



2023 Nominees

Michael Aaron, Business Manager
 Chief Executive Officer, Local 1191

Charles Bailey, President & General Manager
 Lake Star Construction Services

Neil A. Barclay, President & CEO
 The Wright Museum of African American History

Jody A. Connally, Vice President of Human
 Resources, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network

Dwan Dandridge, CEO & Founder
 Black Leaders Detoit

Mamadou Diallo, CEO
 Piston Group

Andre Ebron, Chief of Staff
 City Year

Lazar Favors, CEO
 Detroit Black Film Festival and Black Spirits Legacy

Demond Fernandez, Anchor/Reporter
 WDIV Local 4 Detroit

Cedric Flowers, VP of Gas Operations
 DTE Gas

Ricky Fountain, Executive Director
 Community Education Commission

Darryl Gardner, Ph.D., Vice Provost of Student
 Success, Support & Engagement
 Wayne State University

Rev. Ralph L. Godbee, Jr., Chief of Staff
 Triumph Church

Col. James F. Grady, II, Director
 Michigan State Police

Saul Green, Former US Attorney, Eastern District of
 Michigan/Owner & CEO, Michigan Barber School

Antonio Green, Director
 James H. Cole Funeral Home

Michael Everett Hall, Esq., Attorney/Engineer
 Ford Motor Company

James Harris, Chief
 City of Detroit Fire Department

Derrick Headd, Sr. VP, Public Policy & Operations
 Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

Gregory Hines, Co-Founder & Co-Owner
 Amada Senior Care

Michael Jackson, II, Esq., Sr. VP of Planning &
 Construction, Economic Development &
 Environmental Srvs, Wayne County Airport Authority

Labrit Jackson, PEM, Chief of Police
 DPSCD Department of Public Safety

Jerlando F.L. Jackson, PhD, Dean of Education and
 MSU Research Foundation Professor, Michigan State

Rod Liggins, Director, Government Relations
 Detroit Regional Chamber

Derrick Jones Lopez, Ph.D., JD, Assistant
 Superintendent for High School Transportation,
 DPSCD

Jay Love, Vice President, Facilities
 MGM Grand Detroit

Razzaaq McConner, Chief Purchasing Officer
 Adient

Jason McGuire, CEO
 Riverside Marina

Ray Moulden, CEO
 Moulden Allstate Agency

Tanathan Nelson, Restaurant Operations
 Director/Consultant, TLN Consulting

Phares A. Noel, II, President & CEO
 Diversified Engineering Concepts

Hon. Byron Nolen, Mayor
 City of Inkster, Michigan

Gerald Parker, President & CEO
 Exquisite Fire & Safety

Wayne E. Phillips, Financial Advisor/Owner
 Ameriprise Financial

Dr. Michael Pieh, Physician
 Sierra Medical Clinic

Dr. Norris Polk, Physician
 PEDS Urgent Care

Rodney Prater, CEO
 Prater Commercial

Clarence Rose, Senior Sales Executive
 Arrow Strategies

Raymond A. Scott, MPH, Deputy Director, Buildings,
 Safety Engineering and Environmental, City of Detroit

Andre Smith, Photojournalist/Professor
 Wayne County Community College District

Diallo Robert Smith, President & CEO
 Life Remodeled

David L. Stone, President & Co-Founder
 Trion Solutions

Everett Stone, CFO and Senior Vice President
 Vanguard CDC

Lorenzo Suter, President & CEO
 McLaren Oakland

Khali Sweeny, Founder & CEO
 Detroit Boxing Gym

Edwin Tatem, P.E., Senior Vice President
 WSP Engineering

Calvin Toone, Vice President of Business
 Development, MCL Jasco

Alphonso Wallace, CEO
 Vestco Management Company

Boyd White, III, Member/Partner
 Dykema

