1972-1973. As a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar he received his MPH in 1976 at UCLA and completed rotations in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.

## VALLERIE D. WAGNER

What motivates the first woman to receive a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Tuskegee Institute to leave a career at the acclaimed Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) to move into the world of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education? Clearly, it was her passion for the LGBT community and her advocacy for greater inclusion, education and care that brought Vallerie Wagner to this place. Recently becoming the Chief Operating Officer of APLA Health & Wellness, where she manages the operation of three federally qualified health centers providing primary medical care, oral health care, and behavioral health services to LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities in Los Angeles County, Ms. Wagner's atypical career path is a testament to the importance of living one's life unabashedly and with vigor.



A proud graduate of Southern University, Ms. Wagner worked as an engineer at the JPL for 15 years, working on the Voyager and Galileo projects. Both projects better informed our view of the solar system exploring interstellar regions never before visited by humans. Also while at JPL, Ms. Wagner's name was one of a million collected and placed on the STARDUST spacecraft which visited Comet Wild 2 in 2004. After departing JPL, Ms. Wagner entered the world of HIV/AIDS Prevention, working as the Director of Education and Social Services at the Los Angeles LGBT Center and then serving as the Chief Operating Officer at the Black AIDS Institute, the first Black HIV/AIDS policy center dedicated to reducing HIV/AIDS health disparities.

Ms. Wagner joined AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) in 2006 as the director of health and wellness programs and became director of education in July 2007. She currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of APLA Health & Wellness. A tireless advocate for the human rights of the LGBT community and people living with HIV/AIDS, Ms. Wagner has worked with culturally and linguistically diverse populations locally, nationally, and internationally for more than 30 years.

# COURAGE AWARD

## B. SLADE

With a career spanning over 20 years, B. Slade has never shied away from using his musical gifts to move gospel, soul and rock audiences. B. Slade's musical efforts have blended styles, including pop, R&B, soul, funk, rock, Latin punk and trance to create sounds that are distinctly his. His courage to speak his truth about his sexuality has not dimmed his talent or the desire of many to collaborate with this musical wonder.



B. Slade's early life was filled with music; mostly gospel but also infused with R&B, funk and soul. B. Slade recorded his first album at 10 years old and at the age of 24, his performance at the 14th Annual Stellar Awards received critical acclaim and helped make him a fixture among young urban gospel music lovers. He has released several hundred songs on over 30 albums, while producing several others for both gospel and secular artists. He has won 7 Stellar Awards, one GMA Award and has received 3 Grammy nominations – one for Best Soul Gospel Album for his 2004 gold album, *Out The Box*, another in 2009 for Best Urban/Soul Alternative Performance for his single, "Blend" from his 2009 mainstream album, *Unspoken*, and a third in 2014 for Best Traditional R&B Performance writing and co-producing Angie Fisher's debut hit single, "I.R.S." B. Slade also penned the theme song and incidental music for the OWN Network TV Series *"Flex & Shanice"*, starring husband and wife Flex Alexander and Shanice Wilson, as well as writing and co-producing Shanice's songs which appeared on the series, "Gotta Blame Me" and "We Can Fly", which also feature B. Slade on co-lead vocals.

B. Slade remains a highly sought-after songwriter and producer for artists such as Chaka Khan, Sheila E., Faith Evans and Elijah Blake.

## DARREN "BUTTAHMAN" BRIN

Who knew that when Darren "Buttahman" Brin left his birth place of St. Thomas, USVI he would be one of entertainment's "Movers & Shakers?" Inspired by musical artists and movie icons, Darren knew that someday he would be walking amongst them. That chance came when he attended Morgan State University and after graduating interned at WERQ in Baltimore and quickly fell in love with the free music and concert tickets. Darren worked his way to the top and became a full-time On-Air talent earning top ratings, ultimately earning the position of Music Director. He received his name "Buttahman" due to his over usage of the word "Buttah" used to describe everything when he was on the radio.



