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Dr. Michael L. Lomax

President and CEO, UNCF



Greetings,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I welcome each of you to 2026 UNCF New Orleans Mayor's Masked Ball. Your presence here reflects a profound commitment to the power of education and the belief that together, we can build a brighter future for our communities.

As we gather in this space, let us take a moment to acknowledge the incredible journeys that have brought us here. Each of you represents the collective hope and aspiration of countless students striving for excellence. Your dedication to supporting their educational endeavors is not just commendable; it is transformative.

To our Presenting Sponsor, Hyatt Regency New Orleans and Marquis Sponsors: Entergy, New Orleans Pelicans and New Orleans Saints, Ochsner Health, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you. Your commitment to this mission not only changes lives but also inspires others to join in this vital work. Together, we are lighting the way to promise and prosperity while fostering a culture of empowerment and achievement.

As we engage in today's activities, let us remember the impact of our collective efforts. Each conversation, each collaboration and each moment spent together strengthens our mission and enhances the lives of those we serve. The education and opportunities we provide are not just investments in individual futures; they are investments in the future of our communities and our nation.

Let us continue to inspire one another, share our stories, and work together to make a lasting difference. Together, we can break down barriers and open doors for the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators.

Thank you for being here and for your belief in the mission of UNCF.

Warm regards,

Dr. Michael L. Lomax

President and CEO

UNCF



Helena Moreno

Mayor, City of New Orleans



As the Mayor of the City of New Orleans, it brings me great excitement to welcome you to the 13th Annual UNCF New Orleans Mayor's Masked Ball. I extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Michael L. Lomax, President and CEO of UNCF, as well as Therese Badon and Bridget Fleury for their outstanding leadership for this wonderful event. It has been an honor to serve as chair, alongside Mrs. Gayle Benson, owner of the New Orleans Saints and Pelicans, and Scott Snipes of the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

The mission of UNCF is cornerstone to our community and to the purpose of this evening. Equal access to a college education is essential to ensure that our next generation can attain meaningful economic opportunity. The City's excellent institutions of higher education, and the rich history of historically black colleges and universities, continue to provide this access for our residents. Two institutions, supported here tonight as member HBCUs of UNCF, have delivered generational impact in our city, economically, socially, and politically.

Your participation in this event demonstrates a commitment to invest in our young people, strengthening intellectual life and preparing our residents for competitive, fulfilling careers that empower engaged citizenship and service.

This night would not be possible without the support of our presenting sponsor, the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. I am personally grateful for their partnership, as well as for the Marquis Sponsors: Ochsner Health, Gayle and Tom Benson Charitable Foundation, Entergy, Coaxum Enterprises, Inc., and Mardi Gras Productions. Their commitment extends beyond tonight's celebration and demonstrates an investment in expanding access to high-quality education and growing opportunity for the next generation of leaders.

Thank you for your support in UNCF and the future of New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Helena Moreno

Mayor, City of New Orleans



Gayle Benson

Owner, New Orleans Saints & Pelicans



**2026 UNCF MAYOR'S MASKED BALL CO-CHAIR
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I am honored to support UNCF and to welcome you to the 13th annual UNCF Mayor's Masked Ball. It is a privilege to serve as Chairperson alongside Scott Snipes, General Manager of the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, whose leadership and commitment to this event continue to strengthen its impact across our community.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to this year's distinguished honorees, Jon Batiste and Blaine Kern Jr. Both exemplify the spirit, culture and resilience that define New Orleans. Their extraordinary talent, dedication to excellence and unwavering commitment to giving back make them truly deserving of this recognition.

Through the work of the New Orleans Saints, the New Orleans Pelicans, Benson Capital, Corporate Realty and the Gayle Benson Team of Automotive Dealerships, we are reminded every day that our businesses can serve as unifying forces that bring people together around a shared purpose and a shared love for our city. Just as sports, business and community initiatives unite us, so too does this evening's commitment to expanding educational opportunity.

The UNCF's mission is vital to the future of New Orleans. By providing scholarships and pathways to higher education, UNCF ensures that talented and deserving students have access to the tools they need to succeed. When we invest in the education of our youth, we invest in leadership, innovation and the continued strength of our city.

Thank you for joining us in support of this important cause. Your generosity and presence tonight will help shape brighter futures for students across our region.

