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Cori A. Bush (D-MO) U.S. Representative, 1st District



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he NNPA National Leadership Awards Reception began in 2014 to salute and honor individuals who are national leaders in their specific fields and whose actions have helped to improve the quality of life for African Americans and others. The producers of the NNPA National Leadership Awards Reception decided that the best time to host such an awards reception would be during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference (CBCF ALC) weeklong schedule of events in the month of September of each year.

The CBCF ALC week is the largest annual gathering in the U.S. of 15 to 20 thousand African American leaders and influencers. The underlying joint purpose of the CBCF ALC and the NNPA National Leadership Awards Reception is to network, collaborate and strategize collectively for the advancement and empowerment of Black America.





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reetings NNPA Publishers, Sponsors and Guests,

As the Chair of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), I would like to welcome you to the Virtual NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awards Reception that takes place during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference.

This is one of the NNPA's most highly-anticipated events and we are excited to honor several distinguished individuals and national leaders who have shown great courage in the struggle for freedom and justice.

This year we are **"Saluting Excellence and Innovative Leadership in Black America"** by giving awards to those who have demonstrated leadership in the Black community and in support of the Black Press of America. As we celebrate 194 years of the Black Press, our publishers and members have a revitalized enthusiasm to continue pressing forward as the recorders of our history.

I would like to thank our Sponsors for helping us make this year's event a huge success.

We have come a long way, but we have so much more of an impact to make. We plan to do that and we are excited about it because......

We are the NNPA...The Original Black Press...The Black Press of America!

Sincerely,

Karen Carter Richards Karen Carter Richards

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ear NNPA Publishers, Corporate Partners, Sponsors and Guests:

As chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Fund, it is my distinct pleasure to join my friends and colleagues at The Virtual 2021 National Leadership Awards Reception.

As in previous years, we reserve this moment to reflect on the blessing of leadership - and on those courageous activists who heartily accept that mantle on behalf of freedom, equity and opportunity for disenfranchised peoples everywhere.

The activists we honor today are more than just leaders in politics and health and religion and athletics. They are, in effect, beacons for all of Black America, exemplifying the kind of passion for justice and commitment to service to which we all should aspire.

That's why it is critical that, as we gather to celebrate this year's awardees, we honor their service by pledging a renewed commitment to the fight they are waging and leading on our collective behalf.

Let's do more than just "Salute Excellence and Innovative Leadership in Black America" - let's suit up and meet on the battlefield.

Sincerely,

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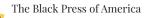


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Welcome Greetings – NNPA President and CEO 🍰 The Black Press of America





n behalf of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), we welcome you to the Virtual NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awards Reception. We are convening at a challenging time for Black America during the continued devastating impact of COVID-19 and its variants on our families, communities, and businesses.

Our dedicated 230 active member publishers of the NNPA remain on the frontline of informing Black America with fortitude, commitment, service, and perseverance. Under the distinguished leadership of NNPA Chair Karen Richards, the NNPA continues to make progress as the largest and oldest national trade association of the Black Press.

During the past 194 years the Black Press of America has always had to rise to the occasion to not only report the news, but also to be the "trusted" clarion voice for freedom, justice, and equality. We join millions of people this week to salute the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) on its virtual 50th Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) under the theme: "Black Excellence Unparalleled: Pressing Onward in Power."

We are also convening virtually because of the pandemic. Yet, we are grateful for the opportunity

to use technology to achieve our mission, and to pause to present well-deserved awards to African American leaders who have made an outstanding contribution in helping to improve the quality of life in Black America and for all who have been impacted by systemic racism and injustice.

The theme of our 2021 National Leadership Awards Reception is "Saluting Excellence and Innovative Leadership in Black America." We acknowledge and pay tribute to these leaders who continue to make a positive and transformative difference in the communities that the NNPA serves across the United States.

The NNPA especially thank our corporate partners, sponsors, advertisers, and supporters for helping to make this annual event possible this year. Yes, we will continue to publish and speak truth to power as we press forward to make the nation and world a better place.

Sincerely,

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. NNPA President and CEO





Welcome from NNPA Convention and Planning Committee Chair



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n behalf of the NNPA Convention and Planning Committee, we are very pleased to welcome you to the Virtual NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awards Reception. Although our nation continues to face serious consequences from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are thankful for the opportunity to be together virtually.

Personally, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who have extended prayers and various forms of support to our communities and families in Louisiana and other states that have been devastated by Hurricane Hugo. In New Orleans, we are making strides to recover, and we are thankful for all your support.

