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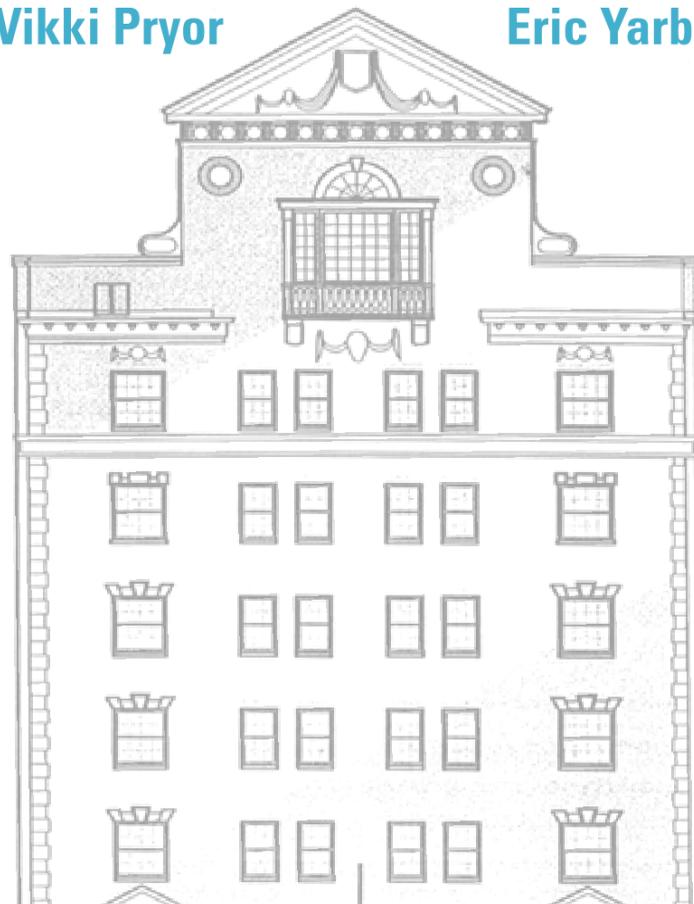
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November 18, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the **African American Men of Westchester's 30th Anniversary Visionary Awards Gala**. This evening celebrates thirty years this community organization has served the County of Westchester, and I am truly honored to be part of this momentous occasion.

Since 1987, AAMW has dedicated countless hours, manpower and resources that have helped strengthen the economic, social and educational foundation of our community. I am grateful for its commitment to staying true to its mission, and hopeful that it will continue to move forward in this direction for many years to come.

I join you in recognizing this evening's honorees: **Aleida Frederico**, Senior Relationship Manager/VP, TD Bank; **Vikki Pryor**, Managing Principal and Founder, Change Create Transform; **Roger Woolsey**, Chief Executive Officer, Million Air Interlink; and **Eric Yarbrow**, Executive Managing Director, Colliers International. These individuals exemplify what it means to be leaders in their field and upstanding citizens of the community, and I am thankful for their many contributions which have helped keep AAMW thriving.

This gala would not have been possible without your support, so I thank each of you for your interest in this significant resource for the community. AAMW is well served by your involvement, and I thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

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Wale Aliyu

Wale Aliyu is an award-winning journalist who joined **NBC 4** in July 2016. He comes to New York following six years reporting for WKYC in Cleveland and ABC 22/FOX 45 in Dayton Ohio.

During his time in Cleveland, Wale covered several major stories including the tragic, police-involved shooting of 12 year old Tamir Rice, which generated national headlines. He also provided coverage of the 2016 Republican National Convention and the 2016 NBA Finals, where the Cleveland Cavaliers ended the city's storied, 52-year championship drought in memorable fashion. He was also dispatched to Buffalo in 2014, following a record-producing storm which dumped eight feet of snow in Western New York.