Sincerely,

Gayle Benson

Owner, New Orleans Saints & Pelicans



Scott Snipes

General Manager, Hyatt Regency New Orleans



**2026 UNCF MAYOR'S MASKED BALL CO-CHAIR
AND PRESENTING SPONSOR**

Welcome to the 2026 UNCF New Orleans Mayor's Masked Ball!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back to the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, for the 13th Annual UNCF New Orleans Mayor's Masked Ball. As we gather once again for this extraordinary celebration, I am deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication to expanding educational access and opportunity for students.

Since the inception of this remarkable event, UNCF New Orleans has raised more than \$21 million in scholarship support, transforming the lives of over 5000 students. Your generosity continues to open doors for young scholars—helping them pursue their academic goals, launch meaningful careers, and build brighter futures for themselves and our community.

Education remains one of the most powerful forces for change. As UNCF enters another impactful year, we honor its enduring legacy and the countless students whose lives have been shaped by your support. Tonight, we reaffirm our shared belief that every student deserves the chance to learn, grow, and thrive with the resources and mentorship necessary to succeed.

Let us continue to champion this vital mission, knowing that our collective efforts today will create lasting change for generations to come. Congratulations to UNCF for its steadfast commitment and profound influence, and here's to another year of excellence, opportunity, and progress.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Enjoy an unforgettable evening!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Snipes". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Scott" being more prominent than the last name "Snipes".

Scott Snipes

General Manager, Hyatt Regency New Orleans



Therese Badon

Senior Vice President of Development,
Southern and Special Events Divisions, UNCF



Bridget Fleury

Area Development Director,
Louisiana and Arkansas, UNCF



Dear Esteemed Guests,

Welcome you to the 13th Annual UNCF New Orleans Mayor's Masked Ball, a momentous occasion also marking over eight decades of unwavering commitment to excellence, community engagement, the mission of UNCF and its profound impact on educational opportunities. As we gather in this splendid setting, it is important to take a moment to reflect on our deserving students attending our 37 member HBCUs and students here at Dillard University and Xavier University. We sincerely appreciate your support of UNCF's mission and work.

We are forever thankful for the vision and leadership of the Ball's founders, Rhesa and Alden McDonald. We also want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our New Orleans' UNCF Mayor's Masked Ball host, Mayor Helena Moreno for her leadership as Chair for this event and support to HBCUs throughout our state. Thank you for your presence this evening and your commitment to higher education.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our sponsors, without whom the Mayor's Masked Ball would not be possible, for contributing to the success of this year's gala. We extend our sincere appreciation to our presenting sponsor, Hyatt Regency New Orleans, and marquis sponsors, Encore, Entergy, Coaxum Enterprises, Mardi Gras Productions, New Orleans Saints and Pelicans, Ochsner Health, and WWL-TV. To all sponsors and donors, your commitment reflects a shared understanding of the importance of providing educational opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow. Your commitment to making a difference in the lives of New Orleans scholars is greatly appreciated, and we are thankful for your partnership. Thank you for believing "A mind is a terrible a terrible thing to waste but a wonderful thing to invest in."[®]

A special note of gratitude to the dedicated UNCF New Orleans team – Gia Boyd, LaJuana Chenier, Hubertina Morris, Kirstie Myvett, Marc Barnes, Gia Soublet, Frankie Andres, and Sandi Trimble. Your enthusiasm, hard work and attention to detail ensure that everyone attending can experience a memorable evening filled with joy and purpose. Moreover, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the entire Hyatt Regency New Orleans team for their dedication and for making this evening not just possible but truly exceptional. Special thanks to Scott Snipes, Tiffany Taffaro, Ana Ciria Romero and their respective teams.

Tonight, let us celebrate not only the achievements of the past but also the promise of a brighter future. Your presence and support reaffirm the belief that education is a powerful force for positive change. Together, we continue to pave the way for success of future leaders and scholars in our community and the world.

