

MEN IMPACT CHANGE



GALA & HONOR CEREMONY

**MARRIOTT BETHESDA DOWNTOWN AT MARRIOTT HQ
OCTOBER 12TH, 2024
5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. EST**

LETTER FROM FOUNDER



It is an absolute pleasure to welcome you all this evening. Your presence means a great deal to us as we celebrate a decade of impact, growth, and transformation. At Men Impact Change (MIC), we live by the guiding principle: “It is easier to build a boy than repair a broken man.” This quote served as the foundation of MIC 10 years ago, and it continues to inspire our mission today. Since our inception, we have empowered over 1,000 young men through programs focused on leadership, entrepreneurship, and mental health.

When the pandemic hit, we did not pause—we adapted. We transitioned to online platforms, hosting Design Thinking Workshops that equipped both our young men and the broader community with the tools to think critically and develop solutions in the face of crisis. This resilience ensured that they not only weathered the storm but emerged stronger, thriving through unprecedented challenges. Over the past decade, we’ve honored 120 remarkable men of color, recognizing their achievements as a cornerstone of the success within our communities. Their progress is our progress, and their excellence is a reflection of the future we envision together.

This evening, we come together to celebrate 16 extraordinary men whose accomplishments embody our theme: “Future-Ready: Merging Entrepreneurship with AI.” This theme is not only timely but essential, as we aim to harness innovation, foster collaboration, and dismantle stereotypes that have held our communities back. By working together, we will achieve even greater heights. Thank you for being part of this momentous celebration. Your support and presence mean everything as we reflect on 10 years of impact and look ahead to an even brighter future. We look forward to the next chapter of **Men Impact Change 2.0**, with you by our side!

Warm Regards,
Sonnie Njau
Founder & CEO
Men Impact Change



CONGRATULATORY LETTERS



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Executive *"Prince George's Proud"*



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

October 12, 2024

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the residents of Prince George's County, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 10th Anniversary Gala and Honor Ceremony of Men Impact Change (M.I.C.). We are honored to welcome you to this prestigious event that celebrates a decade of empowering and uplifting men and boys in our communities.

Men Impact Change has been a trailblazer since its inception in 2014, dedicating itself to transforming lives through education, leadership development, and mentorship. Your unwavering commitment has made a lasting impact, providing invaluable entrepreneurship training, breaking cycles of fatherlessness, and promoting positive masculinity. With a focus on building future leaders, M.I.C. has empowered over 1,000 young men to overcome barriers and reach their fullest potential.

This year's theme, "Future-Ready: Merging Entrepreneurship with A.I.," is a testament to M.I.C.'s forward-thinking approach to preparing our communities to embrace new technologies and seize future opportunities. I also want to recognize the extraordinary men who have been honored over the years—120 remarkable individuals whose contributions have left an indelible mark on our society. Their legacy is a shining example of what it means to be a community champion and role model.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to this year's honorees and commend you all for your dedication to the values of Men Impact Change. May this celebration serve as a reminder of the incredible progress we have made and inspire us to achieve even greater heights in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Alsobrooks".

Angela Alsobrooks
County Executive

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PROGRAM

VIP COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Penthouse Hipflask Rooftop Lounge

GENERAL RECEPTION

Grand Ballroom Foyer

WELCOME | MC/HOSTS

Masterpiece

Marlon Bell Jackson

THE OCCASION - FOUNDER REMARKS

Sonnie Njau

OPENING KEYNOTE

Dr. Andre Townsel

REMARKS

Gregory D Yancey, Esq,

PANEL 1: RISING STARS IN A.I.

Francis K Wangui, Julius V Maina, Michael Ongusaya,
Kiante Bush. Moderator: Tyrome "Ty" Smith

REMARKS

Will Yemi Jawando, Council Member-At-Large Montgomery County

DINNER

LEADERSHIP HONOR

Will Yemi Jawando,
C. Vincent Iweanoge
Jamaal Smith

ENTREPRENEURSHIP HONOR

Martin Ezemma, MBA,
Shawn J Townsend

PHILANTHROPY HONOR

Ryan Jones, Dr. Oliver T Reid,
Fr. Gabriel Muteru

EDUCATION HONOR

Shawn Hardnett,
Dr. Andre Townsel



PROGRAM

RISING STAR HONOREE
Francis Kangere Wangui

DISTINGUISHED INNOVATOR HONOREE
Jabari Young, Yusuf Henriques

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP HONOREE
Gregory D. Yancey, Esq

LEGENDARY ENTREPRENEUR HONOREE
Getu Gelete Dugda

LEGACY HONOREE
Donald L. Hense

PANEL 2: GEN X'S IN AI
Ralph Kilundu, Jamaal Smith, Cylton Collymore.
Ashish Patel, Moderator: Tyrome "Ty" Smith

ARM-CHAIR FIRESIDE CONVERSATION | POWER OF COLLABORATION
Ralph Kilundu, Gregory D. Yancey
Moderator, Tyrome "Ty" Smith

2020 HONOREE
Walter Mandela Lomax
"BUILDING RESILIENCE"

SURPRISE HONOR | M.I.C. LEGACY OF SERVICE HONOR

SURPRISE HONOR | DISTINGUISHED LEGACY HONOREE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**THANK YOU - MIC TOAST!!!
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF IMPACT**

MIDNIGHT MIXER SIGNATURE LOUNGE



OUR MENU

ALICE MARRIOTT DINNER BUFFET
KALE CAESAR SALAD (V)

CRISP ROMAINE LETTUCE, KALE, RADICCHIO, HOUSE-MADE
CROUTONS,

PARMESAN CHEESE, CAESAR DRESSING

HEIRLOOM TOMATO AND CUCUMBER GRAIN SALAD (V)

BABY KALE, PILLOWED RED AND WHITE QUINOA, FETA CHEESE,
LEMON

HERB VINAIGRETTE

SEASONAL VEGETABLES (VG, GF)
ROASTED FINGERLING POTATOES (VG, GF)

CHICKEN PICCATA (GF)
PRESERVE LEMON, CAPER SAUCE
WILD CAUGHT SALMON (GF)

ENGLISH PEAS, NEW POTATOES, SHERRY BUTTER SAUCE

CARAMELO CAKE (V, GF)

DARK CHOCOLATE MOUSSE, SALTED CARAMEL



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DONALD L. HENSE

2024 HONOREES
FUTURE-READY - MERGING
ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITH A.I.



GREGORY D. YANCEY, ESQ



WILL YEMI JAWANDO



SHAWN J. TOWNSEND



JABARI YOUNG



MARTIN EZEMMA



SHAWN HARDNETT



C. VINCENT IWEANOGE



DR. ANDRAE TOWNSEL



FR. GABRIEL MUTERU



RYAN JONES



DR. OLIVER T. REID



FRANCIS K. WANGUI



JAMAAL SMITH



YUSUF HENRIQUES

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SPEAKERS



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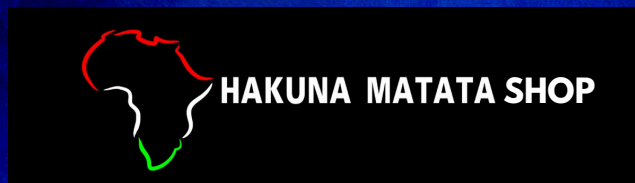


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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your invaluable support to our event and programs. Your dedication and generosity have made this milestone celebration a resounding success.

To our esteemed sponsors, Thank you for your commitment to our mission. Your contribution enables us to further our impact and continue uplifting our community and effecting positive change.



THANK YOU

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