In 2015, Wale's work was recognized by the Press Club of Cleveland, which awarded him the Ohio Excellence in Journalism award for Online Storytelling, as well as the Ohio Excellence in Journalism award for Online General News Story.

Wale grew up in Columbia, Missouri and graduated Cum Laude with a Convergence /Broadcast Journalism

degree from the University of Missouri. He also began his professional career in his home state, where he anchored for Newsy.com and reported for ABC 17/FOX 38 and KOMU-TV8.

Wale has worked several different jobs in various newsrooms since the age of 15. In addition to broadcast journalism, he also has experience reporting for newspaper, radio, and online. He is comfortable telling stories on any topic, but notes that his favorites are those which generate an impact on people's lives.

"One of the first television stories I ever told was on human trafficking back in 2007 while I was at KOMU-TV8," he said. "This was before anyone was really talking about it. We found a human trafficking victim who was arrested for prostitution. Our story helped get her out of jail and spread awareness on a worldwide issue that had come to our little town of 100,000 people" he said.



When he's not working, Wale enjoys playing basketball, writing and performing poetry, and loves to dance. He is also an avid traveler who has been to 36 of the 50 states and several countries on four different continents. A native of Nigeria, Wale loves living in New York where he has several siblings and extended family.

*Catch Wale Aliyu's reports
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You can also connect with Wale on Facebook, follow him on Twitter, or submit your story ideas to his website: www.walealiyu.com

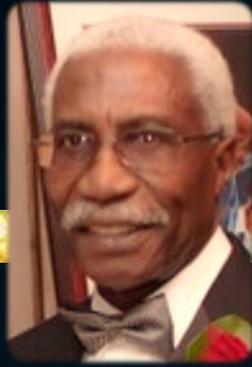
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A NOTE FROM THE GALA CHAIRS

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Dear Sponsors, Dignitaries, Advertisers, and all of tonight's attendees,

On behalf of the African American Men of Westchester, we are delighted to welcome you to our 30th Anniversary Visionary Gala at the beautiful Glen Island Harbor Club. As committee chairmen, we are thrilled with the generous level of support that we have received. This evening we honor four stellar visionary leaders who have partnered with us in making a difference in the Westchester County community and we look forward to celebrating tonight with you.

Since our inception in 1987, AAMW has strived to offer programs to the community focusing on health, education, environmental awareness, domestic abuse awareness, housing, youth initiatives, and economic development. Your support will help us with these efforts and continue to impact the lives of thousands of youth and families.

We would like to thank our esteemed fellow committee members: Fred Campbell, Mack Carter, C. Douglas Dixon, Eric Eller, Anthony Epps, Thomas Grayman, Herbert Jamison, Bernard Raymond, Hon. Bruce Tolbert, and John Tuller. These gentlemen have tirelessly dedicated their time, expertise, and resources to the success of this event. Together, "***We Make a Difference***".

Warmest Regards,

Cyprian II, CBR, SRES
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November 18, 2017

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to everyone gathered for the African American Men of Westchester's Visionary Awards Gala. I extend my best wishes for a successful and memorable evening.

On this special occasion, I would like to congratulate all of the dedicated honorees who are gathered here tonight for their tremendous success in their various fields. One day of recognition is hardly enough to thank you for all of your great work to improve our community. Certainly, you are all more than deserving of this honor, and I thank you for all you have done.

As many of you here have demonstrated, individuals from all walks of life can work together to claim our nation's and community's challenges as their own, building bridges among people and setting a powerful example of leadership and compassion.

Once again, please accept my best wishes along with my warmest hopes for your continued success in the years to come.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



We of the African American Men of Westchester welcome you and thank you for attending our gala celebrating thirty years of making a difference in our communities.

In 1987, Tom Clarke, Herb Jamison, and Roger Williams began meeting at the LaPorte Restaurant to discuss how to address the issue of homeless suicides occurring during the holiday season. They implemented the temporary solution of providing free meals to the homeless throughout the season. Those efforts were followed-up with almost daily meetings after work where they laid the groundwork to engage more men in the community and provide a range of services that could be sustained over several years.

