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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# $\frac{2020\ YOUNG,\ GIFTED,\ \&\ BLACK^{\text{\tiny{TM}}}\ (YGB)\ ENTREPRENEURIAL\ AWARDS}{HONOREE\ ANNOUNCEMENT}$

New York, New York— (Tuesday, December 10, 2019) The Young, Gifted & Black<sup>TM</sup> (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year as a national program to highlight the achievements and journeys of "Unsung Heroes & Heroines" within their communities and industries. This year the team has compiled another outstanding group of individuals who continuously Strive Towards the Continued Pursuit of Success. The annual Black Tie Awards Dinner & Reception will occur on February 26, 2020 in celebration of Black History Month.

**EVENT: 2020 YGB BLACK TIE AWARDS DINNER & RECEPTION** 

15th YEAR CELEBRATION

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

TIME: 6:00PM - 11:00PM

26 BRIDGE | BK Venues

LOCATION: 26 Bridge Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201 www.26Bridge.com

TICKETS/TABLES www.ygbawards.com or 2020ygbawards.eventbrite.com

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In honor of Jezel Best, 2017 Professional Services Strategic Business Development Award Honoree, whose recent death on November 20, 2019 was unexpected, the organization will rename the Mission Award to be titled as the Jezel Best **P.O.W.E.R.N.M.O.T.I.O.N**. (see acronym below) Mission Award dedicate in memoriam as Ms. Best exemplified the Young, Gifted & Black<sup>TM</sup> (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards mission in all aspects of her life. This award will be presented to her family at the 15th Anniversary Celebration. The organization has setup a donation account using the link: <a href="https://www.ygbawards.com/jezelbestdonate">https://www.ygbawards.com/jezelbestdonate</a>

The Young, Gifted & Black<sup>TM</sup> (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards program is a simple measure of giving recognition, highlighting and showing appreciation towards one's peers. The awards program creates a platform that brings exposure to people, who represent positive role models to their peers, and provides an opportunity for others to be inspired and motivated.

Through the YGB Cares & Educational Assistance Program (<a href="www.ygbawards.com/donation">www.ygbawards.com/donation</a>), charities selected by an honoree will receive a percentage of the proceeds from purchases made on their behalf towards VIP tickets/tables and advertisement buys. The YGB Entrepreneurial Awards will also provide donations towards our 501 (c) 3 non-profit fiscal partner charities: The Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign (<a href="www.crcec.org">www.crcec.org</a>) and The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies (<a href="www.AFUWI.org">www.AFUWI.org</a>).

Tickets are available online at www.ygbawards.com and processed through Eventbrite. Sponsorships, advertisements and/or

donations, in addition to questions or inquiries, can be answered by contacting us at the YGB Entrepreneurial Awards service line at 347.559.4YGB (4942) or by sending an email to ygbawards@gmail.com.

#### BACKGROUND

In 2006, the Young, Gifted & Black<sup>TM</sup> (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards program was created with one goal and mission in mind:

To positively empower individuals and communities by highlighting the achievements of the "Unsung Heroes" whose stories can help inspire others towards making future goals attainable.

#### MISSION

P.O.W.E.R. -N- M.O.T.I.O.N.

Providing Opportunity With Effective Resources

Networking

Motivates Optimizes Transcends Inspires Organizes Nurtures

The Young, Gifted & Black<sup>TM</sup> (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards program places an emphasis on individuals that continue to reach levels of success through hard work and determination. There isn't a formal selection criterion to receive this award; rather the program is designed for peer-to-peer acknowledgement of their Talent, Ambition and Achievements toward the "Continued Pursuit of Success "outlined by where they have been in life to where they are now as ambassadors of the entrepreneurial spirit.

Best Regards,

Carl Gray President-CEO The NetLinkz Group, Inc.

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The NetLinkz Group, Inc. is management consulting organization making a conscious effort to bridge concepts, ideas, lifestyles, professions, likes and passions within a professional and entertainment forum.

Founded in 2006 by Carl O. Gray, President and CEO, The NetLinkz Group, Inc., and Founder of Unified Network of Business Professionals, in honor of Black History Month, The Young, Gifted & Black Entrepreneurial Awards is designed for peer-to-peer acknowledgement for their Talent, Ambition and Achievements toward the Continued Pursuit of Success.





## 2020 Young, Gifted & Black $^{TM}$ (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards Honorees:

AWARD CATEGORY	HONOREE	TITLE/POSITION	COMPANY/ BUSINESS	AWARD
Alumni Hall of Fame	Alsion Wilson	Consul General of Jamaica in New York	Consulate General of Jamaica	International Relations Award
Lifetime Achievement	Hon. Eric L. Adams	Brooklyn Borough President		Political Advocacy & Community Service Award
Lifetime Achievement	Tanya Stephens	Reggae Artiste		Women in Reggae Music Entertainmen t ICON Award

Millennium Business	Alphonzo A. Albright	Senior Vice President	Client Partnerships at GTL	Strategic Vision Award in Technology Solutions
Millennium Business	Chef Ameer Natson	Celebrity Chef		Culinary Award of Excellence
Millennium Business	Dr. Yvonne Riley-Tepie	Vice President Senior Regional Giving Manager	TD Bank Office of Charitable and Community Giving	Strategic Vision Award in Financial Services

Millennium Business	Ray Montgomery	President	Entertainment Solutions, LLC	Business Man of the Year
Professional Services	Carline Beaubrun	Owner - Founder	Events by Carline, LLC	Strategic Innovator Award in Event Management
Professional Services	Correy Kaiten	Founder	Correy K Events	Strategic Vision Award in Marketing & Promotions
Professional Services	Fe Noel	Fashion Designer Owner	Fe Noel Designs	Fashion Designer of the Year Award

Professional Services	Kira N. Brereton-Paul, Esq	Attorney & Associate General Counsel	S&P Global Ratings	Corporate Leadership & Business Management Award
Professional Services	Melissa Sadler	Owner	Island Standard LLC	Strategic Vision Award in Business Development
Professional Services	Negesti Pinnock Co-Founder/CEO & Head Mixologist	Vayden Pinnock Co-Founder	ButterMEssentials	Small Business Development Award

<b>Professional</b>
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Tanya Weddemire

## District Design Manager / New Jersey

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Strategic Business Development & Management Award