Thank you for being an integral part of the New Orleans Mayor's Masked Ball, an event that not only honors the legacy of UNCF but also celebrates the tremendous impact we can achieve when we come together for a shared purpose. **Together we will continue to "Light the Way: From Promise to Prosperity."**

Sincerely,

Therese Badon

Bridget Fleury

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UNCF would like to thank the Honorable Mayor Helena Moreno and her staff for their support of UNCF and our mission of building a robust and nationally recognized pipeline of under-represented students who, because of UNCF support, become highly qualified college graduates and to ensure that our network of member institutions is a respected model of best practice in moving students to and through college. We remain continually grateful to our Presenting Sponsor, Hyatt Regency New Orleans, for thirteen years of unwavering dedication, as well as to our Marquis Sponsors, which include Encore, Entergy, Mardi Gras Productions, New Orleans Saints and Pelicans, Ochsner Health and WWL-TV. We would also like to thank our event in-kind sponsors and volunteers. We extend sincere gratitude to our ball chairs, Gayle Benson and Scott Snipes and our illustrious co-chairs. Finally, a special thank you to the staff of the Hyatt Regency New Orleans for providing exemplary service and support. We realize that we are fortunate to have such devoted community partners that share our ideal that; **"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."**[®]

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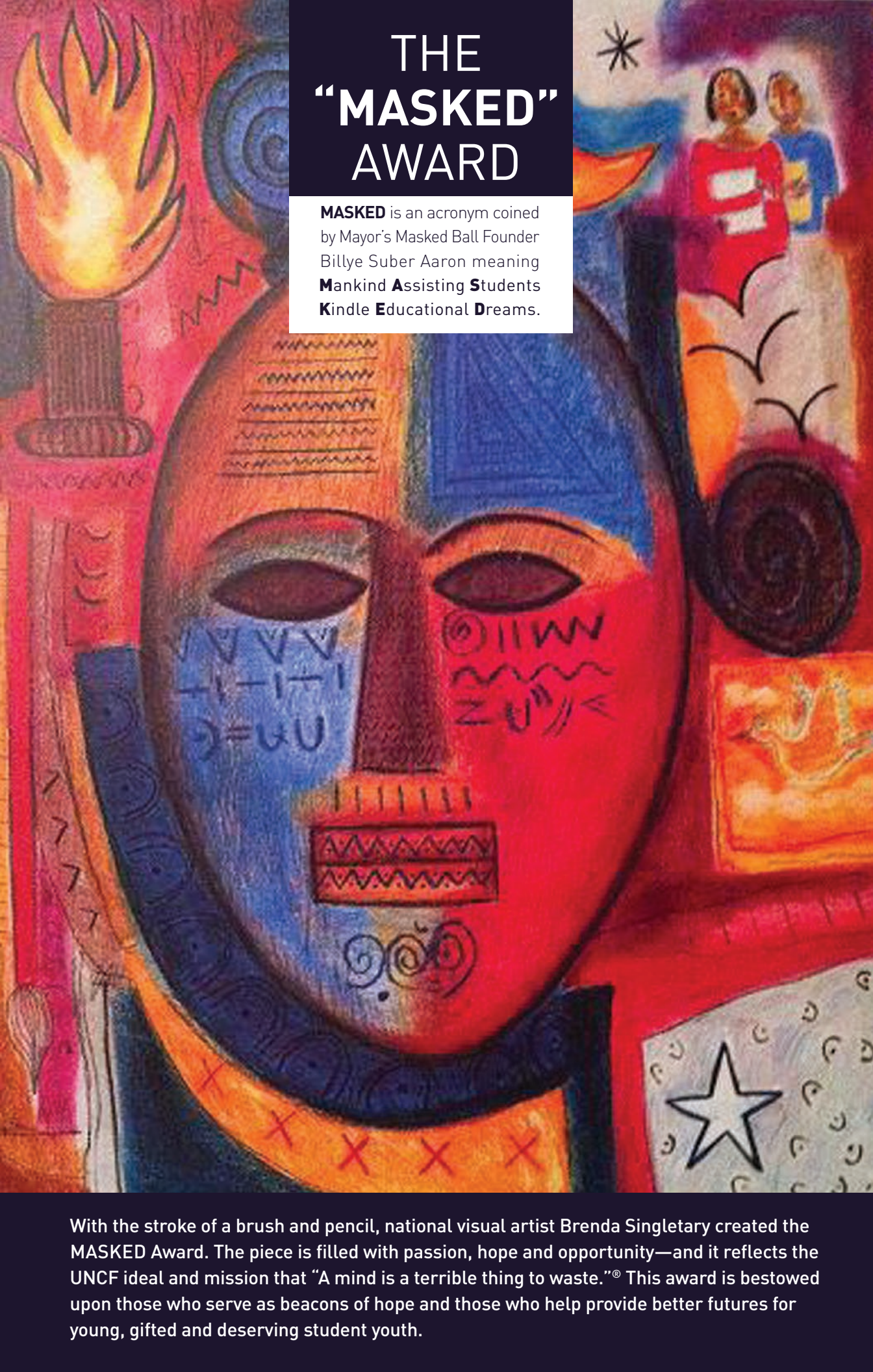
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THE “MASKED” AWARD

MASKED is an acronym coined by Mayor's Masked Ball Founder Billye Suber Aaron meaning **M**ankind **A**ssisting **S**tudents **K**indle **E**ducational **D**reams.