Guided by the leadership of our previous presidents: Thomas Clark, the late Harold Fitzpatrick, David Cheek, and Melvin Burruss, AAMW is now an all-volunteer, 501 (c)(3) not-for profit organization made up of over 35 dedicated men focused on providing Westchester County with a range of programs and services that address a variety of topics. These initiatives are comprised of youth development, education, environmental integrity, domestic violence awareness, health and fitness, and socio-economic growth.

Our cornerstone events include the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Youth Awards, the Brotherhood Breakfast, the Business Skills County-Wide High School Competition, the Youth Summer Soccer Clinic, and Golf Clinics for Youth and Women.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for partnering with us throughout this journey. Our leadership will change and membership will adjust with the times, but the mission of AAMW will endure for years to come.

“We Make a Difference”

Sincerely,

Eric D. Eller, *President*



November 18, 2017

To the Dedicated Members of the **African American Men of Westchester**,

It is indeed our privilege to join the *African American Men of Westchester*, as you celebrate your 30th Anniversary Visionary Awards Gala on November 18, 2017. It gives us great pleasure to support your efforts and all of the great work you do every day and we continue to stand with you as strong supporters of your future efforts.

Congratulations to your honorees, **Aleida Frederico**, Senior Relationship Manager/VP TD Bank, **Vikki Pryor**, Managing Principal & Founder – Change Create Transform, **Roger Woolsey**, Chief Executive Officer – Million Air, Interlink and **Eric Yarbrow**, Executive Managing Director – Colliers International.

Again, thank you for all you do, and we look forward to assisting in any way we can to further your cause, which is helping to strengthen our communities.

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Indian Point will continue to generate significant tax revenues and expenditures in the local economy. We'll also continue to play an important role in the wellbeing of our community through the contributions we provide to many charitable organizations in the region, as well as the thousands of hours our employees volunteer and donate to these important causes.

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ABOUT US

The African American Men of Westchester, Inc. (AAMW) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1987 by twenty-three (23) Westchester County residents to capitalize on the vast talents of the African American community. The membership is made up of men who have distinguished themselves in the fields of finance, government, business operations and management, education, law, engineering, real estate, technology, and a wealth of other civic and community activities.

Mission

AAMW is committed to developing and encouraging collaborative action to strengthen the economic, social, and educational foundation of our communities.

Values & Guiding Principles

AAMW believes that:

- Through the bonds of brotherhood and fellowship, the spirit of collective work and responsibility, and a strong commitment to community - we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve.
- The reinforcement of family values, the education and development of our youth, preserving the richness and diversity of our cultural heritage, and building the capacity of our communities to achieve their vision and goals are all essential to fulfilling our mission.
- Partnering with those organizations and individuals who share in our vision, values, and goals leads to the greatest success.

Members

AAMW represents a cross section of occupations, political parties, religious, social, and civic affiliations. Our members:

- Bring a variety of perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences;
- Understand and focus attention on local community issues;
- Have access to resources that can address the critical needs that face African American communities in Westchester.

Activities

AAMW's community-based activities:

- Focus attention on the social, economic, and educational issues that impact the people of Westchester;
- Provide leadership, support, and shared solutions;
- Ensure that every community conscious African American man has an opportunity and a vehicle to make a difference.



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November 18, 2017

Eric D. Eller
President
African American Men of Westchester
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Dear Friends:

I want to wish heartfelt congratulations to my friends at the African American Men of Westchester who this year are celebrating the organization's 30th anniversary at their Visionary Awards Gala.

Since 1987, AAMW has been dedicated to helping address issues related to education, youth empowerment, domestic violence awareness and environmental justice. The organization's commitment to developing and encouraging collaborative action to strengthen the economic, social, and educational foundation of our communities has left an indelible mark on Westchester County and beyond. AAMW really does tremendous work and I am proud to have such a wonderful organization as a partner in the community.

