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Honorees Announced for 29th Annual Caribbean American Heritage (CARAH) Awards

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The Institute of Caribbean Studies is pleased to announce the honorees for the 29th annual Caribbean American Heritage (CARAH) Awards, which recognize individuals of Caribbean American ancestry who have contributed in a significant way to America and the world. The event is due to return live and in-person in Washington, DC on Friday, November 18th, 2022, after two years of being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Institute of Caribbean Studies (ICS) organizes the CARAH Awards to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Caribbean American leaders in various fields while celebrating Caribbean pride and the great promise of Caribbean immigrants to America and worldwide.

“ICS started this event in an effort to highlight to the American society at-large the caliber of individuals that claimed Caribbean American ancestry, and to provide a forum for honoring and recognizing their contributions to America and the world,” said Dr. Claire A. Nelson, Founder and President of the Institute of Caribbean Studies. “This remains important today when we consider that there is now a woman of Jamaican heritage serving as Vice-President of the United States of America.”

The 29th Annual Caribbean American Heritage (CARAH) Awards, hosted by CBS television reporter

Ava-Joye Burnett with entertainment by Image Band, will take place at the JW Marriott in Washington DC. Recipients are selected from all walks of life, recognizing their contributions to American/Caribbean culture through literature, Entrepreneurship, public service, and others. This is very important to the nature of the awards, as ICS wants to highlight the broad contributions of Caribbean American leaders to society at large.

The Honorees for the 29th Annual Caribbean American Heritage Awards include Professor Carole Boyce Davies from Trinidad and Tobago, the editor of the three-volume Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora: Origins, Experiences, and Culture, with the Outstanding Scholarship in African Diaspora Studies; Ainsley Gill also from Trinidad and Tobago with the Trailblazer Award, recognizing his achievements as the CEO of Niquan Energy, an energy industry veteran and seasoned entrepreneur with more than 20 years' experience in international government relations, financing, business development, information technology and management consulting.

Other awardees are Bihari Lall, Guyanese-American, a Franchise Owner of Denny's Brooklyn and Jackson Heights, Managing Partner of Gitto's Farmers Market, and President of Blue Water at Brooklyn terminal market, winning the Outstanding Entrepreneurship award; Eric Adolphe, of Haitian heritage winning the Excellence in Science and Technology award for his efforts as the founder of Forward Edge, a San Antonio-based startup applying artificial intelligence to solving problems of social consequence and co-founder of GovFlex, a platform that connects government contractors and agencies with independent experts to facilitate more collaboration across the ecosystem.

The 29th Annual Caribbean American Heritage (CARAH) Awards will also honor Forerunner Award, Dwight Thanos Smith, Chief Visionary Officer and Lead Inventor at Paragon VTOL Aerospace, a pioneer in the vertical take-off and landing aerospace industry, creating technological breakthroughs and decarbonizing transport, who hails from Jamaica; Luminary Award for Outstanding Contributions to Health Care, Philanthropist Dr. Trisha Bailey, Jamaican CEO of Bailey Medical Supplies and Bailey Pharmacy, a company that is transforming the patient care ecosystem in the state of Florida and real estate investor; Outstanding Community Service, Guyana-born Stacey Mollison, President/CEO, Libra Management Group a strategic sourcing and management consulting firm with offices in Downtown Decatur in the Metro Atlanta area, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Guyana, South America; and Vanguard, Josanne Francis, who hails from Trinidad and Tobago and is an internationally known steelpan performer and music educator.

Readers who are interested in learning more about the Caribbean American Heritage (CARAH) Awards and the incredible leaders being honored at the 29th Annual Gala in Washington, DC on November 18, 2022 can visit the website of the award ceremony at <https://caribbeanamericanheritageawards.com/>. There they can find profiles of the honorees, information about the event's production team, and records of past events from

previous years of this long-standing tradition. There is also an option to contact the organizers of the event through the event's website.

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