

Welcome to
The Key Awards
2025



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ONE STORY AT A TIME



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Key Awards 2025

Message from the Executive Director: Aaron Barnette

Office of Safety and Prevention Partnerships, NYCPS

Welcome to the 2nd Annual Key Awards! Tonight, we gather to celebrate the transformative power of mentorship— a key that can unlock the potential of our students. Mentorship is more than just guidance; it is a powerful commitment to nurturing potential and breaking barriers. At the heart of this event is the belief that every young person deserves a champion—someone who believes in their possibilities and walks alongside them in their journey.

To our mentors, honorees, and partners—your dedication is the cornerstone of our success. You have chosen to lift others, to inspire change, and to redefine what is possible. Thank you for being the light that guides our youth toward brighter futures.

Message from: Darlene Walker-Mungin

Director of Mentoring and; Strategic Initiatives, NYCPS

Welcome to the Key Awards, a celebration of stories—stories of hope, of resilience, and of transformation. Mentorship has been my life's work, and it has been my honor to witness firsthand the profound impact it has on the lives of young people. When a mentor steps into the life of a child, they are not just shaping one moment; they are shaping a lifetime of opportunities.

As we gather to recognize those who give of their time, their hearts, and their wisdom, we are reminded of the power of community. Together, we are not just changing individual lives; we are changing the future. Thank you for being part of this movement of mentorship.

Urban Village Mentoring

Urban Village Mentoring is more than just an initiative—it is a transformative community built on trust, empowerment, and opportunity. As a cornerstone initiative under the NYC Public Schools' Office of Safety & Prevention Partnerships (OSPP), Urban Village Mentoring builds a strong network of mentors committed to supporting NYC Public School students through academic and personal growth.

We believe that mentorship is a bridge to opportunity, offering students the encouragement they need during pivotal moments that shape their future. Through our initiative, students are paired with dedicated adult mentors from diverse backgrounds and professions, all of whom meet NYC Public Schools' training and screening standards.

Urban Village Mentoring offers both in-person and virtual mentoring opportunities, allowing NYC Public School staff, individuals, and businesses to engage meaningfully with students. Our framework provides students with the tools to navigate obstacles, explore post-secondary and career options, and grow as confident, capable individuals.

Under this initiative, **NYC Mentoring**, our corporate partnership program, connects students with mentors from organizations across the city—helping them build confidence, develop professional skills, and gain exposure to college and career pathways. **ROSE—Respectful, Outstanding Sisters of Excellence**—provides safe, empowering spaces for young women to lead, heal, and grow through mentoring, peer support, and sisterhood.

At Urban Village Mentoring, we are not just mentoring students—we are building communities, changing lives, and creating lasting legacies of opportunity and achievement.

To our mentors, advisors, coordinators, school leaders, and corporate partners: thank you for being the village. This work matters, and so do you.

If your company or organization is interested in being part of the mentoring program, please fill out the Mentoring Interest Form: <https://shorturl.at/HGEpq>

Your impact starts here. Join us in building brighter futures.

Darlene Walker-Mungin
Director of Mentoring and Strategic Initiatives

Debbie Teitelbaum
Program Coordinator

Lana Clarke
Program Associate



The Key Awards

The Key Awards is more than just an event—it is a powerful celebration of mentorship, leadership, and community impact. Founded on the belief that mentorship is the key that unlocks doors to opportunity and inspires greatness, the Key Awards honor those who dedicate their time, passion, and wisdom to guide our city’s youth toward brighter futures, as well as the young mentees whose achievements reflect the transformative power of mentorship.

Each year, the Key Awards brings together change-makers, mentors, educators, and community leaders from across New York City to recognize the extraordinary contributions of those who empower the next generation. Made possible through the leadership of NYC Public Schools and the collaboration of key partners—such as the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, NYPD Community Affairs, NYC Service, various NYCPD offices, community organizations, and volunteers—this event reflects a citywide commitment to youth empowerment. Through mentorship, students discover their potential, break barriers, and set their sights on achievements they once thought impossible. This event highlights the remarkable stories of perseverance and transformation that mentorship inspires—one relationship, one story, one life at a time.