I also would like to congratulate this year's slate of AAMW Gala honorees, Aleida Frederico; Vikki Pryor; Roger Woolsey; and Eric Yarbo. Each of these honorees has worked to strengthen our community in their own unique way. They are most deserving of this recognition and I would like to personally thank them for their efforts.

I want to also congratulate the leadership of AAMW. An organization doesn't last 30 years without strong leaders and great members who give of themselves to helping others. Congratulations again to the entire AAMW organization.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Engel
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Congratulates the AAMCU for 30 years of great service to the Westchester community. We would also like to salute this year's honorees

Aleida Frederico

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For being visionaries in their respective fields. Let us all continue to work to make a difference!

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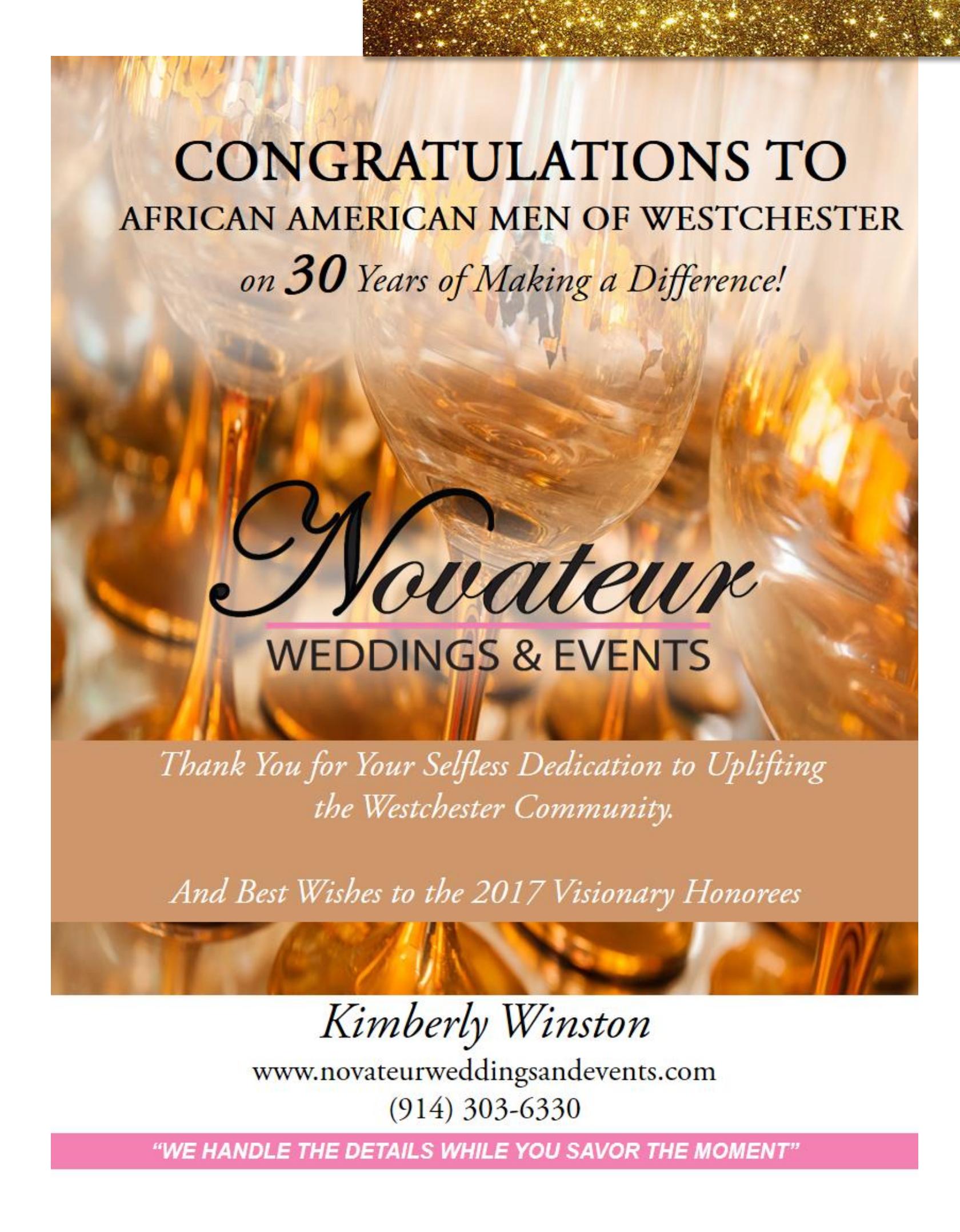
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ALEIDA FREDERICO *Senior Relationship Manager, VP* **TD Bank, N.A.**