I join with our NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards, and with all the members of the NNPA Board of Directors, in thanking all of the NNPA's corporate partners, advertisers, sponsors and supporters. The Black Press of America is alive and progressing even in face of the challenges of today.

This year our national awardees exemplify and

personify high achievement and excellence in their respective fields of endeavor and leadership. The theme of this year's leadership awards reception is "Saluting Excellence and Innovative Leadership in Black America."

We are also pleased to continue to maintain our strategic alliance with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) as it virtually celebrates its 50th Annual Legislative Conference (ALC). We all have to continue to strive to achieve equality and empowerment for communities of color and for all people who cry out for justice and freedom.

We, therefore, again express our appreciation to you for your support and virtual attendance. 2021 has been a difficult year, but we are hopeful and optimistic about the future.

Sincerely,

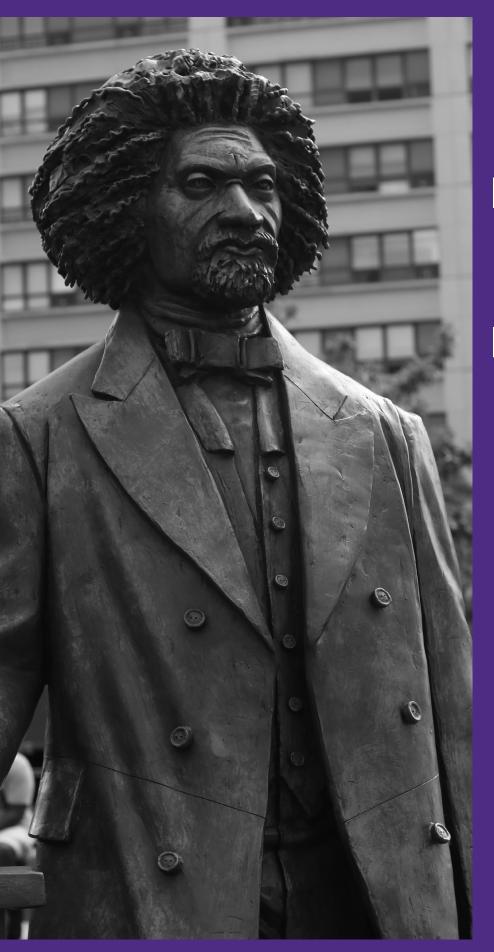
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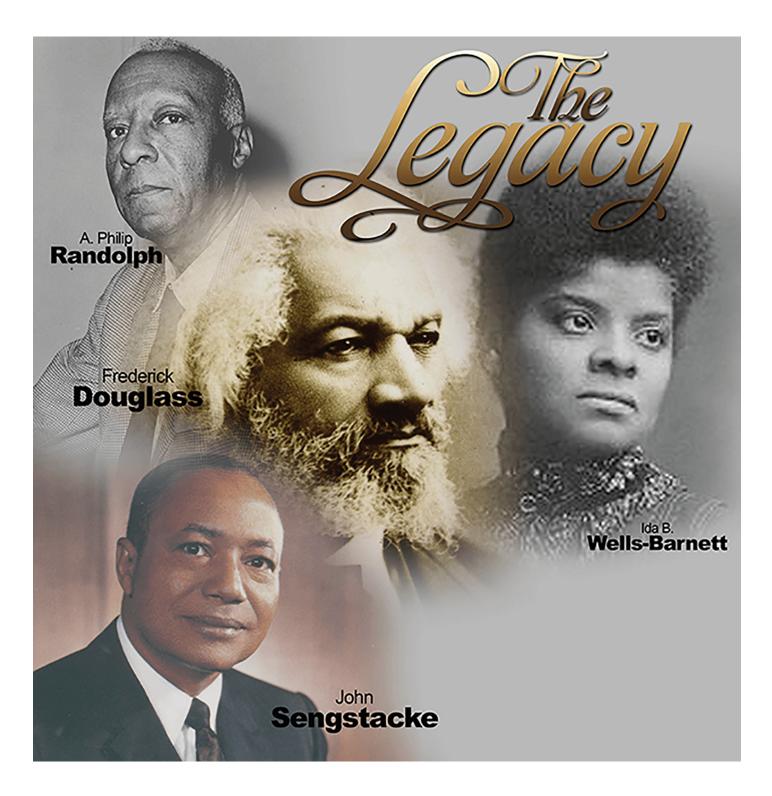
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Olympic Gold Medalist and Global Athletic Icon

Dr. Ebony J. Hilton Medical Doctor and Anesthesiology and Critical Care, University of Virginia Medical College

