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December 1, 2020



Welcome

Jessica Schambach

***Evening Anchor – KOCO 5
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Occasion***

***Angie Christopher,
PHR, JD***

***HR Business Partner,
US Home Service Group
Giving Tuesday***

Erin Wilcox

***Urban League OKC Board Chair
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MBA, PhD***

***President and CEO
Urban League OKC***

Cy Richardson

***SVP of Economics & Housing,
National Urban League
Keynote Speaker***

Featuring



Cy Richardson,
SVP of Economics & Housing,
National Urban League



Russell M. Perry *Award of Excellence*



Senator George Young,
Oklahoma Senate District 48

Rev. Dr. Young was born in Memphis, Tennessee. After retiring from 30 years of Pastoral service in 2013, he was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2014. In 2018, Dr. Young was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate while serving as Chair of the Oklahoma Legislative Black Caucus. Because of his leadership, the National Conference of State Legislators invited Senator Young to participate in the Early Learning Fellows Program, focusing on the promising approaches for solving America's Addiction Crisis.

Dr. Young has long been a leader in the Oklahoma Legislature on restorative justice programs and criminal justice reform. He has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout the years, including the Good Citizen Award and the Social Justice Award from the Oklahoma Conference of Churches. An alumnus of Leadership Oklahoma, Dr. Young was awarded the "Golden Bull" Award for being the most socially provocative member of his class. As a Pastor, Young initiated a partnership that sponsors the largest Back to School Block Party and School Supply Give-Away in the Northeast Quadrant of OKC. Additionally, he led his church in the completion of a multi-million dollar senior Housing Project.

Equal Opportunity Award Recipients



**Chef Andrew Black,
Owner of Culinary Edge
Oklahoma City, OK**



Equal Opportunity Awards are given to individuals, corporations, and organizations that have provided exemplary service to the cause of equality and opportunity.

We are pleased to announce one of the recipients of our 2020 EOD Award, Chef Andrew Black. Andrew Black is an acclaimed chef and restaurant operator whose humble start dates back to his upbringing on a subsistence homestead in Jamaica with his grandmother and three siblings. At age 14, he took a job as a kitchen porter at a local resort, cleaning 18 refrigerators a day and juicing over 3,000 oranges a day.

Working his way up the ladder at legendary establishments worldwide, Black began to make a name for himself, drawing the owners and developers of the historic Skirvin Hotel's attention in downtown Oklahoma City. As the hotel worked through a renovation and reopening project, they turned to him for his culinary influence. After a few years at the Skirvin, Black was hired by Devon Energy Corporation to open Vast, a fine dining restaurant located at the top of the company's new 50-story headquarters.

Following up on these experiences, Chef Black dedicated himself to opening three new restaurants with partner Rudy Khouri in Deep Deuce – Oklahoma City's early day African American neighborhood. Black now owns and operates those restaurants: LaBaguette, a French patisserie and bakery; Black Walnut, a restaurant with a unique sensory and flavor-driven menu, and Grey Sweater, Black's signature restaurant that features a three-tier tasting menu based on ingredients from around the world.





Jason Banister,
Owner of 6th Avenue Honda
Stillwater, OK



Jason Louis Banister was born in Omaha, Nebraska but raised in Del City, Oklahoma. He graduated from Del City High School and attended Rose State College. Seeking a higher calling, he joined the Army and graduated from the Army Medical Department Center School. Continuing to build on his foundation as an officer, Mr. Banister began a career with Enterprise as a Manager Trainee and earned multiple promotions. Following promotion and relocation, Jason made the position of Group Manager (Southwest Operations). He retired in 2020, after 20 years of dedicated service to Enterprise and the community.

Mr. Banister is a successful entrepreneur with over 20 years of executive leadership, philanthropy, business, and sales management experience. Jason spends a significant amount of time leading his team at Sixth Street Honda Dealership in Stillwater, OK. A God-fearing man, he remains energized by the young minds he mentors at his speaking engagements and spiritually filled by his fellowship at the 5th Street Baptist Church.



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