In her role as Senior Relationship Manager, Vice President, Aleida Frederico provides customized banking solutions for commercial, municipal, small business, education, and not-for-profit institutions in New York.

Ale' is the Chair of TD Bank's Regional Diversity Council for Metro New York and a member of TD Bank's Women in Leadership Business Resource Group. She has been an active and passionate champion of diversity and inclusion for the development of emerging leaders from all backgrounds. Ale' has held various roles within TD Bank in Government Banking and Business Development. In addition, she is a recipient of TD Bank's CEO WOW! Leadership Award.

She has served on several business and not-for-profit boards appointed by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo. She serves on the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council where she has chaired the Global New York Strategy. She is the Corporate Secretary of the Westchester County Association, a White Plains Hospital Center board member, and on the board of the Westchester County IDA.

Ale' is the Chair and a former President of the Westchester Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a founding board member of 100 Hispanic Women, Westchester Chapter.

She has been the recipient of various awards and honors, including: the YMCA of the City of New York Academy of Women Leaders, the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award, the New York City Hispanic Chamber's Hispanic Corporate Leadership Award, the Mercy College Exito Award, the YMCA of Yonkers Corporate Service Award, the Association of Hispanic Professionals Award of Honor, and the Westchester Hispanic Coalition Community Leader Award. She was also named one of El Diario La Prensa's 50 Distinguished Latinas of 2000.

Ale' was born in Placetas, Las Villas, Cuba and immigrated to New York where she attended Marymount College and the American Institute of Banking.

She currently resides in White Plains with her husband and son.



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As the President & CEO of SBLI USA Mutual Insurance Company, Vikki Pryor became the first female African American CEO of a life insurance company. Today, Change Create Transform leverages intellectual capital to help businesses, organizations, and individuals succeed and grow.

As a sought after advisor and executive leadership development expert, Ms. Pryor has provided strategic vision, operating leadership, consulting, workshops, and keynotes to a range of organizations and industries over the past twenty years.

Recognized for her superior skills in team-building as well as organizational and individual development, Vikki has held senior leadership with Oxford Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Allstate, and the US Department of Treasury.

She serves on the boards of Sagicor USA, the University of Buffalo Foundation, Emeritus Dean's Advisory Council of SUNY Buffalo Law School, The Quorum Initiative, and the Change Create Transform Foundation.

Over the years, Vikki has fostered philanthropic efforts which have included fundraising and volunteerism for many organizations. The **Change Create Transform Foundation** has provided leadership training and education funding of over \$300,000 to over 80 students attending college and professional school.

Featured in The New York Times and Forbes Online, Vikki Pryor has twice been named by Crain's New York Business as one of the Most Powerful Women in New York and by Black Enterprise Magazine as one of the Most Powerful African American Women in Business.

Vikki holds a BA magna cum laude and JD degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is admitted to practice law in New York and Chicago and holds an MBA degree from the University of Illinois in Chicago. She has honorary doctoral degrees from Sacred Heart University and The College of Mount Saint Vincent. She has also received the Presidential Medallion from Bronx Community College and the Dean's Medal from SUNY Buffalo Law School.