> **The Honorable Cori A. Bush** U.S. Representative (D-MO), 1ST District

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National Leadership Awardees

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The Honorable Cori A. Bush (D-MO)



U.S. Representative, rst District NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awardee



enced being unhoused and evicted and is a survivor of police, sexual, and domestic violence. She centers those hardships in her fight for regular, everyday people. Her mission is to do the very most for all of the people of Missouri's 1st Congressional District—starting with those who have the very least.

nity face. She has personally experi-

Born and raised in St. Louis, Congresswoman Bush graduated from Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School and studied at Harris-Stowe State University before receiving a nursing degree from the Lutheran School of Nursing. She has served her community for more than a decade as a nurse, clergy, and childcare worker. A relentless advocate for the unhoused community in St. Louis, Congresswoman Bush has spent years as a community organizer providing services and aid to her unhoused neighbors in the district.

In 2014, following the murder of Michael Brown Jr. by a now-terminated Ferguson police officer, Congresswoman Bush spent more than 400 days protesting for justice leading on the 'Ferguson Frontline' as a nurse and clergy. During the day, Bush was responsible for providing triage-medical care and resources to the community that witnessed Mike Brown's body laying, uncovered, for four and a half hours in the hot St. Louis summer sun. In the evenings, Bush would return to march for justice - surviving police brutality in the process. In the years following, she continued her activism as a co-founder of The Truth Telling Project and as a leader of the protest group #ExpectUS.

Despite being the daughter of a local mayor and alderman, Congresswoman Bush never intended to run for office. Following the Ferguson Uprising, Bush was asked to run for office by community leaders. Although she initially rejected their requests, she pursued public office because she could not stand to see her son or daughter become hashtags of injustice without doing all she could to protect them. She intends to legislate in defense of Black lives to ensure no family has to fear that their loved ones may suffer at the hands of police. She also intends to center her experience as a nurse and as someone who's been uninsured to advance policies like Medicare For All to guarantee health care as a fundamental right for everyone.

Congresswoman Bush is the recipient of the 2015 "Woman of Courage" Award from the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation. In June of 2019, she was selected Top Nurse by the International Nurses Association. In October of 2020, the Jefferson City NAACP awarded Congresswoman Bush their prestigious "Trailblazer Award." In November of 2020, she received the Black Rep's Frankie Muse Freeman Spirit Award.

Like our nation's first Black congresswoman, Shirley Chisholm, Congresswoman Bush is unbought and unbossed, following a campaign in which she took no corporate PAC money. She is accountable only to the people of Missouri's 1st Congressional District and will do all that she can to make sure every single person in her district, in our country, and around the world lives a decent life.

CONGRESSWOMAN Cori Bush is a registered nurse, community activist, organizer, single mother, and ordained pastor for the people of St. Louis. Congresswoman Bush is serving her first term as the representative of Missouri's 1st Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. She is the first Black woman and first nurse to represent Missouri; the first woman to represent Missouri's 1st Congressional District; and the first activist from the movement fighting for Black lives elected to the United States Congress.

Congresswoman Bush has lived the struggles that many in her commu-

The Honorable Cory A. Booker (D-NJ)



U.S. Senator

NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awardee



CORY grew up in northern New Jersey and received his undergraduate and master's degree from Stanford University. At Stanford, Cory played varsity football, volunteered for the campus peer counseling center, and wrote for the student newspaper. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and went on to study at the University of Oxford, and then Yale Law School, where he graduated in 1997.

Cory moved to Newark after law school and started a nonprofit organization to provide legal services for low-income families, helping tenants take on slumlords. In 1998, Cory moved into "Brick Towers" in Newark, which eventually became a housing project. Cory lived there until the housing project was demolished in 2006. Cory still lives in Newark's Central Ward today, where he sees first-hand many of the challenges he's working to solve in Congress, such as lack of access to affordable health care, environmental injustice, food insecurity, and our broken criminal justice system.

At 29, Cory was elected to the Newark City Council, where he challenged the city's entrenched political machine and fought to increase economic security for city residents, expand access to health care, and improve public safety. Cory served as Newark mayor from 2006 until 2013. During his tenure, the city experienced economic growth on a scale not seen since the 1960s. In addition, under Cory's leadership, overall crime declined, affordable housing and green spaces massively expanded, city services were made more efficient, and educational opportunities increased.

In October 2013, Cory won a special election to represent New Jersey in the United States Senate. In November 2014, he was re-elected to a full six-year term.