In 2001, Buttahman was recruited by MTV to join the Music and Talent department. He launched the network's MTV Jams and successfully built the brand into one of the most recognizable for breaking hip hop. Buttah also developed hip hop programming for MTV2 by brokering TV deals for major hip hop events/properties such as Mixshow Power Summit (MTV2), and the first National Video Mixshow "Monster Mix" (MTV2), and developed the hip hop battle event "Fight Klub" as an MTV2 Series. In 2007, Buttah created, produced and hosted the first nationally televised hip hop game show "Hoodfab" which was a hit, and aired on MTV Jams, MTV2, Mobile and MTV.com.

In March 2010 he became Director of Music & Development at BET Networks where he oversees the music for "106 & Park" and other music properties for BET. Buttah was able to flex his creative and programming juices by developing his first project "BET's Top Ten Rappers of the 21st Century," a controversial list of the biggest rappers of the 21st Century, which received top ratings for the network. Buttahman's decision to publicly embrace his sexuality is a continuation of his evolution in the entertainment field.

# CULTURE & ARTS AWARD

## DEONDRAY AND QUINCY GOSSFIELD

Known to many as the creators and directors of the 2008 GLAAD Media Award winning television series, "THE DL CHRONICLES," Deondray and Quincy LeNear Gossfield have been together, as friends, collaborators, partners and now husbands, for over 18 years. During this time, they have created engaging cinematic depictions of Black Gay Men, providing a window into a world many had not seen. The Gossfields were introduced to each other by mutual friends and began a secret courtship that didn't become public for years. Their relationship mirrored the reality of many Black Gay men, often hiding their relationship for fear of ridicule and ostracism.



The Gossfields are also two of the producers for the hit reality competition shows, Randy Jackson's America's Best Dance Crew (MTV), The Sing Off (NBCUniversal), Face Off (SyFy), and were Supervising Producers for the pilot of Marlon Wayans' sketch comedy competition show, Funniest Wins (TBS). Their latest show, The World Dog Awards (The CW) won fans over this past January and is getting renewed for a second special in 2016. For seven years, the Gossfields wrote, directed, and produced the Black AIDS Institute's star-studded HEROES IN THE STRUGGLE Award Show at the Disney Concert Hall and DGA Theater.

Deondray and Quincy also directed, produced, and wrote the Black AIDS Institute's and Kaiser Family Foundation's "Greater than AIDS" PSA, the first nationally televised AIDS awareness campaign done specifically targeting people of color. Most recently, the Gossfields independently produced THE DL CHRONICLES RETURNS motion picture, which completed its 15-city festival tour in early 2014 (and is now available as a Vimeo on-demand rental).

# PASSING THE TORCH AWARD

## BENJAMIN CORY JONES

Benjamin Cory Jones' ability to enter the walled fortress of Hollywood is truly a testament to his tenacity, talent and courage. With his already considerable accomplishments, and on the cusp of even greater accomplishments, we acknowledge his courage in living his truth.



Originally from Memphis, TN, Benjamin Cory Jones graduated from Morehouse College majoring in English with a minor in Finance. Ben left Atlanta and moved to New York to take a job any parent would be proud of and worked for a major investment bank as a Speech Writer and Communications Executive, where his days were filled with phrases like: "corporate governance" and "best practices." During the 2007-08 Financial Crisis, his job evolved and he became responsible for writing "material" to downplay his company's involvement in the collapse of the world's financial markets. That company shall remain nameless, but there was an HBO movie about it.

After that therapy-inducing experience, Ben walked away from corporate America and discovered his passion for television writing. He has worked as an assistant on several hit TV shows, including CASTLE, FAIRLY LEGAL and UP ALL NIGHT. In 2013, he was selected to participate in the prestigious ABC Television Writing Program and was a Staff Writer on the ABC Family drama series, CHASING LIFE. He was also the writers' assistant/script coordinator on AMERICAN CRIME with Oscar-winning writer, John Ridley. Currently, he is a Staff Writer on the upcoming Amazon series, HAND OF GOD.

Ben recently produced a pilot presentation "BROS," which is now in development as a comedy series at HBO, and is currently developing a feature film at Relativity Media.



