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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Sponsors, and Distinguished Guests, On behalf of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, it is my honor to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you attending the 13th Annual Ascension Awards.

Tonight, we gather to recognize and applaud the exceptional businesses and business professionals who have ascended to greatness in their respective fields. The Ascension Awards serve as a testament to the relentless pursuit of excellence within our community, and we are privileged to have such remarkable individuals among us. Congratulations to all of tonight's finalists. Your hard work and commitment to our community is evident by the members who nominated you all.

Thank you to our partners and sponsors whose generous support has made this event possible. Your commitment to our vision of fostering economic growth within Palm Beach County, is truly commendable.

As we celebrate the achievements of tonight's honorees, take a moment to congratulate them and thank them for their dedication, grit, hard work and purpose. For they all have made their own unique impact on Palm Beach County.

I extend my warmest gratitude to the Ascension Awards Committee, Black Chamber members, volunteers, Young Professionals and my fellow Board Members. You all are key to driving our mission of advancing the economic interest of our members through advocacy, education, information sharing and resource brokering to maximize their success.

Sincerely,

Keely Gideon-Taylor, President

Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County

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PROGRAM

OPENING REMARKS

Christopher B. Smith

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE TRIBUTE

The King's Academy Quartet Band

INVOCATION

Terrion Nelson

Executive Pastor, Transforming Grace Ministries

OPENING REMARKS

Tania Roger, News Anchor

WPBT, Channel 5, NBC Affiliate

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Joseph Sanches, Immediate Past President

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Andy Henriquez

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

The King's Academy Quartet Band

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MENU

APPETIZERS

Green & Red Oak Lettuce & Frisee
Mandarin Oranges, Goat Cheese
Dried Cranberries, Watermelon Radish
Champagne Vinaigrette

DUET ENTREE

Beef Medallions, Rosemary Red Wine Sauce
Salmon Filet, Champagne Sauce
Roasted Rosemary Red Bliss Potato
Asparagus and Yellow Patty Pan Sunburst

VEGETARIAN ENTREE

Vegetable Root Cake stacked on top of Portobello Mushroom
Yellow Squash & Zucchini topped with White Rice
Tomato Coulis
Sweet Potato Souffle'

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County

The Young Professionals of the Black Chamber of Commerce is an elite professional organization with focus on personal development, career aptitude, and brokering meaningful relationships. It is our mission to offer engaging and exclusive events, mentoring, and access to networking opportunities for leaders ages 25 – 39.

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MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Tania Rogers
Co-anchor WPTV NewsChannel 5

Tania Rogers co-anchors the WPTV NewsChannel 5 newscast at 5:30pm and the WFLX Fox 29 10pm newscast. She also reports on stories that impact the community.

She's lived in different cities. She's was born in New York where she spent part of her childhood years, then in Panama, Central America, then Florida.

She volunteers with her church's youth group where she mentors teen girls, and serves on her station's Diversity Committee where she was a co-leader. She's volunteered with local organizations, including with Hospice and Student Aces, a high school mentoring program. Tania is married with two kids and one dog.