He has emerged as a national leader in the effort to fix our broken criminal justice system and end mass incarceration, helping craft the most sweeping set of criminal justice reforms in a generation, the First Step Act, which became law in December 2018. And he has been a leader in the Senate in the fight to protect the Affordable Care Act, while also championing proposals to build upon the law, increase access to care, and lower costs.

Cory sits on the Judiciary Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the Small Business Committee.



The Honorable Raphael G. Warnock (D-GA)



U.S. Senator

NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awardee



RAPHAEL Gamaliel Warnock is an American pastor and politician serving as senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and as the junior United States senator from Georgia since 2021. A member of the Democratic Party, he assumed office on January 20, 2021.

He came to prominence in Georgia politics as a leading activist in the campaign to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Warnock defeated incumbent Kelly Loeffler in the runoff in Georgia's 2020–21 United States Senate special election on January 5, 2021. The same day, fellow Democrat Jon Ossoff won the runoff for Georgia's other Senate seat against Republican David Perdue.

Warnock and Ossoff are the first Democrats elected to the U.S. Senate from Georgia since Zell Miller in 2000. Warnock is the first African American to represent Georgia in the Senate and the first African-American Democrat elected to a Senate seat by a former state of the Confederacy.

Warnock supports expanding the Affordable Care Act and has called for the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. He also supports increasing COVID-19-relief funding. A proponent of abortion rights and gay marriage, he has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood. He opposes the concealed carry of firearms, saying that religious leaders do not want guns in places of worship. Warnock has long opposed the death penalty, having advocated for death row inmate Troy Davis, who was executed in 2011 for killing a police officer despite evidence that supported his innocence.

In the January 5 runoff election, Warnock defeated Loeffler with 51% of the popular vote. With this victory, he made history by becoming the first Black senator from Georgia. On January 7, Loeffler conceded to Warnock. The election result was certified on January 19. Unlike Ossoff, Warnock will have to defend his seat in 2022, when Isakson's term was originally set to expire, in order to win a full 6-year term from 2023 to 2029.

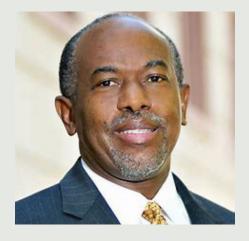
In January 2021, Dr. Warnock became Georgia's first Black senator and the first Black Democrat to represent a southern state in the United States Senate.



Dr. James E. Hildreth



President and CEO, Meharry Medical College NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awardee



JAMES Earl King Hildreth is an American immunologist and academic administrator. Hildreth serves as the 12th president and chief executive officer of Meharry Medical College. Hildreth is credited with groundbreaking work around AIDS and HIV and was the first African American to hold a full tenured professorship in basic research at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Edward D. Miller calls Hildreth "one of the most influential HIV researchers in the world."

At Harvard, he studied chemistry while working as a carpenter to pay for school. In October 1978 he applied to be a Rhodes Scholar. He was accepted into the program. He was the first African American Rhodes scholar from Arkansas. He graduated from Harvard with a degree in chemistry in 1979, magna cum laude. Later that year, as a Rhodes scholar, he started attending Oxford University. He earned his PhD in immunology in 1982 and in 1987 he earned his medical degree at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

After graduating from Johns Hopkins, Hildreth started teaching there and earned tenure, making him the first African American to earn fulltime tenure in basic sciences at the university. He eventually became associate dean at the School of Medicine. In 2005, he started working at Meharry Medical College. He was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame in 2009. In 2011, he became dean of the UC Davis College of Biological Sciences. The following year, 2012, he was awarded the Frederick C. Greenwood Award for his work and research around HIV/AIDS and African Americans. That same year he was also awarded the Johns Hopkins University Alumni Association's Knowledge for the World Award. In 2015, he returned to Meharry Medical College as the president and chief executive officer.

Dr. Hildreth sat on the FDA Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee that approved Covid 19 vaccines for emergency use. Hildreth was later appointed by President Biden as a member of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force. He also sits on the NNPA COVID 19 Task Force.



Dr. Ebony Hilton, MD

Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, University Of Virginia Medical College NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awardee



Dr. Ebony Jade Hilton Buchholz was born the middle of three girls in the rural town of Little Africa, South Carolina. Following a family tragedy, at the tender age of 8 years old, she told her mom she wanted to be a doctor. From that day forward her mother called her "Dr. Hilton." She attributes her entire career and the success that followed to that small gesture. She graduated from Spartanburg High School in 2000 and enrolled at the College of Charleston (CofC). In just 4 short years she graduated Magnum Cum Laude from CofC with 3 degrees: two Bachelor of Science degrees in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and a Bachelor of Arts in Inorganic Chemistry.