# MENTOR AWARDS

## DR. TENIKA JACKSON

Dr. Tenika Jackson is extremely passionate about making a difference. Over the course of her 19-year career, she has had the opportunity to work in a variety of settings with the goal of serving the community, mentoring LGBTQ youth, educating families, and eradicating poverty. She is a career-oriented and community focused leader who lives her truth.

Dr. Jackson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Investment Advisor, Author, and Social Entrepreneur. She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Xavier University of Louisiana. She then obtained her Master's and Doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology from Alliant International University's California School of Professional Psychology. Additionally,



Dr. Jackson has a Master's in Business Administration with a specialty in Finance from the University of Redlands.

In November 2014, she was showcased in Bill Duke's book entitled, "Dark Girls" for which she also wrote the afterword. Additionally, Dr. Jackson and her wife were featured in the JET Magazine's love section in August of 2011 making them only the second lesbian couple to be featured in the publication since its inception in 1951 and the first couple to be included in that particular section.

Dr. Jackson devotes a considerable amount of time volunteering in the community as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter, as well as many other organizations. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the Chairperson of The Year Award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Whitehead Leadership Award from The University of Redlands.

## GLEN LAWRENCE & STEPHEN THOMAS

Glen Lawrence and Stephen Thomas started their partnership together on the dance floor of the Catch One Disco. That 33-year romance culminated in their marriage in August 2014.

Their partnership also extended into the community where they spent countless hours participating in efforts to combat HIV/AIDS in the late 80's. Steph and Glen felt the urgency to stand up and get involved to fight against the stigma and shame the gay community was facing. They participated in the first Los Angeles AIDS Walk and various fundraisers to help find a cure.

They also found time to organize events that brought other Black gay couples together to talk about the challenges they faced. Because so many of the couples had dealt with issues of shame and guilt because of religious beliefs, lack of family support or public harassment, they saw it as their mission to show others that they could love honestly and out loud without fear and shame.

As the couple continued on their personal journey, they also encountered young Black gay men and women in need of someone to listen to, confide in and understand their daily struggles. They befriended a group of recent college grads from various backgrounds that had one thing in common; they represented the future of the Black community. Glen and Steph became known to the group of young people as their "Dads." Through their mentorship, they watched these young people grow, and thrive with an increased sense of confidence, love and the ability to live honestly.

To Glen and Steph, mentoring is more than just being a leader, it is being a friend. It is the ability to listen without judgment; to counsel openly and frankly; to be patient, forthright, and above all caring. Their commitment and dedication to young people have made a positive impact on our community and they stand as examples to us all.



# PHILANTHROPY AWARD

## WENDELL JAMES

Television, radio and stage personality, Wendell James' blunt style and talent are a hit in Hollywood. Everyone wants to know "Wendell"! Born in Warren, Ohio, it was obvious that Wendell had too much style, personality and talent to stay there. He decided California was the perfect place, and that is where his journey began.



Wendell's passion for fashion prompted him to start his own shirt line called Wendell's Designs. The colorful shirt line was an instant hit! In March 2007, the "Talking with Wendell Show" hit the airwaves. That show, both entertaining and informative, aired live every Saturday and covered the Riverside and San Bernardino counties while streamed live on the web. Wendell addressed hot news topics as well as the Hollywood Scoop. His list of celebrity guests and professionals included Loretta Devine, Pat Boone, Omarosa, Dr. Cornel West, Alfre Woodard, Niecy Nash, Rolonda Watts, Kenny Lattimore, Dr. David Kampt, Kym Whitley and Sheryl Lee Ralph. Wendell became the official red carpet host for Sheryl Lee Ralph's DIVA Foundation DIVAS Simply Singing! Benefit concert to fight HIV/AIDS more than six years ago and remains the official host today.

With Wendell's personality and great circle of friends, it's no surprise he would land a spot on the new docu-series "Raising Whitley". Raising Whitley is a humorous poignant docu-series following his long-time friend and "Hollywood wife" actress and comedienne Kym Whitley and her chaotic group of friends called "The Village" as they attempt to do something they have never done before - "raise a baby" together. The show premiered in April 2013 on the OWN Network and has been renewed for a third season.