The Key Awards is designed to be a red-carpet experience—one that reflects the excellence, pride, and dignity that our youth deserve. As honorees walk the red carpet, they are celebrated not only for their achievements but for their resilience and vision for the future. The evening is filled with elegance and inspiration, symbolizing that greatness is not just a dream but an expectation for every young person in our community.



The Key Awards

Last year's Key Awards was recognized nationally when CBS Evening News featured it as part of their Heart of America series, celebrating the power of mentorship in transforming lives. For those who would like to experience that powerful moment, you can watch the segment below:

This evening is a celebration of collective effort to uplift, empower, and elevate the voices of our youth—ensuring that each young person knows they are seen, valued, and worthy of excellence.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our valued partners for their unwavering support of the Key Awards and the transformative power of mentorship. Thank you for standing with us, believing in the power of mentorship, and making this celebration of excellence possible.



Watch the video at: <https://shorturl.at/UPHSg>

Program

Opening Performance: Drumline Showcase

IS 392 Drumline & Brooklyn United Music & Arts Program

Welcome & Opening Remarks

The Power of Mentoring: Remarks

"The Story Exchange" Video Presentation

Greetings from NYC Public Schools Leadership

Chancellor's Mentoring Marvel Award

MBSK Luminary Award

Performance: "The Greatest Showman" Wadleigh High School Choir

NYPD Explorers Peer Influencer Award

Mayoral Legacy Leader Award

ROSE, Mentoring is the Key Performance

Urban Village Mentoring: Remarks

Radiant ROSE Award

Innovation in Mentoring Programs Award

NYC Mentoring Achievers Award

Beautiful Active Motivated Sisters (B.A.M.S.) Step Team (DYCD) Performance

DYCD Community Impact Award

Bridges to Pathways Award

Pivotal Change Makers Award

PIVOT Towards Excellence Award

Stellar Coordinator Award

Urban Village Mentoring: Inspirational Mentor-Mentee Pair Award

Finale Performance: "Back to Life" Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts

Closing Remarks

Hosts

Phil Taitt

Emmy Award-winning reporter Phil Taitt wakes up with the city each weekday as morning reporter for Eyewitness News. Prior to joining WABC, he anchored weekend evening newscasts at NEWS12 and reported nightside and on breaking news in the city. As a journalist, he strives to be out front and at the epicenter of important events and issues that matter to New Yorkers, with reports that are memorable and meaningful. Topics he's highlighted include gun violence, housing, politics, and social justice. Hitting the streets of his hometown, Phil is Brooklyn-bred with both Caribbean and British roots.

Memorable reports of his include days-long coverage of the social unrest following the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. He also led highly watched political coverage of the NYC Primary of Mayor Eric Adams, and the historic election of Vanessa L Gibson, the first woman to represent the Bronx as Borough President. Also, during one of the city's darkest hours, the Twin Parks tragedy, a fire that claimed the lives of 17 New Yorkers, Phil helmed several hours of live coverage, keeping New Yorkers informed.

One of Taitt's proudest works was his Emmy Award-winning 30-minute half-hour special, Next Generation Dreams. The Black History Month piece, filmed in Atlanta, Georgia, was an exclusive conversation with the family of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the King home, Taitt talked with Martin Luther King III, Arndrea King, and their daughter Yolanda about voting rights, critical race theory, and their hopes for the future, in aiming to fulfill Dr. King's dream.

Phil graduated from St. Francis College with a bachelor's degree in communications - public relations and advertising. He interned at FOX 5 Good Day New York and Spectrum NY1 and has worked for other media outlets. Phil is a proud member of the National Association of Black Journalists. When he isn't reporting, you can catch him serving his community through his local non-profit, which aims to give access and opportunity to young people, by engaging with today's leaders.