With the stroke of a brush and pencil, national visual artist Brenda Singletary created the MASKED Award. The piece is filled with passion, hope and opportunity—and it reflects the UNCF ideal and mission that “A mind is a terrible thing to waste.”® This award is bestowed upon those who serve as beacons of hope and those who help provide better futures for young, gifted and deserving student youth.

MASKED AWARD HONOREE



Blaine Kern Jr.

President Mardi Gras Productions

Mardi Gras Productions proudly highlights the achievements of President Blaine Kern Jr., who continues the iconic family legacy that helped shape New Orleans' cultural identity. He leads one of the South's premier event-production companies, overseeing an operation with extensive décor resources, including more than 10,000 props, thousands of backdrops, miles of drapery, and full in-house lighting, linen, floral, and fabrication departments. He and his wife also own New Orleans Event & Film Studio, formerly the original Mardi Gras World on the West Bank. Under his leadership, Mardi Gras Productions produces an average of one event every day.

Kern's work includes some of New Orleans' most significant moments, from the visit of Pope John Paul II and numerous Super Bowl events to beloved celebrations such as the Jax Brewery New Year's Eve Ball, the Roosevelt Hotel Christmas Tunnel, and Miracle on Fulton. His global portfolio includes events for presidents, royalty, prime ministers, and sheikhs.

A central figure in Mardi Gras, he provides décor for leading krewes including Hermes, Zulu, Endymion, Bacchus, Orpheus, and Rex. With more than 12,000 events produced over his four-decade career, Kern's influence extends far beyond the city. He donates services to dozens of charitable organizations annually, including UNCF, Make-A-Wish, Giving Hope, the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Odyssey House, Salvation Army, St. Michael's, the Hispanic Chamber, United Way, the Urban League, and Ochsner Children's Foundation.

MASKED AWARD HONOREE



Jon Batiste

**Eight-time GRAMMY®, Emmy,
Academy Award-winning Singer, Songwriter, Composer**

Jon Batiste is an eight-time Grammy and Academy Award-winning singer, songwriter, and composer. His ninth studio album, *BIG MONEY* (released August 22 via Verve/Interscope) is rooted in American traditions spanning gospel and soul to blues, folk, and rock & roll. Featuring special guests such as No I.D., Randy Newman, and Andra Day, the album was nominated for three 2026 GRAMMY® Awards — Best Americana Album, Best American Roots Performance and Best American Roots Song and earned the GRAMMY® Award for Best Americana Album. Batiste recently wrapped his national headlining tour in support of the project, which stopped at over 30 venues across the U.S., including Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, CO and the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN.

BIG MONEY caps a landmark year that included Batiste's Super Bowl performance and the chart-topping success of his album *Beethoven Blues*, which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Classical Albums chart and delivered his biggest sales week to date. *Beethoven Blues* followed 2023's *World Music Radio*, which earned five Grammy nominations including Album of the Year. In 2021, Batiste released *We Are*, an album that earned 9 Grammy nominations and five wins including Album of the Year. His life during that period—marked by both career highs and his wife's return of long-dormant cancer—is captured in the moving 2024 Netflix documentary *American Symphony*. Batiste co-wrote the film's original song "It Never Went Away," which earned a GRAMMY® Award and Oscar nomination for Best Original Song.

Batiste's accolades also include an Academy Award for Pixar's *Soul* and a seven-year tenure as band leader and musical director of *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*.



OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Monique Guillory

President, Dillard University



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Dr. Monique Guillory, a proud New Orleanian with over 30 years of executive experience in higher education, was unanimously appointed as the permanent President of Dillard University on December 19, 2024. She initially joined Dillard as Provost and Chief Academic and Enrollment Officer in April 2024 and was named Interim President in July before assuming the permanent role.