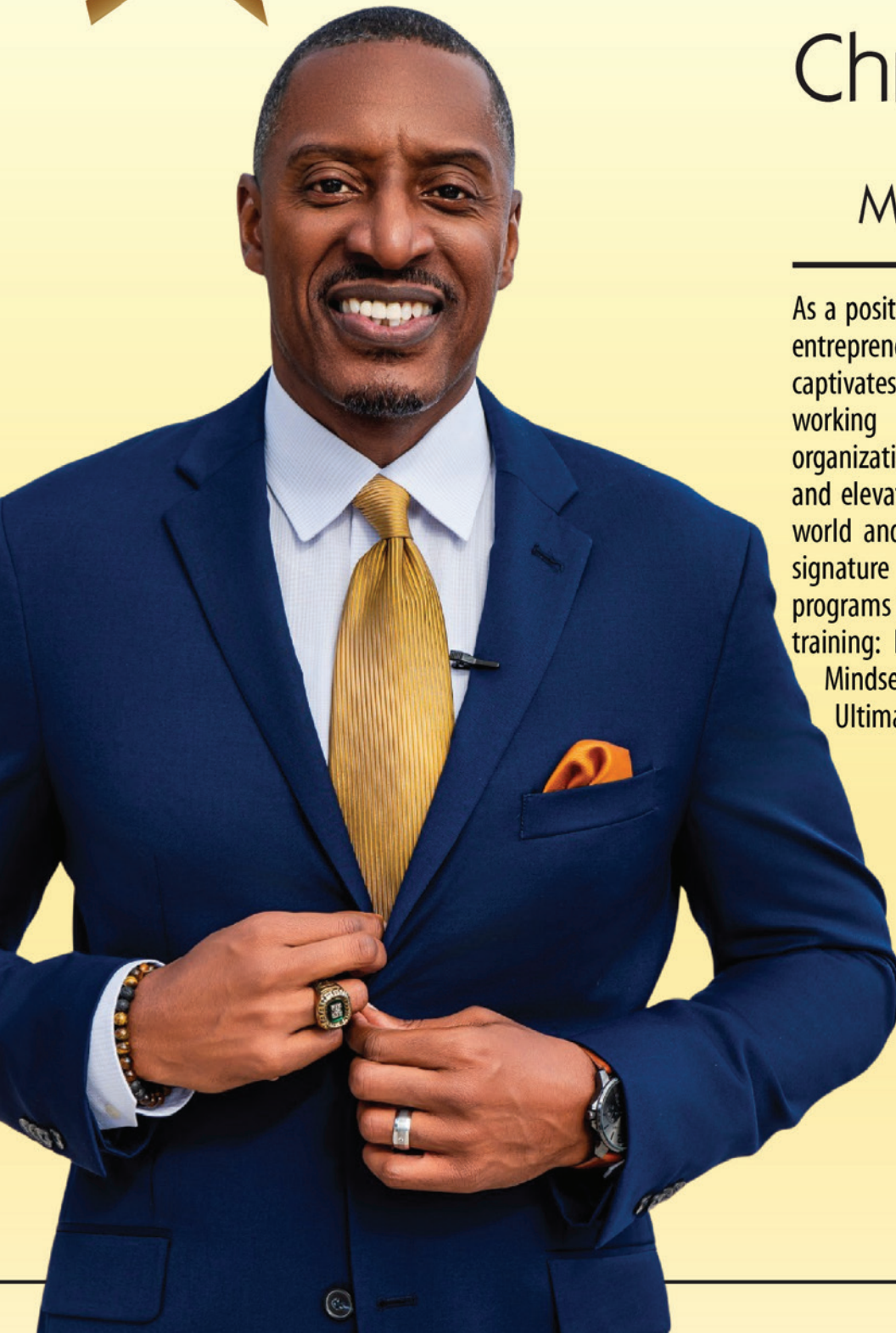
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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Chris B. Williams Author & Motivational Speaker

As a positive energy coach, motivational speaker, serial entrepreneur, mentor, and athlete, Chris B. Williams captivates with an optimistic outlook on life. Whether working with teens, college students, athletes, organizations or anyone seeking inspiration, he engages and elevates everyone he encounters. Chris travels the world and speaks to groups all across the globe. His signature offering within his personal development programs is the highly interactive and most requested training: How to use Positive Energy to Change Your Mindset, Be More Productive and Achieve Ultimate Success!



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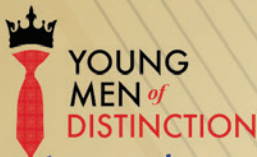
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NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR



**Sojourners with
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Sojourners with Healing Hearts Inc., a grassroots nonprofit established in 2006 to provide women of color throughout Palm Beach County with Breast Cancer support and education. We work to raise awareness and provide resources through our Early Detection Program. Our ability to assist women in need of financial support is made possible by contributions, gifts, or sponsorships. We have a support group that creates a safe space for healthy dialogue between our Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Survivors. Our mission is to make a difference, by preventing Breast Cancer – One woman at a time.