Ebony then began her medical studies at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and following graduation in 2008 she continued at this institution for completion of her Anesthesiology residency and Critical Care fellowship. On July 1, 2013 she became the 1st African-American female anesthesiologist to be hired at MUSC since its opening in 1824. Throughout her studies of health disparities, particularly as it pertains to race, bridging the gap between physicians and patients has been her primary focus. In addition to pioneering medicine, Dr. Hilton is a children's book author of the Ava Series, she is a public speaker and a community activist.



Allyson Felix American Sprinter NNPA 2021 National Leadership Awardee





ALLYSON Michelle Felix OLY (born November 18, 1985) is an American track and field sprinter. From 2003 to 2013, Felix specialized in the 200 meters sprint and gradually shifted to the 400 meters sprint later in her career. Her racing repertoire also spans the 100 meters, 4 x 100 meters relay, and 4 x 400 meters relay. At 200 meters, she is the 2012 Olympic champion, a three-time world champion (2005-2009), two-time Olympic silver medalist (2004 and 2008), and one-time 2011 world championship bronze medalist. At 400 meters, she is the 2015 world champion, 2011 world silver medalist, 2016 Olympic silver medalist, 2017 world bronze medalist, and 2020 Olympic bronze medalist.

Although individual Olympic glory was mostly elusive, Felix played a key role on the United States women's relay teams, winning six additional Olympic gold medals: four consecutive medals at 4×400 meters (2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020), and two at 4×100 meters (2012 and 2016). The 2012 U.S. Olympic 4×100 meters team also set the current women's 4×100 meters world record. Felix is the first female track and field athlete to ever win seven Olympic gold medals, one from an individual event and six from team relays. With 11 total medals from five Olympic appearances, she is the most decorated woman in Olympic track and field history and the most decorated American track and field athlete in Olympic history. Felix is also the most decorated athlete, male or female, in World Athletics Championships history with 18 career medals, 7 from individual events and 11 from team relays.

Felix's 200 meters best of 21.69 seconds from 2012 ranks her seventh on the all-time list. In the 4 × 400 meters relay at the 2015 World Championships, she ran the fastest split ever recorded by an American woman, and third fastest split ever, after Jarmila Kratochvílová and Marita Koch, at 47.72 seconds. She is a participant in the US Anti-Doping Agency's "Project Believe" program. She is coached by Bobby Kersee.

Felix, along with Alysia Montaño and Kara Goucher, is credited for stirring public outcry over Nike's refusal to guarantee salary protections for its pregnant athletes, prompting the sportswear brand to subsequently expand its maternal policy in 2019. Two years after her departure from Nike, the athlete turned entrepreneur launched her own footwear company, Saysh, in June 2021.

Felix trained during the COVID-19 pandemic with the aim of qualifying for her fifth Olympic Games – her first as a mom. She completed workouts on streets, empty soccer fields, and beaches when quarantine measures were first enacted in March 2020. In June 2021, two years after she publicized her contract dispute with Nike, Felix launched her own footwear company, Saysh, and began wearing spikes created by the brand into competitions. Within the same month, at the Olympic trials, the 35-year-old American qualified for the 400 meters individual event by finishing second with a time of 50.02 seconds, her fastest time since July 2017 and the masters athletics record (35–40 age group).

Leading up to the 400 meters final of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, some doubted that the Olympic veteran would stand on the podium for her final individual Olympic event, due to her age, performances at the U.S. Olympic trials, and semi-final time. Every finalist in the 400 meters final ran sub-50 seconds in their semi-final, with Felix running the second-slowest qualifying time of 49.89 seconds. Despite the odds, Felix ran 49.46 seconds in the final to claim the bronze medal, her 10th overall Olympic medal. This accomplishment lowered her 400 meter masters athletics record, tied her with Carl Lewis as the most decorated American track and field Olympian, and broke her tie with Merlene Ottey as the most decorated female track and field Olympian. Felix concluded her Olympic career after winning gold in the women's 4 × 400 meters final, alongside a team that included Sydney McLaughlin, Dalilah Muhammad, and Athing Mu. This 11th Olympic medal broke Felix's tie with Carl Lewis and officially established her as the most decorated American track and field athlete in Olympic history.

Allyson Felix is a five-time recipient of the Jesse Owens/Jackie Joyner Kersee Award, an accolade commending the USATF Athlete of the Year. She won the award for the first time in 2005, and then again in 2007, 2010, 2012 and 2015. After her success at the 2012 London Olympics, Felix received the 2012 IAAF Female World Athlete of the Year award.

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