Throughout her career, Dr. Guillory has been a dedicated leader at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). Her expertise spans academic program development, accreditation, STEM pipelines, and student success. She has served on the executive leadership teams of six university presidents, including at the University of the District of Columbia, Jackson State University, Xavier University of Louisiana, the Southern University System, and the University of the Virgin Islands.

A recognized expert in higher education policy and accreditation, Dr. Guillory has contributed to the Middle States Commission for Higher Education and served on the Middle States Regional Council for the College Board. She holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and Performance Studies from New York University, where she was awarded the prestigious Arthur J. Schomburg Award for Excellence in the Humanities. She is also a Mellon Fellow and co-editor of *Soul: Black Power, Politics, and Pleasure*.

A graduate of St. Mary's Academy and Tulane University, Dr. Guillory is deeply committed to Dillard's mission and the advancement of its students. Under her leadership, Dillard University is poised for a new era of growth, innovation, and excellence.



OPENING REMARKS

Dr. C. Reynold Verret

President, Xavier University of Louisiana



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UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA

Dr. Reynold Verret is the sixth president and second lay leader of Xavier University of Louisiana. Of the 107 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and 262 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States, Xavier is the only Catholic HBCU in the nation.

Prior to acceding to the presidency of Xavier, Dr. Verret has served as provost at Savannah State University and at Wilkes University. As chief academic officer, he led the university initiatives to enhance the quality and diversity of academic programs, develop the faculty and promote interdisciplinary efforts especially between the humanities and sciences, and to create cooperative relationships with neighboring institutions and with other partners at the K-12 and higher education levels.

He has served also as Dean of Arts and Sciences at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. As faculty in Chemistry at Tulane University and also at Clark Atlanta University, Dr. Verret took great pleasure and satisfaction in the education of students at the undergraduate and graduate level. For many years, he led the Department of Chemistry as its chair at Clark Atlanta University.

As a biochemist and immunologist, Dr. Verret studied the functions of immune cells, especially the mechanisms of resistance to the lytic properties of cytotoxic T lymphocytes. Other areas of interest included fundamental properties of biological membranes and development and identifications of biosensors and biomarkers.

Throughout his career, he has dedicated effort to increase the number of US students pursuing degrees in STEM disciplines and continuing to advanced study, and to mitigate the shortage of qualified STEM teachers. He has served on a number of professional organizations and advisory bodies, including those of the National Institutes of Health, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and Catholic Relief Services. He has received awards and fellowships for teaching and scholarship.

Dr. Verret received his undergraduate degree cum laude in biochemistry from Columbia University and the Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the laboratory of the late Har Gobind Khorana. To these degrees, were added postdoctoral experiences as fellow at the Howard Hughes Institute for Immunology at Yale and the Center for Cancer Research at MIT.

MENU

Menu Curated by Chef Lenora Chong

Executive Chef and Co-Owner of Morrow Hospitality

Chef Kalych Padro

Host Executive Chef, Hyatt Regency New Orleans

FIRST COURSE

Salad

Spring field greens nestled inside rings of cucumber ribbons with strawberries, sliced dates, goat cheese, and sweet cornbread croutons with a mimosa vinaigrette

SECOND COURSE

Seoul Gumbo

Korean-style chicken and sausage encased dumpling in file'-style gumbo garnished with shrimp

THIRD COURSE

Surf N Turf

Korean braised short rib, miso halibut with kimchi butter, crawfish fried rice, baby carrots, new potatoes and microgreens

FOURTH COURSE-DESSERT

by Milan Smith, Pastry Chef, Hyatt Regency New Orleans

Yuzu Pineapple Cardamon Cheesecake



Chef Lenora Chong

Celebrity Chef,
Executive Chef and Co-Owner
of Morrow Hospitality



Chef Kalych Padro

Host Executive Chef,
Hyatt Regency New Orleans



Chef Milan Smith

Pastry Chef,
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Kevin Frazier

Emmy Award-winning Co-host of Entertainment Tonight

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EVENT CO-HOST

Kevin Frazier

Emmy Award-winning Co-host
of Entertainment Tonight



Kevin Frazier is co-host of the nine-time Emmy Award-winning newsmagazine ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT. Frazier was named co-host in September 2014, coinciding with the beginning of the 34th season. Season 44 marks Frazier's 10-year anniversary as the host of ET and 20-year anniversary of working on the show.

Prior to hosting ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT, Frazier served as the co-host and managing editor of ET's sister show, THE INSIDER. He originally joined THE INSIDER in March 2011, after spending seven years as a correspondent and weekend host for ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT.

