



Past Award Recipients

2015 Master of Ceremonies - Joyce Hancock

Name	Award	Company
Carolyn Whigham	Lifetime Achievement	Whigham Funeral Home
Yvette Greene-Dennis	Outstanding Achievement	Forest City Ratner Companies
Leotis Sanders	Special Recognition	New Jersey Transit Headquarters
Melanie Gunn	Special Recognition	Time Warner Inc.
Deborah Wiggins	Business Award	University Hospital
Dora Reddick	Business Award	NMSDC
Rev. Louise Scott-Rountree	Community Service Award	City of Newark Office of Clergy Affairs
Honorable Quilla Talmadge	Community Service Award	City of East Orange
Charlene Bathelus	Community Service Award	Elizabeth Board of Education
Pastor Kahlil Carmichael	Community Service Award	The Fitness Doctor Incorporated

2014 Master of Ceremonies - Joyce Hancock

Name	Award	Company
Vernest C. Moore	Outstanding Achievement Award	Haute' Couture Designer, Ve' Moore Couture
Kyle Abercrombie	15th Year Green Diamond Special Recognition	Commentator, The Voice
Timotheus Smart	Special Recognition	Makeup Artist/Creative Director, Timotheus Smart & Company
Anthony Miller	Business Award	Man. Supplier Diversity, Lend Lease (US) Construction LMB Inc.
Lora Trimmingham	Business Award	Associate Certification Analyst, Empire State Development
Sonia M. Walkes	Business Award	Senior Analyst, Con Edison Company of New York Inc.
Nadir Jones	Business Award	Man. Small Business Mentoring, NY Metropolitan Transit Authority
Chicqueta Britton-Nutt	Business Award	Director of Administration, NJ Board of Public Utilities
Chef Vonda McPherson	Entrepreneur Award	Vonda's Kitchen
Honorable Ted R. Green	Community Service Award	Councilman, City of East Orange
Vesta Godwim Clark	Community Service Award	Executive Director, St. James Social Service Corp.
Hester Agudosi, Esq.	Community Service Award	Deputy Dir., NJ Attorney General's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity

2013 Master of Ceremonies - Joyce Hancock

Name	Award	Company
Lady Ella Dixon Jones	Lifetime Achievement Award	Retired Educator
Dr. Joyce Wilson Harley, Esq.	Outstanding Achievement Award	Acting Vice President, Administration and Finance, Essex County College
Alfa Demmellash	Special Recognition Award	Chief Executive Officer, Rising Tide Capital
Susan Hogan	Business Award	Supplier Diversity Manager, Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.
Donna Tucker	Business Award	Chief of Staff, The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors
Travis Reid	Business Award	Chief Operating Officer, Newark Workforce Investment Board
Paul Lachhu, MBA	Entrepreneur Award	Chairman & CEO, Diversity Plus Magazine
Honorable Donna K. Williams	Community Service Award	Council Vice President, City of Orange
Rev. Pamela Carey	Community Service Award	Sister's Fellowship Ministries, Inc.
Hassans Kirby	Community Service Award	Motivational Speaker & Author
Lavita E. Johnson	Community Service Award	Community Activist

2012 Master of Ceremonies - Joyce Hancock

Name	Award	Company
Dr. Renee Baskerville, MD	Outstanding Achievement Award	4th Ward Councilor Montclair, NJ
Flora Ramos	Special Recognition Award	Director of Community Relations, Tishman Construction Corp
Dexter L. Hendricks	Business Award	Community Affairs Director, Turner Construction Company
Raymond Rivera	Business Award	President & CEO, Park Avenue Building and Roofing Supplies, LLC
William S. Parrish Jr	Business Award	President & CEO NobleStrategy
Robert Taylor, Esq.	Business Award	Business Lawyer, Law Office of Robert Taylor
Leslaine Lambert	Business Award	President, Lambco Erecting, Inc.
Angela McGhee	Community Service Award	Missionary Society, St Paul AME Church
Jenabu C. Williams	Community Service Award	Director of the YMCA of Eastern Union County Elizabeth Branch
Kelvin Gordon-EL	Fashion Designer of the Year Award	Kelvin Gordon-EL

2011 Master of Ceremonies- Joyce Hancock

Name	Award	Company
Rita L. Owens	Lifetime Achievement Award	Educator
Sheila Y. Oliver	Outstanding Achievement Award	Speaker Of The New Jersey General Assembly
Jaklyn DeVore	Special Recognition Award	Executive Director Of The Essex County Division Of Senior Services
Michael Tolliver	Business Award	Vice President of Business Development, McKissack & McKissack
Vernon Moses	Business Award	Vice President Business Banking, PNC Bank
Dr. Walter McNeil	Business Award	Executive Director, Housing Authority Of The City Of Orange
Rev. Dr. Leonard Santucci	Community Service Award	St Paul A.M.E. Church E. Orange, NJ
Cherise Blackwell	Community Service Award	President of Healing Hands Organization
Mabel Elmore	Community Service Award	Emergency Residence Program Director for the YMCA of Newark, NJ
Erna Letemps-Romelus	Community Service Award	VP of Dr. Antonia Pantoja School 27 Elizabeth"
Fritzner Lee Altidor	Community Service Award	Haitian Political Alliance of Union County