**Jacoby
Waters**
Founder &
International Author

Young Men of Distinction (YMOD) is a mentoring organization based in Palm Beach County, FL, dedicated to empowering young men ages 7-18. Founded in 2019, YMOD provides holistic support, focusing on personal development, leadership, academic success, and cultural enrichment. Through workshops, mentorship programs, and community engagement, YMOD helps young men build strong character, critical thinking skills, and prepare for post-secondary education and future careers. YMOD is committed to fostering a generation of confident, responsible leaders who contribute positively to their communities and succeed in life. Its programs have impacted hundreds of lives, shaping



**Shenetria
Moore**
CEO & President

Sha's Community Initiatives is committed to serving its community as Shenetria has served her country. Sha's has two niche products focusing on the veteran's community, through its All-Things Veterans initiatives and minority males through Project 12.

All Things Veterans uncovered needs in the minority veteran community and created a platform to resolve them. Annual comprehensive symposiums are hosted four to five times a year throughout the county bringing together VA-approved vendors and department heads from the VA, a hot lunch and open panel discussion. Project 12 is an initiative that highlights positive Black males leadership encouraging the next generation of men.



Breion Moses
CEO

The Seven Hillz Productions Foundation (SHPF) is dedicated to empowering students of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) pursuing careers in film and entertainment. Our mission is to provide educational opportunities, resources, and scholarships to aspiring filmmakers, fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within the industry.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Andy
Henriquez

Master Storyteller & Author

Andy Henriquez, also known as the "Master Storyteller" and founder of the Master Storyteller Academy, is a business storytelling coach, keynote speaker and author of the game changing book, Show Up For Your Life. A sought-after speaker, Andy has been featured in the Huffington Post, Black Enterprise, Entrepreneur Magazine and has made several national television appearances. Andy trains corporations, non-profit organizations, and entrepreneurs how to Unlock the Power of Story to elevate their brand, build greater connection and increase revenue. Some of his past clients include Office Depot Foundation, Accenture, Pratt & Whitney, NASA and Bacardi to name a few. Whether standing on stage and captivating an audience or conducting workshops and trainings, Andy is known for transforming audiences. When he's not on stage, Andy loves spending time with his wife Casandra and his daughter Ava Skye.



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YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



**Destyne
Turner-Fields**
LDO

Destyne Turner-Fields, LDO, is an accomplished optician with over a decade of expertise in the optical industry. Starting as a lab technician in 2012, she quickly developed a passion for eye care, earning her optician's license the following year. Destyne is the owner of The Optical Experience, where she offers personalized eyewear solutions and telehealth services. Her approach focuses on providing one-on-one consultations to ensure each client receives curated vision care tailored to their needs. With extensive knowledge in optical management and eye health, she is dedicated to enhancing vision and client satisfaction through innovative, personalized services.



**Ray Quasi
Nelson**
Founder & CEO
The Synergy
Network

Ray "Quasi" Nelson, a West Palm Beach native and 2015 graduate of Florida A&M University, is a multifaceted artist and entrepreneur. Quasi moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in music and entertainment and has showcased his versatility as a musician, producer, actor, and social media host for the NAACP Image Awards. His career highlights include touring with artists ranging from The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra to Kehlani, producer credits for the likes of A-Boogie wit da Hoodie, Drake and Jon Batiste, achieving RIAA Diamond producer certification as well as his first Billboard #1. With four GRAMMY nominations, Quasi's true influence shines through his community work with The Synergy Network, a non-profit he founded in 2015 to empower the next generation of music creatives and leaders.



**Jasmine
Govan**
Community
Relations
Specialist,
NextEra Energy/FPL

Jasmine Govan is a passionate and dedicated change agent in Palm Beach County, driven by her commitment to community service and STEM advocacy. At Florida Power & Light Company, she manages programs that introduce K-12 students to coding, robotics, drones, and more, shaping the future workforce. Her efforts have successfully connected numerous FPL initiatives with local schools, leaders, and community stakeholders, reflecting her deep investment in enhancing student knowledge and exposure.