While Wendell is best known for his on air personality, few know of the time and resources he has put into numerous causes. Wendell has been an advocate and fundraiser for HIV/AIDS prevention lending both his talent and voice to the cause. Additionally, he has supported community efforts recognizing the importance of fatherhood and supported services for developmentally impaired individuals. His philanthropic efforts also include Kiki Shepard's KIIS Foundation (Sickle Cell), the Mablean Ephraim Foundation (Scholarship Fund), the New Image Emergency Shelter (Homeless), the Rowell Foster Children's Foundation (Foster Care) and the Reed for Hope Foundation (Health and Wellness). These efforts, while largely unnoticed by the public, speak to his commitment to community and humanity in general.

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## COCOA BROWN

Actress, Comedienne, Screen Actors Guild Award nominee COCOA BROWN stars as "Jennifer" in the number one rated Tyler Perry's "For Better or Worse" on OWN. Her comedy special "Cocoa Brown – Off the Chain" on Bounce TV, was a ratings success. Brown will be co-starring with Mark Wahlburg, Seth MacFarland, Morgan Freeman and Amanda Seyfried in the highly anticipated "Ted 2", which hits theaters on June 26.



COCOA has assembled an extensive body of work, including roles on "Mann and Wife" on Bounce TV, "Soul Man" on TV Land and "Showtime at the Apollo". Her films include "Lakeview Terrace" and her starring role in Tyler Perry's "Single Mom's Club."

Cocoa says, "I want audiences to connect with my story and in the course of that journey find their own. That is my inspiration, my peace. I am in a good place now. I am finally learning how to love myself and I am comfortable in my own skin."

## KARAMO BROWN

Karamo is one of the most exciting talk and lifestyle hosts you will watch. He is currently a nightly contributing host on HLN's hit show DR. DREW ON CALL and a guest host on the hit YouTube news and pop culture series THE YOUNG TURKS LIVE, which has over 3,000,000 subscribers. He was also the host and segment producer of #OWN Show on Oprah.com for 3 seasons, concluding January 2015. Karamo was first introduced to the world in 2005 on the hit MTV reality series REAL WORLD, where he was a break-out star and the show's first openly gay African American



character. Now, as a television host and single parent of two teenage boys, Karamo employs his image and experiences to entertain and educate audiences. His ongoing mission is to share his life experiences and dynamic point of view on current and noteworthy pop culture topics, in order to inspire audiences to live more stimulating and accomplished lives.

## TISHA CAMPBELL MARTIN

Tisha Campbell Martin has had a successful career spanning decades in all genres of show business. Best known for her role opposite Damon Wayans on the ABC hit series "My Wife and Kids," and as Gina on "Martin," earning her an NAACP Image Award for Best Actress in a Comedy Series and the BET Comedy Award. Most recently, she played opposite



Kevin Hart and her husband Duane Martin in the faux reality show, "Real Husbands of Hollywood." Tisha is excited about her role in "Dr. Ken," a new television pilot for ABC by Ken Joeng. Campbell Martin made her film debut in the cult classic "Little Shop of Horrors," and has starred in "School Daze," "House Party (I, II, III)," "Another 48 Hrs.," "Homeward Bound," "Boomerang," "Sprung" and Seth Rogan and Craig Robinson's "Zack and Miri Make a Porno."

Behind the mic again, Campbell-Martin is currently finishing her album due out this summer. Tisha and Duane have two sons Xen and Ezekiel and own a restaurant in Studio City called "Xen Lounge," named after their first born.