Zhane Caldwell

Zhané Caldwell is a passionate general assignment reporter who joined the PIX11 News team in July 2023. Known for her sharp news sense and empathetic reporting, she covers everything from breaking news to in-depth stories on housing, social justice, and the city's homelessness crisis.

Before joining PIX11, Zhané reported for News 12 Brooklyn, where she consistently spotlighted underrepresented voices and held leaders accountable.

She began her career at WKTV, the NBC affiliate in Utica, New York, where she cut her teeth as a multimedia journalist — shooting, writing, and editing her own stories. A proud graduate of East Carolina University, Zhané earned her degree cum laude and helped launch the school's first-ever student-run TV news outlet.

Her dedication to storytelling and community impact continues to guide her work. She's an active member of the National Association of Black Journalists and is fueled by a love for storytelling, connection, and truth. Off-camera, Zhané enjoys traveling and spending quality time with her loved ones.





Honorees



Chancellor's Mentoring Marvel

Rawl L. Carew

Teresa Gigi F. Eboras

Margarita Fermin

Kerryanne Malvino

Scholanda Miller

Cynthia Morisset

Kevin Nesbitt

Stacey O'Brien

Caine Reed

Brian Schultz

MBSK Luminary

Mary Asantewaa

Alyssa Beaumont

Asma Chikirou

Nashawn Dobbins

David Scullark





Honorees



NYPD Peer Influencer

Tyraal Drake

Xavier W. Lopez

Freddy A. Parraga Nieto

Samiah Scott

Janice Scroggins

Mayoral Legacy Leader

Hakeem Sajid Baksh

Juan Pablo Peguero

Elizabeth Torres Priego

Caleb Saxe

Nafis Soumik





Honorees



Radiant ROSE

Persephone DaCosta

Zulanly Luna

Rebecca Vargas

Innovation in Mentoring Programs

Colgate-Palmolive

Delta Air Lines

EY

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Financial Women's Association

Morgan Stanley

NYU Law Women

Syracuse University Mentor-Mentee Alliance (SUMMA)

The Walt Disney Company

Women in Government

Young Professionals Mentoring Partners





Honorees



NYC Mentoring Achiever

Michelle Adjanor

Izzati Farwizah

Charli Hilton

Alexander Huang

Mehki Jones

Sandra Liu

Leeya Madar

Dariel Morejon

Samantha Rosa

Sekou Sylla

DYCD Community Impact

Jaylon Blair

Fanta Diallo

Serenity Dickerson

Ashley Eastman

Kage Hall

Jekarie Warley





Honorees



Bridges to Pathways

Natalie Kavral

Renato Rosales

Joseph Sgroi & Sons Inc.

Squeaky Inc.