Jasmine also gives back through mentoring, consulting, and volunteering with various local and national organizations, often holding leadership positions. Her impact is further evidenced by the community programs she has developed through sponsorship and stewardship initiatives. Jasmine's unwavering commitment to civic engagement makes her a role model in her community.

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Boris Seymore
Executive Chef
& owner

Georgia Mae's is a premier soul food restaurant located in West Palm Beach, Florida, offering a fresh take on traditional Southern cuisine. Known for its signature New Soul Bowl concept, Georgia Mae's delivers high-quality, flavorful dishes like turkey wings, fried chicken, oxtails, and catfish, designed to satisfy and inspire. With a focus on excellent service and authentic Southern hospitality, Georgia Mae's has quickly become a local favorite since opening in 2023. Catering to both casual diners and special events, the restaurant is dedicated to providing amemorable dining experience that blends tradition with innovation.



Niesha Wood
CEO & Founder

We're No Different Home Care, founded by Niesha Wood, was inspired by her personal experiences with her brother's intellectual disability. More than a home care provider, the agency addresses the holistic needs of individuals with disabilities, including Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and Intellectual Developmental Disorders. Offering services such as personal care assistance (PCA), respite, homemaker, and companion care, We're No Different provides compassionate, personalized support. Guided by the belief that "We're No Different" than anyone else, the agency promotes inclusion, dignity, and equality as a trusted Medicaid provider and partner with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities."



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Debra L.
Robinson, M.D.

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DICKY SYKES



Dicky Sykes was an enthusiastic community leader, advocate, and mentor. Throughout her career, she worked tirelessly to promote equity as the core principle in business practices. Her goal was to enable minority and women owned businesses to get a larger piece of the pie. Dicky had a simple philosophy, "Engage and involve all stakeholders, including corporate America and local government, use innovation, creativity and technology to make supplier diversity fun and create value propositions for all parties."

Dicky moved to West Palm Beach in 2017 to begin work with the School District of Palm Beach County as Director of the Office of Diversity in Business Practices. Weeks after her arrival, she was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer. Dicky joined the Black Chamber in 2017. She was a major player in empowering members by providing access to opportunities to help them grow their businesses. While in the personal battle of her life, she continued to make strides for equity and inclusion in the District and the Chamber. Dicky succumbed to her illness on September 3, 2022, however her legacy and impact will endure.