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## JASON J. CARTER

For Jason J. Carter, personality is everything! This funny guy is known for bringing the energy to the stage and small screen as a dancer, model and host. Originally from Albuquerque, Jason got his start in entertainment very early, landing his first job hosting the now iconic teen dance show "Dance, Dance, Dance, It's A Teen Thing!" for FOX at 16. Hosting the show, earned Jason a 2001 Telly Award for Outstanding Television Broadcast. In 2006, Jason relocated to Los Angeles to pursue his dream of becoming a television personality. Since then he has been on camera talent for networks like REELZ Channel, LOGOTV and Celebuzz as well as producing and creating online content with #Saywhat!? Webshow and his trademark brand "JasonUnleashed". In 2010, Jason was a cast as a member of the Pit Crew for "Rupaul's Drag Race". Through the show, Jason has been able to speak, host live events, and connect with audiences across the world.



## WILSON CRUZ

Wilson Cruz was most recently seen on the FOX drama Red Band Society.

An award winning actor, Wilson, first won the hearts of audiences as "Rickie Vasquez," the first openly gay teenager on network primetime television, on "My So-Called Life." His career has spanned television, theater and film. Some of his favorites include Ally McBeal, Party of Five, ER, The West Wing, Noah's Arc, Pushing Daisies, Raising the Bar, NCIS, Grey's Anatomy, Party Monster, Coffee Date, He's Just Not that Into You and RENT as "Angel," both on Broadway and in the Los Angeles premiere production.

As an LGBT advocate, Wilson recently completed two years as National Spokesperson for GLAAD. He's served as a National Board member of both, GLAAD and GLSEN and was on the ground as a Field Organizer for NGLTF.



## ANGIE FISHER

One song. That's all it took for Hidden Beach Recordings to sign the next game-changing voice: Angie Fisher. Fans first heard Fisher's spellbinding voice for themselves on that song, the now Grammy nominated "I.R.S.", which embodies a subject everyone can relate to: struggling to make ends meet. But in Fisher's hands, the topic takes on a whole new meaning. Fisher belts out this bluesy R&B track written by B. Slade.



Fisher has built a sterling reputation as an in-demand session and background vocalist. The versatile singer has done studio sessions and toured with an industry who's who, including Michael Jackson, Kelly Clarkson, Christina Aguilera, Jennifer Lopez, Chaka Khan, Lalah Hathaway, Phillip Phillips, Michael Bublé, Celine Dion, Mary J. Blige, Lionel Richie, Missy Elliott, Robin Thicke, Josh Groban and Kirk Franklin.

Currently in the studio recording her debut album, she's ready for her close-up. "I have a unique sound that makes people pay attention," declares Fisher. "And I have a story to tell."

## ANDRA FULLER

Andra Fuller spent most of his adolescent years intentionally getting on the nerves and terrorizing his older siblings. When he wasn't playing football, he was at home singing, dancing or cracking jokes for anyone who would pay him attention. But as a teenager, it was his GPA and his 5th highest ACT score in the Houston area that got him attention and earned him academic offers from several Ivy League universities. Fuller settled on Baylor University.



While earning degrees at Baylor, Andra was a starter on the Football Team, a member of the Men's Track Team, and President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Andra has dabbled in print and runway modeling, appeared in music videos, stage plays, and performed stand-up comedy at the world famous Apollo Theater. He has landed reputable film/TV projects, most notable his stint as Trey Morgan on FOX's hit television show, "Prison Break" and as the menacing Hip-Hop superstar, Kaldrick King, on the CW's "The L.A. Complex." Most recently, Andra co-starred on BET's "The Game."

## ANTHONY HEMINGWAY

Looking so young presented an early challenge to Anthony Hemingway and his quest to become a director. Oftentimes, it was difficult for executives to take the North Carolina native seriously. But his tenacity and initiative ensured that obstacles were soon removed and Mr. Hemingway has gone on to direct some of the most prolific shows on television.



Prior to becoming a director, Mr. Hemingway served as first director on such projects as "The Wire," "Oz," "Law & Order Criminal Intent," and "The Corner." At age 19, he became the youngest second Assistant director to join the Directors Guild of America and by 22, he became the youngest first assistant director to join.