Pivotal Change Maker

Principal Delouise Briggs

Louis Bruschi

Coach Raymond Haskins

Dr. Damion Kenwood

William Rochford

Principal Jose Zayas

PIVOT Towards Excellence

Ciaralyce Alamo

Tyquan Chaplin

Nicole Dowdell

Christelle Allarane Mbaïassem

Nitshairilyz Rodriguez

Zaire Spears





Honorees



Stellar Coordinator

Kevin Alvarez

Shira Collado-Del Rosario

Frank Farino

Egipt King

Ryann Mahoney and Quantae Walton

Kristie Mero

James Norman

Jeffrey K.W. Stephens-Prince

Kathy Wright-Austin

Inspirational Mentor-Mentee Pair

Mentees

Dellilah Abreu

Rosbelkis Acosta

Michelle Adjanor

Jeremais Antonetty

Jazlema Robbins

Kayla Rodriguez

Ken Singh

Sekou Sylla

Mentors

Marion Mancera Aranda

Mecca-Amirah Jackson

Tobey Diller

Philip Dunne

Tre' Jour Heard

Giselle Ashby

MD Uddin

Michael Elliott

Urban Village Mentoring Corporate Partnerships & Organizations



EY

We are pleased to highlight the long-standing and meaningful relationship between EY and the Stevenson Campus in the Bronx. As we proudly celebrate our 33rd year participating in this impactful program, we reflect on the enduring commitment of our EY Partners and staff, who are invited annually to serve as Mentors through this New York City initiative. Each Mentor undergoes training and fingerprinting, and works closely with our EY Program Coordinators, in collaboration with Good Shepherd Services and under the guidance of NYC Mentoring. While there are scheduled group activities throughout the academic year for Mentors and Mentees to enjoy together, one-on-one engagement is the focus of the program. Over the years, mentoring pairs have connected in a variety of ways — in person at EY offices, at school, throughout the city, via Zoom, and through phone or text — fostering meaningful, flexible relationships. Continuity and dedication have been hallmarks of our involvement in this program. Since its inception, only two individuals have served as Program Coordinators at EY, and just four at the school, reflecting the consistency and passion behind the effort. Many Mentors choose to remain with the program even after their original Mentees graduate high school, by welcoming a new student into the mentorship experience. This is a truly special program — one that continues to offer valuable opportunities for personal and professional growth for both Mentees and Mentors alike.



Colgate-Palmolive

We are Colgate, a caring, innovative growth company that is reimagining a healthier future for all people, their pets and our planet. The Colgate-Palmolive Wadleigh Mentoring program is currently celebrating its 40th year! The mentees come to our Park Avenue office to see first-hand and experience the corporate work environment. The mentors and mentees work together each session as we also explore topics on interview skills, resume preparation, public speaking, marketing, sustainability, starting your own business and so much more. Colgate-Palmolive also provides Wadleigh students with college tours, summer internships and scholarships to the graduating seniors in the mentorship program. In addition, the students are provided with to/from bus transportation, a hot meal, and a winter and summer outing. Website colgatepalmolive.com

Urban Village Mentoring Corporate Partnerships & Organizations

Women in Government
Mentoring Program

Women In Government (WIGMP)

In 1983 the New York State Division for Women and the then New York City Board of Education initiated the Women in Government Mentoring Program (WIGMP). This mentoring program matched women employed in New York State Government agencies with students from Prospect Heights, Park West and George Wingate High Schools. Since January of 1985, the Women in Government Mentoring Program has maintained a collaborative partnership with the New York City Mentoring Program (NYCMP). The mentoring program was extended to Clara Barton High School in 1991. Today our sole partnership is with Clara Barton High School and is built on the volunteer efforts of women who made an individual commitment to be a touchstone in the lives of adolescent girls. As mentors we strive to help students to broaden their horizons and to help them navigate a variety of educational, social, and work-related situations. Website: wigmp.org



SUMMA (Syracuse University Mentor Mentee Alliance)

is a one-to-one mentoring program supported by *The Friends of Leadership and Public Service High School, an alumni group of Syracuse University*. Leadership and Public Service High School is located in downtown New York City. The program aims to form relationships between young, successful college graduates, mainly of Syracuse University, who work and live in the New York City area, with Leadership High School students. SUMMA mentoring pairs enjoy sponsored events, such as, Yankees, Mets, Knicks, Nets, Islanders and Rangers games. The SUMMA program also features opportunities to connect socially by exploring concerts, attending group dinners and holiday parties, playing softball in Central Park, ice skating and even bowling! SUMMA Mentor-Mentee pairs also participate in educational college-prep programs and community service events. SUMMA's goal is focused on enhancing student academic performance, preparing students for college and sharing highlights of New York City to enjoy and explore!



Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Since 1986, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has partnered with the NYC Mentoring Program and Title I high schools in our community, to pair Bank staff with high school students for one-on-one mentoring. Currently, we are partnering with Curtis High School in Staten Island and James Madison High School in Brooklyn, and the students visit their mentors on-site at the Fed. Our program is designed to meet the needs and concerns of the students. The program includes one-on-one meetings and team activities such as a Gold Vault tour, Museum tour, and presentations from Bank leaders on topics, including an overview of the Fed, economic literacy, college finance and application process, and interaction with law enforcement.

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The Walt Disney Company

We are The Walt Disney Company—where storytelling, creativity, and community come together to inspire a world of possibility. Our partnership with the New York City Mentoring Program (NYCMP) is the longest-running VoluntEAR initiative in company history, proudly celebrating over **35 years** of dedicated service. Since the late 1980s, Disney VoluntEARS have committed their time, talents, and hearts to mentor students from LaGuardia High School of Music & Art. Through this enduring relationship, Disney mentors provide one-on-one support, help students build confidence, and explore careers in media, entertainment, technology, and beyond. Together, we create magical moments that empower the next generation of dreamers and doers to reach their fullest potential. Website thewaltdisneycompany.com



Young Professionals Mentoring Partners

YPMP is a group of Young Professionals who come from various backgrounds and professions to mentor our group of mentees. Our mentorship is the dynamic collaboration between these professionals, including many which are alumni of our school and the wonderful students from The High School of Economics and Finance. Our mentoring program runs from the beginning of sophomore year through senior year and cements a lasting relationship and bond to create and instill positive values, characteristics and experiences that promote learning, growth, commitment and the development necessary to bridge the next steps in our young students lives and careers.

Morgan Stanley Foundation

Morgan Stanley

At Morgan Stanley, we believe in the power of mentorship to open minds, build confidence, and create pathways to success. For over 30 years, we've proudly partnered with the New York City Mentoring Program to support high school students through one-on-one connections that make a lasting impact. Our current program supports students from Chelsea Technical High School and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School. Mentors and mentees connect both virtually and in person, forming relationships grounded in encouragement, curiosity, and shared experiences. Together, they explore topics like career readiness, personal growth, and life beyond high school. Students regularly visit our offices for interactive group sessions that provide a glimpse into the corporate world and spark meaningful conversations about the future. We also organize outings that blend learning with fun. Whether it's a museum tour, cooking class, or bowling night, these shared experiences help our mentors and mentees connect beyond the classroom and build lasting memories together. Rooted in our core value of Give Back, the Morgan Stanley Mentoring Program is about showing up, listening, and making a difference. We're proud to walk alongside these students as they explore their goals, discover their strengths, and build a foundation for the future.

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Delta Air Lines

The Aviation High School Mentoring Program is a highly valued initiative among the technicians at JFK. Over the years, the program has expanded significantly, attracting more students and Delta employees. We have also integrated Delta technicians from LGA airport into the program. JFK and LGA take great pride in this mentoring initiative, which allows us to engage with students through group activities that enhance teamwork and job skills while fostering lasting relationships. Over the years, we have brought our mentees to see the JFK operations, and one year we even took them to Atlanta to visit Delta TechOps headquarters. After graduation many of our mentees pursue careers in aviation and frequently become part of the Delta Air Lines family.



Financial Women's Association

FWA was established in 1956 when eight enterprising women on Wall Street met to share professional experiences and further their knowledge. Today, our non-profit organization proudly supports over 800 members worldwide and promotes the professional development and advancement of all women through education, mentorship, scholarships, networking, and alliances across the financial community. The FWA High School Mentoring Program, established in 1986, is one of the longest-running New York City School partnerships to mentor low income and minority high school students in NYC. To date, we have supported more than 6,500 students across all our programs. Through the mentor-mentee relationship, and participation in a network of current mentees, alumni, and mentors, students build the foundations of a long-lasting and impactful support network. The Financial Women's Association's Educational Initiatives have been dedicated to the education, development, and advancement of underserved, high-potential high school, undergraduate, and graduate school women interested in careers in finance. We proudly support the High School of Economics and Finance.