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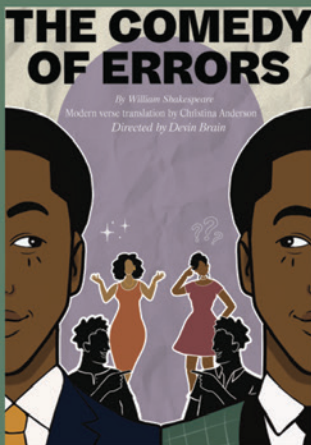
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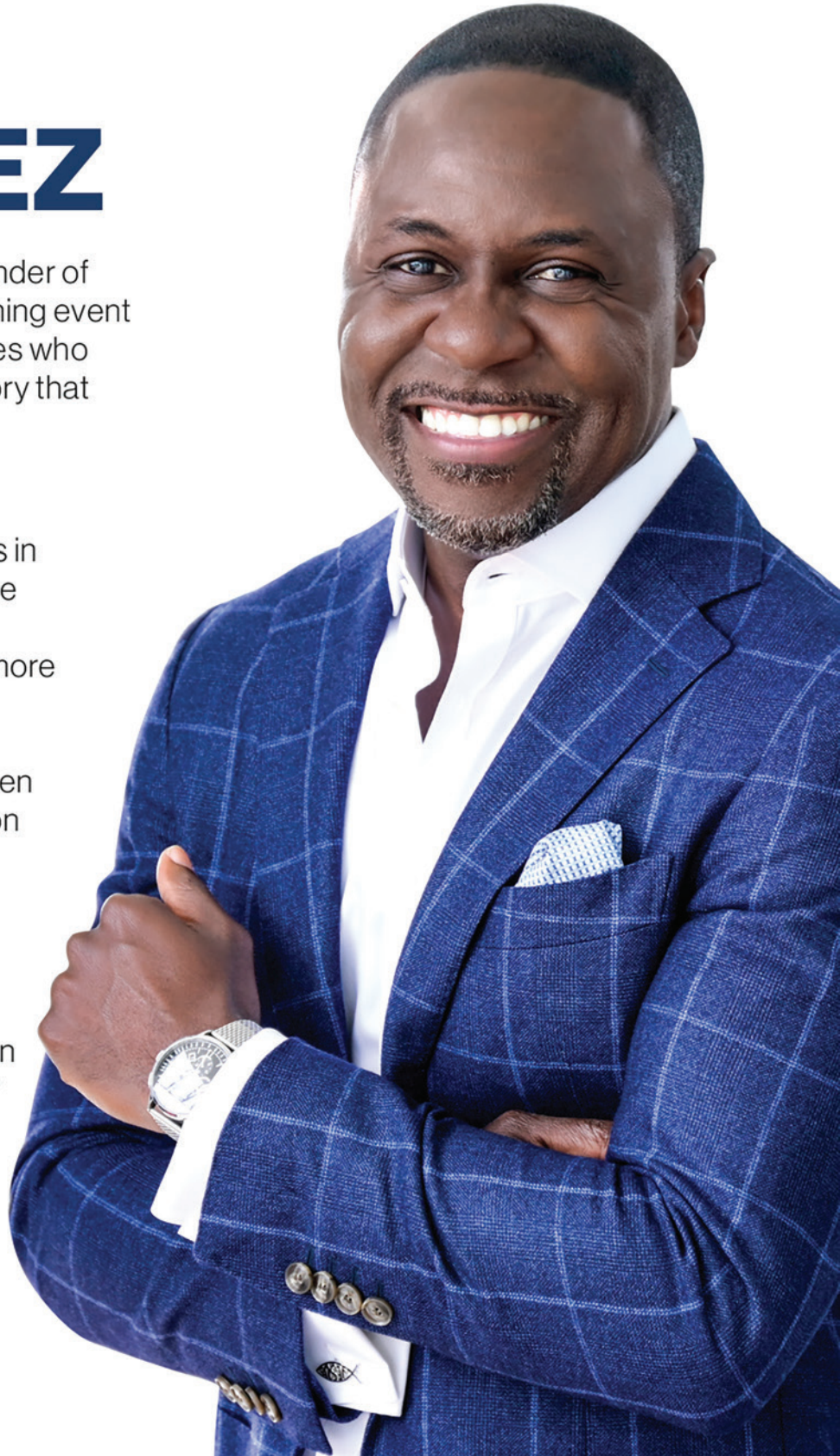
My name is Andy Henriquez. I'm the founder of Master Storyteller Academy, the #1 training event for entrepreneurs, speakers and coaches who want to craft a meaningful, magnetic story that irresistibly attracts new clients and new opportunities like nothing else can.

I've spent over a decade training leaders in top organizations, including NASA, Office Depot, Bacardi, Google and Southern Glazers on how to use stories to make more impact and more income.

My own dynamic signature story has been featured on Goalcast with over 7.4 million views.

And now, I'm teaching the exact same framework that I've used to become a sought-after, in-demand speaker and consultant, to anyone who wants to learn how to leverage their story to grow their influence and make more sales.

PAST CLIENTS



A photograph of a woman and a man in a kitchen setting. The woman, on the left, has short curly hair and is wearing a yellow shirt and a light blue apron. She is smiling and looking up at the man. The man, on the right, is bald with a beard and is wearing a blue button-down shirt and a dark apron. He is also smiling and looking down at the woman. They are giving each other a high-five. The background shows kitchen equipment like a stove and a sink.

A strong community can do brilliant things.

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