Mr. Hemingway's directorial debut occurred on "The Wire" in 2006. Other directorial projects include "True Blood," "Treme," "CSI," "American Horror Story: Freak Show," "The Newsroom," "Shameless" and the Fox's Network hit, "Empire." Mr. Hemingway's feature film directorial debut was the George Lucas Produced "Red Tails," the story of the Tuskegee Airmen.

## ERICA L. HOLMES, PSYD

Dr. Erica Holmes is a passionate practitioner-scholar in the field of clinical psychology who divides her time between clinical work, training and consulting, education and research. With over 17 years of experience in the

fields of psychotherapy, Dr. Holmes holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Sociology with a minor in Behavioral Science as well as a Master's degree and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.



In her clinical work, she delivers attachment based psychotherapy therapy and other evidence-based treatments to individuals with a wide range of emotional, behavioral, and adjustment problems Dr. Holmes also serves as the director of clinical training at the Champions Counseling Center, where she oversees trauma treatment and training.

Currently a Clinical Faculty member at Loyola Marymount University, where she develops engaged learning opportunities, taking students off "the bluff" and integrating them into the surrounding communities, Dr. Holmes previously held the position of Associate Professor at the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University.

## LUENELL

Catching the acting bug early after seeing the plays "South Pacific" and "Ain't S'posed To Die A Natural Death," Luenell enrolled in acting classes, earned a BA in English from Cal State Hayward, and eventually joined the Oakland Ensemble Theatre. But Luenell had her sights set on Hollywood. Luenell was dared to perform at a comedy room and her bawdy, brash personality and sense of humor caught the attention of the late great Robin Harris and D.L. Hughley – who she opened for when starting out.



While building a name in stand-up, Luenell appeared in films and TV shows, but it was her breakout performance as the 'hooker with a heart of gold' in the blockbuster film "Borat," which kept the offers rolling in. Luenell

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also appeared on "BET's Comic View", "Jamie Foxx's Laffapalooza", Katt Williams' "American Hustle" tour and appeared in "Think Like A Man," and the blockbuster sequel "Taken 2." Named "One of the top 25 funniest people in LA," Luenell recently created and co-scripted The Burn Unit for "Funny Or Die Presents..." on HBO.

### SAMPSON MCCORMICK (SAMPSON)

is an award winning, stand-up comedian; writer and activist who can make audiences double over in laughter whether he's joking about his whacky and beloved Aunt Jackie or addressing homophobia, poverty, and religion. He's a crowd favorite at LGBT pride festivals and mainstream venues alike. His onscreen appearances include BET, MTV's "Real World", and the Oprah Winfrey Network. He has authored two books "Ebonic Faggotry", and "Taboo Village: A Perspective on Being Gay In Black America".



He's also released three live stand-up comedy albums, including his latest "That Bitch Better Be Funny: Live at the Howard Theater", where he made history, becoming the first openly gay comedian to headline the famous venue. Sampson has headlined at The White House, The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The World Famous Comedy Store in Hollywood, CA and Harvard University. His comedy offers riveting, refreshing and original takes on religion, sexuality, life and politics.

### RAHSAAN PATTERSON

Rahsaan Patterson was performing in his Pentecostal church choir by the age of 6. His talent and determination led his family to relocate to California, where his unique sense of melody and lyric soon netted him songwriting placements, with hit songs for Tevin Campbell, Chico DeBarge, and Jody Watley.



MCA came calling soon after, and Patterson released his self-titled debut album in 1997, helping to fuel the neo-

soul movement. The album included what has become his signature tune, "Where You Are", as well as the funky "Stop By", immediately putting him on the radar with R&B fans. The artist followed that effort with 1999's critically praised album, Love In Stereo.

Rahsaan has continued to release studio projects including After Hours, Wines & Spirits, The Ultimate Gift, and most recently Bluephoria.

Along the way, Patterson shared his artistry on soundtracks for "Love & Basketball", "Dr. Doolittle", "Two Can Play That Game", "Hoodlum" and "Brown Sugar" Combining Rahsaan's six solo releases – along with songs he has written, and soundtracks he has performed on; Patterson has contributed music to more than ten million CDs sold to date.