NYU Law Women

The **NYU Law Women & Hillcrest High School Mentoring Program** creates a powerful bridge between aspiring youth and future legal professionals. This dynamic initiative pairs Hillcrest High School students with second-year NYU law students, offering meaningful mentorship, guidance, and inspiration. Through empowering sessions held at the prestigious NYU School of Law, students engage in interactive workshops, engaging discussions, and fun, team-building activities that spark personal growth, boost confidence, and foster lasting connections. More than a mentorship program—it's a life-shaping experience rooted in empowerment, exposure, and the power of community.



SPECIAL THANKS!



Thank You to Our Performance Groups

We extend our deepest gratitude to all of the amazing student groups who shared their time, talent, and creativity to help make the Key Awards a celebration to remember. Your energy, passion, and performances reminded us why we do this work—and why investing in our youth is so powerful. Thank you for helping to set the tone, lift the spirit, and bring this event to life.

Participating Student Groups:

IS 392 Drumline

Brooklyn United Music & Arts Program

Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing & Visual Arts

ROSE (Respectful, Outstanding Sister of Excellence)

Khalil Gibran International Academy Chapter

Beautiful Active Motivated Sisters (B.A.M.S.) Step Team (DYCD)

Bronx Alliance Middle School, Baychester Middle School,
Pelham Gardens Middle School, Cornerstone Academy

Science of Music Steel Pan Band

(PS66, PS/IS155, PS41, Mott Hall IV)

RAMS Student Podcast Group

Riverdale Avenue Middle School

Aanchal Patel, Hillcrest High School Student





SPECIAL THANKS!



Thank You to Our Presenters

To every presenter who graced the stage at the 2nd Annual Key Awards—thank you. Your presence meant more than words can say. By lending your time, voice, and support, you helped make this night not only memorable, but deeply meaningful. You showed our students, educators, mentors, and community partners just how important their stories are—and reminded us all of the power of showing up.

Thank you for standing with us, celebrating our village, and helping shine a light on the transformative power of mentorship. This evening is unforgettable because of you.

Aanchal Patel, Hillcrest High School Student

Aaron Barnette, Executive Director of Safety & Prevention Partnerships & Project PIVOT Lead, NYCPS

Billy Council, Project PIVOT Coordinator (Manhattan), NYCPS

Budd Mishkin, Broadcast Journalist

Howard Hudson, Project PIVOT Team Lead & Coordinator (Queens, Brooklyn), NYCPS

Commissioner Keith Howard, NYC
Department of Youth & Community Development

Jane Martinez-Dowling, Chief of Student Pathways, NYCPS

Jennifer Anglada, Student Services Manager,
D4 Superintendent's Team, Bronx, NYCPS

Jonathan Colon, Project PIVOT Coordinator
(Staten Island, Manhattan, Brooklyn), NYCPS

Superintendent Josephine Van-Ess, Queens, NYCPS





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Thank You to Our Presenters (cont'd)

Kashvee Kayani, Hillcrest High School Student

Superintendent Kelly McGuire, Manhattan, NYCPS

Chief of Staff Kenita Lloyd, NYCPS

Superintendent Khalek Kirkland, Brooklyn, NYCPS

Kwame Gaddy, Project PIVOT Coordinator (Brooklyn), NYCPS

Louis Renda,
Project PIVOT Coordinator (Queens, Brooklyn), NYCPS

Superintendent Marcel Deans, Bronx, NYCPS

Marlon Greer, Project PIVOT Coordinator, Bronx, NYCPS

Deputy Commissioner Mark T. Stuart,
NYPD Community Affairs

Michael Francis, Director of ALC Supports

Coach Rodney Plummer

Superintendent Shenean Lindsay, Brooklyn, NYCPS

Stuart Davis, Youth Strategies Manager, NYC Service

Deputy Chief Officer Business Development
Dr. Tammy Pate, NYCPS

Terrence Bess, Channel View School for Research Student (MBK)

Wiz Buchanan, Grammy Award Winning Producer





SPECIAL THANKS!