Sept 2010-Business Networking Event

Name	Award	Company
Ernest C. Williams	Special Tribute to Ernest C. Williams	Director, Office of Business Diversity Programs, NJ Transit

Nov. 2009 Master Of Ceremonies-Joyce Hancock

Name	Award	Company
Ernest C. Williams	Special Recognition	Director, Office of Business Diversity Programs, NJ Transit
Mayor Wayne Smith	Business Award	Mayor Of Irvington, NJ
Gary Gordon	Entrepreneur Award	Gordon Home Improvement
Michael Sargenti	Community Services	City Of Fort Lee Councilman
Gwendolyn Watts	Community Services	Newark Public Schools District
Rev. Andre Coffee	Community Services	First Timothy Baptist Church-Newark, NJ
Al Tariq Best	Community Services	FP Youthoutcry Foundation, Inc.
Robert Polanco	Community Services	Regional Manager, Provident Bank
Blonnie Watson	Community Services	City Of Newark Freeholder

Feb 2009-Business Networking Event

Name	Award	Company
Jan. L Walden	Special Tribute to Jan Walden	Assist. Executive Director, Diversity Programs, NJ Transit

2008 Master of Ceremonies-Janet Hubert

Name	Award	Company
Jan L. Walden	Special Recognition Award	Assist. Executive Director, Diversity Programs, NJ Transit
Alex Mackenzie	Business Award	NJ Professional Estimators Association
Hilton O. Smith	Business Award	Senior VP Corporate & Community Affairs, Turner Construction
Robert L. Bowser	Business Award	Mayor, City of East Orange
Sherry O. Clements	Business Award	Senior Business Diversity Specialist, NJ Transit
Endura Gauthier	Entrepreneur Award	International Business Kids
Juana Gouvan	Entrepreneur Award	Innovative Building Solutions
Adenah Bayoh	Award of Excellence	Owner, IHOP Irvington, NJ
Anthony Vauss	Community Service Award	Essex County Constable
Anthony Smith	Community Service Award	Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District

2007 Master of Ceremonies- Rita L. Owens

Name	Award	Company
Dr. B. Dexter Allgood	Award of Excellence	Director of Choral Activities, Newark Public Schools
Wanda Payne	Award of Excellence	Educator, Newark Public Schools
Princess Towe	Award of Excellence	Humanities Dept Chairperson, Arts High Schools, Newark
Bret Amazezing	Award of Excellence	Founder, WE Share Smiles
Girish Mehta	Business Award	Founder and President, Prestige Environmental Inc.
Su Stewart	Award of Excellence	Co-Founder, YOPAT
George Sykes	Award of Excellence	Professional Singer
Andrew Burroughs	Entrepreneur Award	Founder, Green Glass Film
Leann Simmons	Business Award	Supplier Diversity, Wachovia Bank
Deborah Collins	Business Award	Small Business Development and Economic Opportunity Officer, Essex County
Nadir Jones	Business Award	Senior Business Diversity Specialist, NJ Transit
Raul Mercado	Business Award	Manager of Supplier Diversity Development, Schering-Plough Corp
Francis E. Blanco	Business Award	Public Administrator, Office of Economic Growth"
Skanska	Business Award	Skanska Construction Company

2006 Master of Ceremonies- Rita L. Owens

Name	Award	Company
Judith Favors	Community Service Award	Chairperson, Newark Branch, N.A.A.C.P
Lady G. Dancy	Community Service Award	City of Newark
Honorable Mildred C. Crump	Community Service Award	Council President, City of Newark
Ilane Halsey	Entrepreneur Award	Broker and Owner, Allegiance Insurance & Financial Services
Theresa Randolph	Entrepreneur Award	Co-Founder, JT Productions
J. SaKiya Sandifer	Entrepreneur Award	We Think LLC
Dorothy R. Pentzke	Business Award	Project Management, Pentzke Group II Corp
Eileen R. Della Volle	Business Award	KS Engineers, P.C.
Pamela Parlor	Business Award	The Port Authority of NY & NJ
Lawrence Hamm	Business Award	NJ Transit
Frances O. Thompson	Business Award	Office of Minority & Woman Business Enterprise Hudson County
Brenda B. Hooper	Business Award	State Director of the NJSBDC, Rutgers Business School SBDC
Lawrence H. Levens	Award of Excellence	Lawrence H. Levens Clothing Co.