### ANTONIQUE SMITH

2015 Grammy Award Nominee and 9:23 Music Group Recording Artist Antonique Smith is currently ascending the charts with her debut single "Hold Up Wait A Minute (Woo Woo)". The music video, directed by Larenz Tate and co-starring Lance Gross and Vine sensation King Bach, is currently in rotation on VH1 Soul and MTV Jams. "Love is Everything", her upcoming debut EP, features second single, "Higher", produced by super hit maker Dr. Dre. "It's an album that walks you through the full Love Experience."



Antonique Smith, a native of East Orange, NJ, first garnered attention in her buzz-worthy leading role in the smash musical "RENT" on Broadway as Mimi Marquez. She is most known for her portrayal of Faith Evans in the hit film of the life of the Notorious B.I.G., "Notorious" where she received critical acclaim. Antonique Smith also starred in the 2011 indie drama "Yelling To The Sky" opposite Zoe Kravitz and Gabourey Sidibe and the action film "Abduction" opposite Taylor Lautner and Alfred Molina.

## AARON D. SPEARS

Hailing from Washington, D.C., Aaron D. Spears is a self-proclaimed sports enthusiast who parlayed his confidence and tenacity into a career in television and film. He has had guest appearances on TV shows such as "Criminal Minds," "Crossing Jordan," "The X Files," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Angel." In 1997, Aaron established his own company which brought a new facet of spoken-word poetry and thought provoking film to Hollywood. His film credits include the blockbuster hit "Babel" and "Love You Man," in addition to the independent films, "Blue Hills Avenue" and "The Mannsfield 12."



Aaron currently portrays Justin Barber on the long running soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful" and Mark Bradley in BET's number #1 cable drama series "Being Mary Jane." Not only is Aaron a full-time actor, but he is also a full-time father. He and his wife Estela have five children (four of whom are girls).

## KYM WHITLEY

Kym Whitley was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Khartoum, Sudan (Africa). Kym knew she was blessed with the gift to make people laugh. After a chance encounter with Redd Foxx who told her "she had the comedic goods," Kym began living her dream as a standup comedian in Hollywood. Kym Whitley became Hollywood's go-to-girl with her smooth transition as a talented, comedic actress in numerous TV shows, namely, ABC's "My Wife and Kids", CBS's "Two Broke Girls", Disney's "That's So Raven", TV Land's "Soul Man" and HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm." You may have seen Ms. Whitley in the following films, "We Bought A Zoo", "Fun with Dick and Jane", "College Road Trip", "Next Friday" and "The Nutty Professor" and "Haunted House 2" to name a few.



Currently, Kym Whitley is starring in ABC/Family's sitcom, "Young and Hungry", which premiered June 2014. In addition, Whitley completed production of her third season on her hit reality show "Raising Whitley", on the OWN network and Kym is producing and starring in Nickelodeon's "Kymplified". Whitley also voiced the character Honeybee on Black Dynamite: The Animated Series.

Kym Whitley created the "Don't Feed Me" campaign to enlighten the public of food allergies for children, namely her son and most treasured possession, Joshua.

## REVEREND MARK E. WHITLOCK, JR.

Rev. Mark Whitlock is the pastor of Christ Our Redeemer A.M.E. Church in Orange County, CA, Director of Corporate Giving for the Connectional African Methodist Episcopal Church and Director of Community Initiatives at the University of Southern California, Center for Religion and Civic Culture.



Before his full-time call to the ministry, Rev. Whitlock served as the founder and executive director of FAME Renaissance, the economic development arm of First A.M.E. Church, Los Angeles.

Rev. Whitlock is a member of several Boards of Directors, including the Harvard Divinity School's Summer Leadership Institute, Southern California Edison Corporation, First American Corporation and Genesis Los Angeles. He continues to lecture at the Harvard University School of Divinity and USC School of Religion.

Rev. Whitlock earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion from the University of Laverne and is completing a Masters of Divinity at Payne Theological Seminary. Rev. Whitlock has been married happily, to Rev. Hermia Shegog Whitlock, J.D. for nearly thirty years.





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