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Dear Key Awards Volunteer,

We are incredibly grateful for your commitment and passion in making the 2nd Annual Key Awards a night to remember. Your willingness to serve, your energy, and your dedication are the heartbeats of this event. Because of you, our honorees will walk the red carpet feeling valued, our guests will experience a seamless celebration, and every moment will be filled with joy and purpose.

You are more than just volunteers—you are champions of mentorship, ambassadors of change, and the threads that hold this community together.

As we come together to celebrate the power of mentorship, know that your role is crucial. You are helping to elevate the voices of our youth, honor those who guide them, and inspire others to join this mission. Your time, effort, and kindness are deeply appreciated, and we could not do this without you.

An especially heartfelt thank you to the NYPD Explorers for your outstanding presence and support. Your commitment to service and leadership is truly appreciated and added a meaningful touch to tonight's event.

Thank you for standing with us, for showing up with love, and for helping us create memories that will last a lifetime.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Darlene Walker-Mungin
Director of Mentoring and Strategic Initiatives

Debbie Teitelbaum
Program Coordinator



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Thank You to Our Planning Team and Supporters

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DJ Joseph

Don P The Motivator

Duck Down Digital

Elevated Youth

Epilepsy Awareness

Generation Wealth

Hidden GEMS Archery

Harlem Film School

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MBSK

Meta Logic Strategic Consulting

N & M's Pizza Bar

NYPD Explorers

One Hundred Black Men of New York

Princess Chambers

Real Wellness

Sharlene LeGendre-Khan

Stacey Haley

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That Suits You

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SPECIAL THANKS!



Thank You to Our Incredible OSPP Team

We extend our appreciation to Chief Mark Rampersant, whose leadership helps guide the vision of our office and the programs we are proud to uplift.

To our incredible OSPP team members—thank you for your unwavering support, teamwork, and dedication. Your behind-the-scenes efforts and commitment made this night possible, and we are truly grateful to have you by our side.

Our Team Members

Lana Clarke

Jonathan Colon

William Council

Michael Francis

Kwame Gaddy

Marlon Greer

Raymond Haskins

Howard Hudson

Louis Renda

Debbie Teitelbaum

Sylvia Watson



SPECIAL THANKS!

The success of the 2nd Annual Key Awards is a reflection of what's possible when hearts, hands, and missions align. Every detail of this evening was touched by collaboration—and every contribution made a difference. Together, you helped paint a full and vibrant picture of what it means to honor mentorship, uplift youth, and celebrate those who pour into our students each day.

To the incredible teams who lent their time, talent, and support—thank you. Whether you guided us through logistics, helped bring the creative vision to life, supported communications, or made sure our honorees and guests felt seen and celebrated—your role mattered. We extend our deepest gratitude to the following offices and divisions whose partnership helped bring this vision to life:

Office of the Chancellor

NYCPS Press Office

Office of Safety & Prevention Partnerships

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Office of Safety & Youth Development

Division of Family & Community Engagement & External Affairs

Office of Pupil Transportation

The Fund for Public Schools

Office of Student Pathways

Division of Contracts & Purchasing

Marketing & Branding Department

Office of Community Schools

Your teamwork reminded us that it truly takes a village to create something meaningful—and thanks to you, tonight is unforgettable.



Image from the 1st Annual Key Awards ceremony in 2024

The image shows the interior of a grand, ornate theater. The ceiling is highly decorated with intricate gold and blue patterns. The stage is at the far end, featuring a large red curtain with a scalloped top edge. The theater is filled with rows of red seats, and the walls are adorned with classical architectural details like arches and niches. The overall atmosphere is one of elegance and grandeur.

Congratulations!

