



**YGB Public Relations:**  
**(E)** [ygbawards@gmail.com](mailto:ygbawards@gmail.com)  
**(O)** 347. 559.4YGB (4942)  
**Media Contact:**  
**Shaila Mentore**  
[smentore.ygbawards@gmail.com](mailto:smentore.ygbawards@gmail.com)  
**Jeanine Sylla-Dubison**  
[jdubison.ygbawards@gmail.com](mailto:jdubison.ygbawards@gmail.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**2019 YOUNG, GIFTED, & BLACK (YGB) ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARDS**  
**HONOREE ANNOUNCEMENT**

New York, New York— (Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018) The Young, Gifted & Black (YGB) Entrepreneurial Awards is celebrating its 14<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 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 in celebration of Black History Month.

**EVENT: 2019 ANNUAL BLACK TIE**  
**Awards Dinner & Reception**

**DATE: Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**TIME: 6:00PM – 11:00PM**

**LOCATION: 26 BRIDGE | BK Venues**  
**26 Bridge Street**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11201**  
**[www.26Bridge.com](http://www.26Bridge.com)**

**TICKETS/TABLES** [www.ygbawards.com](http://www.ygbawards.com) or [www.2019ygbawards.eventbrite.com](http://www.2019ygbawards.eventbrite.com)

**DONATIONS:** [www.ygbawards.com/donation](http://www.ygbawards.com/donation)

**MEDIA CREDENTIALS** <https://www.ygbawards.com/press>

The 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.

Individuals being highlighted and honored at the **2019 Black Tie Awards Dinner & Reception**, will include **Susan L. Taylor, Founder - CEO, National CARES Mentoring Movement (NCMM) and Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, Essence Magazine** being honored in the **YGB Phoenix Award** category with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** to acknowledge her present work with NCMM by giving back to communities and her extensive **20-year career having been noted as “the most influential black woman in journalism today” by American Libraries.**

Under the **YGB Caribbean - Millennium Business** category, **Reggae/Dancehall** artist, **Bounty Killer aka Rodney Price** will receive the **Reggae Music Entertainment ICON Award. Bounty Killa received over 5,600 likes** on his instagram account after acknowledging acceptance of his nomination to receive the Reggae ICON award from YGB.

YGB will also honor the astoundingly talented teenage actress **Donshea Hopkins, known for her role as Raina on the highly rated TV series, ‘Power’** part of the Starz Network and who most recently played the intriguing role of **Bobbi Kristina from ‘The Bobby Brown Story.’** Ms. Hopkins will receive the program’s **YGB Nina Simone Artistic Excellence Award in Film & Television.** The program continues to pay tribute to Nina Simone by creating an award category to honor individuals in the arts.

And lastly, but certainly not least, this year's all-inclusive ticket will includes a delectable five (5) course meal prepared by celebrity Executive Chef Wenford. P. Simpson, who will receive the **YGB Millennium Business Culinary Award of Excellence.** Best known for his delightful & creative meals, Chef Simpson is launching a **culinary Institute in Ocho Rios Jamaica**, showcases his culinary expertise on cooking shows **broadcasted on Tempo & CIN networks, future placements on the FOOD network, and being the ambassador for the Hope program in Jamaica launch by Prime Minister, The Honorable Andrew Holness of Jamaica W.I.**

**See the table below to view the complete list of our 2019 YGB Entrepreneurial Awards Honorees**

Through the **YGB Cares & Educational Assistance Program** ([www.ygbawards.com/donation](http://www.ygbawards.com/donation)), 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** ([www.crcec.org](http://www.crcec.org)) and **The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies** ([www.AFUWI.org](http://www.AFUWI.org)) .

Tickets are available online at [www.ygbawards.com](http://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](mailto:ygbawards@gmail.com).

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2006, the 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 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.