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2019 Georgia Minority Business Awards Breakfast & Dinner Event “The Year of the Entrepreneurs”

ATLANTA, GA -- On March 22, 2019 at 7:00AM at Hanna Bros Restaurant @ Pinewood Studios Premium Facilities, the Georgia Minority Business Awards (GMBA) will host their **2nd annual awards breakfast** to celebrate businesses and entrepreneurs from around Georgia who are making an impact within their perspective communities in the film and entertainment industries. That evening, at 5:30PM at the Georgia International Convention Center, the Georgia Minority Business Awards will host their **23rd annual awards dinner** to celebrate minority businesses and entrepreneurs from around Georgia who are making an impact within their perspective business communities. The GMBA represents all people, ethnicities, and cultures. The speakers, CEO's, minority business winners and scholarship recipients represent the best in success and exhibit business ethics and values nationally and throughout the state of Georgia.

Our awards committee recognizes these superior qualities in performance, citizenship, leadership, ethical behavior, diversity and teamwork. These individuals share their philosophy for putting customers first, increasing the value of their companies and organizations, which makes their work-place a great place to work. And, they have had a tremendous impact on the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia. The keynote speaker for breakfast will be **John Gibson, Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Director, Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives**; for the evening dinner **Reverend Dr. Gerald L. Durley** will be the keynote speaker. Other special invited dignitaries and guests that will be in attendance includes: Jim Whitcomb, President of the Southeast United States Korean Chamber of Commerce; Jack Longino, Mayor of College Park and, Shannon W. James Sr, CEO of the Aerotropolis Atlanta Alliance, Lai Ying Floria Whitcomb, Department of Global Affairs, Kennesaw State University and the Taiwanese School of Georgia drum team.

GMBA will honor the following individuals during breakfast:

- (1) Michael Campbell, **Creator of a TV Chanel/network Award**
- (2) Daphne Hayes, **The New Writers in Film and Movie Production Award**
- (3) La'Tonya Beckum, **Make Up Artist of the Year Award**
- (4) Sue Ann Taylor, **Film Industry Producer of the Year Award**
- (5) Jose Marquez, **Georgia Latino Film Alliance and Film Festival Award**

In partnership with Business Development Initiative, Inc. (BDI), which is an entrepreneurial school for youth in high school and middle school, we encourage the students to attend colleges and universities that focus on International Studies, and IT partnership programs that promote future employment opportunities and corporate growth in Georgia.

What began as merely a vision has turned into successful annual award events which businesses and entrepreneurs look forward to being a part of each year. Many thanks to Creed W. Pannell, Jr. for his follow through with the vision and commitment to the leadership of the

“I started these award celebrations to simply acknowledge and congratulate local and small business men and women entrepreneurs who are trendsetters in their own right,” founder and Executive Director Creed W. Pannell, Jr. shared. “Planning to work the plan you create, is merely a good idea; working the plan to work for yourself – makes you an entrepreneur. Some of Atlanta’s most respectable business leaders will be presenting awards this year to deserving innovators.”

GMBA will honor the following individuals during dinner:

- (1) Yunda Chen, **John Lu International Business of the Year Award**
- (2) Mayor Elizabeth Carr-Hurst, **Mayor of the Year Award**
- (3) Tyrone Cox Jr., **Healthcare Industry of the Year Award**
- (4) Jackie Martin, **Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award**
- (5) James Virgil, The Legendary Mr. V’s Figure 8, **The Heritage Award**
- (6) Kevin Henderson, **Trucking Industry of the Year Award**
- (7) Niamani Knight, **Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Award (Los Angeles)**
- (8) Percy D. Vaughn, **Automotive Industry of the Year Award**
- (9) Dr. Vanessa O. Johnson, **Education Industry of the Year Award**
- (10) Eric Crump, **Plant Manager of The Year Award**
- (12) Jonathan Dudley, **CEO of the Year Award**
- (13) Robert D.W. Jackson, **Sales & Marketing Industry of the Year Award**

Our proud sponsors are: **Breakfast** - Motion Picture Association of America & Georgia Power and JAE Financial Group; **Dinner** – Atlanta Business Journal Magazine, ABJ Digital, Waste Industries, KIA Motors of America, Hotel Indigo, Troup Hauling Company, Citizens Trust Bank, Greystone Power, Influencer 365, City of Fairburn, JAE Financial Group, Owens Corning, Troup County Housing Authority, Chinese Community Center, JenCare Senior Medical Centers and, Chow Time Grill & Buffet

About the Georgia Minority Business Awards:

The Georgia Minority Business Awards is mandated to evolve and effect change to sustain and propel the vision in this 21st century. The awards sponsoring magazine, the Atlanta Business Journal is proud to serve as a catalyst for a new generation of business owners which notably serve as a valuable trend indicator in “Building Cultural and Global Relationships.”

We embrace diversity, overcome cultural obstacles and continue to build global relationships. The amalgamation of minds forms partnerships thus creating common ground for success and achievement.

The names, Atlanta Business Journal and Georgia Minority Business Awards reflects our dedication to help generate awareness about the positive changes and the collective successes of the multi-cultural communities and we look forward to continuing to share and recognize those collective successes for years to come.

GMBA Breakfast

Date: March 28, 2019

Time: 7:00AM – 9:00AM

**Location: Pinewood Atlanta Studios (The Studio Café)
461 Sandy Creek Rd #2121, Fayetteville, GA 30214**

GMBA Dinner

Date: March 28, 2019

Time: 5:00

**Location: Georgia International Convention Center (GICC)
2000 Convention Center Concourse, Atlanta, GA 30337**

For tickets, please visit

<http://gaminoritybusinessawards.com/>