Frazier continues to have a lasting impact on the entertainment industry as a multi-faceted journalist, producer and entrepreneur. His professionalism, charisma and demeanor have made him a sought-after journalist to cover high-profile and historical events. He has interviewed Hollywood's biggest stars from Oprah Winfrey to Brad Pitt to Beyoncé.

In addition to his position on ET, where he has won eight Emmy Awards including the first-ever Daytime Personality-Daily Emmy in 2024 alongside the rest of the on-air talent team, Frazier has kept busy hosting numerous shows and events. Frazier hosted Emmy-nominated "Game Changers With Kevin Frazier," which spotlighted professional athletes who use their public image to make positive changes in the lives of fans in need. In 2012 and 2013, he co-hosted "Clash of the Commercials" on CBS. Frazier also served as lead anchor for "College Football on FX" and FOX Sports Net and hosted the launch of SportsNet for Time Warner Cable. He has served as co-host of the "Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade" on CBS since 2011.

In 2024, Frazier launched Sepi a platform created to connect travelers to curated Black experiences and stories around the world. Sepi's mission is to illuminate and elevate the often-overlooked cultural vendors and experiences across this country. Additionally, Frazier founded HipHollywood.com, a digital platform for urban entertainment news. HipHollywood.com is the only urban media outlet providing broadcast quality content for television distribution.

Frazier began his broadcasting career as a local sports reporter. Prior to joining ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT in 2004, he served as host of ESPN's "SportsCenter," "NBA Shoot Around" and "NBA Fastbreak" and worked at the FX Network as co-host of "The FX Sports Show." He has also served as a sideline reporter for the NFL on FOX telecasts as well as host of the pre-game shows for NFL on FOX, NHL on FOX and "College Football Saturday."

Frazier is an active member of the Los Angeles civic community and frequently participates in events and speaking engagements for charitable organizations. He is also a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

EVENT CO-HOST

Anthony Anderson

Emmy and Golden Globe Nominated
and NAACP Image Award-winning
Actor and Comedian



Emmy and Golden Globe nominated actor Anthony Anderson starred for 8 seasons in ABC's multi-award nominated sitcom "black-ish" where he portrayed Andre "Dre" Johnson and also served as executive producer.

Most recently, Anderson appeared in Amazon MGM's action thriller G20, starring alongside Viola Davis as the First Gentleman, determined to protect their two children. The film also reunited him with "black-ish" co-star Marsai Martin, who plays their daughter.

Anderson has also partnered with Cedric the Entertainer to launch their own barbecue label, AC Barbeque, and documented their journey to become barbeque masters on the A&E Network unscripted series "Kings of BBQ." Most recently, the duo brought their signature sauces and slow-smoked recipes to life with the opening of their first brick-and-mortar restaurant at Westfield Century City.

Anderson is set to star in, and executive produce the limited series adaptation of "The Redemption of Al Sharpton," based on the Esquire profile by Pulitzer Prize winner Mitchell S. Jackson. The project, currently in early development at ABC Signature, is being produced through Anderson's Just a Kid from Compton Productions.

Anthony Anderson has built an impressive career spanning both television and film. He brought his signature humor and charisma to the 75th Annual Emmy Awards, earning positive reviews for his live hosting performance. Anderson previously hosted ABC's hit game show "To Tell the Truth" for seven seasons and FOX's "We Are Family" and "The Real Full Monty." He has also guest hosted "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" more than 20 times. He starred alongside his mother in the E! reality series "Trippin' with Anthony Anderson and Mama Doris", which followed their six-week journey across Europe. On the scripted side, he reprised his role as Detective Kevin Barnard in the 21st season of NBC's "Law & Order" and served as executive producer on the "black-ish" spinoffs "grown-ish" and "mixed-ish," where he also made guest appearances. His film credits include more than 20 features, among them the blockbuster action franchise TRANSFORMERS, directed by Michael Bay, Martin Scorsese's Oscar-winning crime saga THE DEPARTED, and the critically acclaimed indie hit HUSTLE & FLOW, which earned an Academy Award for Best Original Song and a Sundance Audience Award.