2004 Master of Ceremonies- Rita L. Owens

Name	Award	Company
Marjorie Perry	Entrepreneur Award	President, MZM Construction Co, Inc
Hon. Leonard D. Gilbert	Community Service Award	Councilman-at-Large, City of Hillside
Cheryl A. George	Business Award	Asst. Director, Operations Support, Office of Civil Rights, MTA
Douglas SAYS	Award of Excellence	Douglas SAYS
Alicia Martinez	Business Award	Senior Buyer, Con-Edison Company of NY
Rev. Lance Abercrombie	Community Service Award	Abercrombie Ministry
Susan Goodwin	Community Service Award	Health Care Dept. East Orange General Hospital
Wanda Murray-Jones	Award of Excellence	NJ Turnpike Authority
George Cambell	Award of Excellence	NY Housing Authority
Bernice Sanders	Award of Excellence	National Council of Negro Women
Dan Kirton	Business Award	Program Manager, Div of Policy & Planning, NJ School Construction Corp

2003 Master of Ceremonies- Rita L. Owens

Name	Award	Company
Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins	Award of Excellence	Councilwoman, City of Newark
Rev. Edward A. Allen	Community Service Award	Rahway Community Action Organization Inc.
Raymond G. Murphy	Award of Excellence	Newark Beth Israel
Dale Goodwin	Community Service Award	Director of Youth and Childrens Programs, Unified Vailsburg Services
Chris Cozic	Business Award	VP of Human Resources, NorVergence
Rita Rivas	Business Award	Operations Management, The A/Del Group
Carl A. Reed	Business Award	Investor Property Manager, ERA Reed Realty
Virginia Perry	Entrepreneur Award	Director, Perry's Funeral Home
Dennis McKithen	Entrepreneur Award	Senior VP, Kelly's Janitorial Service, Inc
Sonia Mercado	Business Award	Director for M/W/DBE Programs & Contract Administration, Hertz Corp
Fleeta J. Barnes	Award of Excellence	VP, CEO Relations, NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission
Anthony Battle	Award of Excellence	District Officer of Economic Development, Newark Public Schools
Carolyn Griszell	Business Award	Senior Manager, Community Resource Development, Bovis Lend Lease
Angel Claudio	Award of Excellence	House of Vizzaya

2002 Master of Ceremony- Z. Wayne Johnson

Name	Award	Company
Z. Wayne Johnson	Business Award	Asst. Executive Director For Administration, NJ Transit
Jan Walden	Business Award	Director Small Business Development Programs, NJ Transit
Sy Henderson	Award of Excellence	Senior VP Director, Growth Markets Group, Fleet Bank
Robyn Odita	Business Award	Program Manager, Regional Alliance For Small Contractors
Richard O. McEachern	Award of Excellence	Director Community Affairs, Turner Construction
Wanda W. Stansbury	Award of Excellence	President, Management Interventions
Malachia Brantley	Award of Excellence	President, Brantley Brothers
Flora Ramos	Award of Excellence	Affirmative Action Officer, Tishman Construction
Donald Tucker	Award of Excellence	Councilman, City of Newark
Norma N. White	Award of Excellence	Supervisor for Linden Recreation, City of Linden
Duane Fish	Award of Excellence	Duane Fish Mens Wear

2001 Master of Ceremony- Ernest Williams

Name	Award	Company
Patrcia Perkins-Auguste	Award of Excellence	Community President of Elizabeth NJ
Earle J. Walker	Business Award	Executive Director, Regional Alliance For Small Contractors
Ernestine Watson	Business Award	Assistant VP, Office of Special Vendors Program, UMDNJ
John Alexander Jr.	Business Award	Manager of the M/W/DBE Programs, The Port Authority of NY & NJ
Kabili Tayari	Business Award	Director, Dept of Economic Opportunity, City of Jersey City
Carolyn Wallace	Community Service Award	Executive Director, International Youth Organization
Lois Landrum	Business Award	Senior Contract Specialist, NJ Transit
Walter L. Waters	Business Award	Contract Specialist, NJ Transit
Zandra Gaston	Community Service Award	Executive, Macy's
Raul Mercado	Award of Excellence	President, The Mercado Group, Inc
Baron Hilliard	Award of Excellence	President, As One
Vernest C. Moore	Award of Excellence	Vissions BY Ve'MOORE HAUTE COUTURE

2000 Master of Ceremony - Robyn Odita

Name	Award	Company
Ernest C. Williams	Business Award	NJ Transit
Emmett Lewis	Business Award	NJ Transit
Rita Owens	Community Service Award	Lancelot Foundation
Dolores Polard	Business Award	NJ Transit
Theresa B. King	Business Award	U.S Postal Service
Darrin Jennings	Entrepreneur Award	A&E Mortgage Company
Donna Byrd	Award of Excellence	Donna Byrd Collections
Ivan L. Holmes	Community Service Award	Newark Public School System
Marcia Vaughan Matthews	Award of Excellence	Marcia Vaughan Matthews

1999 Master of Ceremonies - Stephanie Brown

Name	Award	Company
Melvin Hardy	Business Award	Minority Business Enterprise Center
Robyn Odita	Business Award	Regional Alliance For Small Contractors
Hattie Baldwin	Community Service Award	Community Service
Melanie Brown	Business Award	NY & NJ Minority Supplier Development Council
Jeffery Gump	Award of Excellence	Jeff Browns Creative Concept
Sarah Smith	Award of Excellence	Revelations Inc.
Lenny Hamilton	Award of Excellence	Lenny Hamilton