Anderson has received seven Emmy consecutive nominations for "Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series," four Emmy nominations for "Outstanding Comedy Series" as producer, three Golden Globe nominations and three Critics Choice nominations for his role on "black-ish." He has won eight Image Awards and a total of 18 nominations in his career and has been nominated for four Screen Actors Guild awards, BET Awards, and Teen Choice awards as well as one People's Choice Awards and one Kids' Choice Awards. Anderson hosted the NAACP Image Awards for nine years from 2014-2022 and the CLIO Awards in 2022. In 2020, he was awarded a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and in 2022, Anderson was named as one of the 2022 Disney Legend Award recipients, The Walt Disney Company's highest honor recognizing individuals who have made an extraordinary and integral contribution to The Walt Disney Company.



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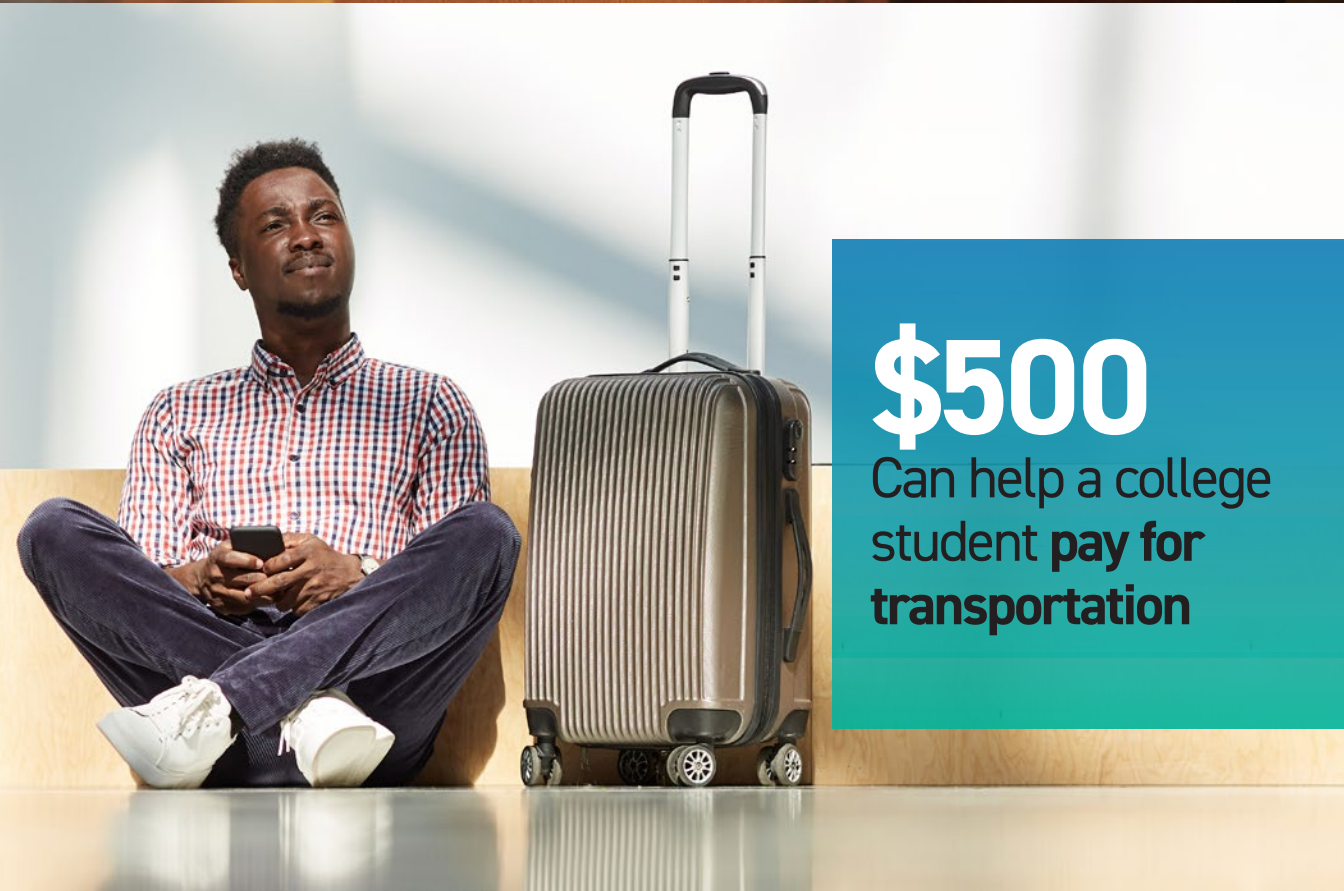
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