She is the proud grandmother of Dakota and JayR.





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Under Roger Woolsey, Million Air has been voted the #1 fixed-based aviation operation chain for 5 years in a row. It's the 3rd largest chain in the world and provides private aviation services to individuals and corporations. Mr. Woolsey is an entrepreneur who has successfully launched several companies in the aviation space. He has more than 35 years of industry experience and is a second-generation aviator whose entrepreneurial drive and fascination with the science of customer service, business, and flying has spanned a lifetime.

At the age of 19, Roger started his first F.A.A. Certified Air Carrier, Prestige Touring. At the time, he was the youngest commercial pilot in the US, and he still holds the title as the youngest air carrier operator in US history.

American Jet International was his second company. It was founded with a focus on the Air Medical Industry. Within two years, Mr. Woolsey secured over 95% of all medical flights and organ transplant teams to facilities such as Shriners Burn Hospital, Methodist Hospital's Heart Institute, and Texas Children's Hospital.

In 2002, Roger made a bold acquisition; that of franchisor Million Air Interlink. Leveraging his vision and passion, he led the entire chain to the top brand in the industry and he shared partnerships with family business franchisees such as Edsel Ford, Mary Kay Cosmetics, and Carlson Wagonlit. Mr. Woolsey created a brand, built a new Million Air Magazine, and created lasting co-branding opportunities with companies such as Jaguar, Land Rover, Mercedes Benz, and Starbucks.

Through Roger Woolsey's leadership, Million Air has become the driving force behind a new terminal facility and hangar at Westchester County Airport.

An equal opportunity franchiser, Roger and Million Air remain committed to franchisees and their dedication to excellence in the true entrepreneurial spirit. Through the years, minorities and women have become a large and valued part of the Million Air family. Roger feels that without their valued management and customer service skills, the Million Air chain could not have achieved the success and reputation it enjoys today.

Roger Woolsey is an alumnus of both the University of Arkansas and Harvard Business School.



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Eric Yarbro demonstrates his expertise in deal-making for both tenants and large corporations leveraging his exceptional proficiency and his informed implementation of diversity strategies.

Eric is valued by his clients for his integrity and ability to successfully plan, execute, and manage across a wide range of real estate-related requirements.

Mr. Yarbro has represented firms large and small, from well-known corporations with multi-market portfolios, such as Prudential, Western Union, and General Motors, to up-and-coming firms that often require market education and recommendations to help them systemize their processes.

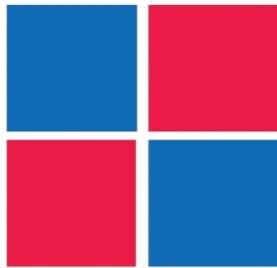
Because of his wide range of skills, Eric is often called in to “connect the dots” – tapping talent for diversity procurement, using the negotiating skills he’s honed over the course of his years in the industry, with the objective of assisting developers and owners secure funding and diverse vendors for unique community-oriented projects.

For clients that have a focus on diversity and inclusion, Eric puts in place implementation strategies to help identify the best MBE/WBE candidates to fulfill their requirements.

Two clients recently utilizing this service include Prudential Financial for a national program and Siebert Cisneros Shank & Co. on a local level where 98% minority procurement was achieved on the project.

Eric is the founder and CEO of *Madison Square Realty*, a certified minority commercial real estate firm focused on all aspects of the commercial real estate business as well as *Diversity Marketplace*, a web-based procurement portal that matches opportunities with Minority, Women, and Veteran firms.

Eric is a board member of the Real Estate Associate Program (REAP), an organization dedicated to promoting opportunities for minorities and women in the real estate industry. A champion of social change and a proponent of diversifying the commercial real estate industry, Eric regularly speaks to students and industry executives about the importance of diversified talent as a driver of solutions.



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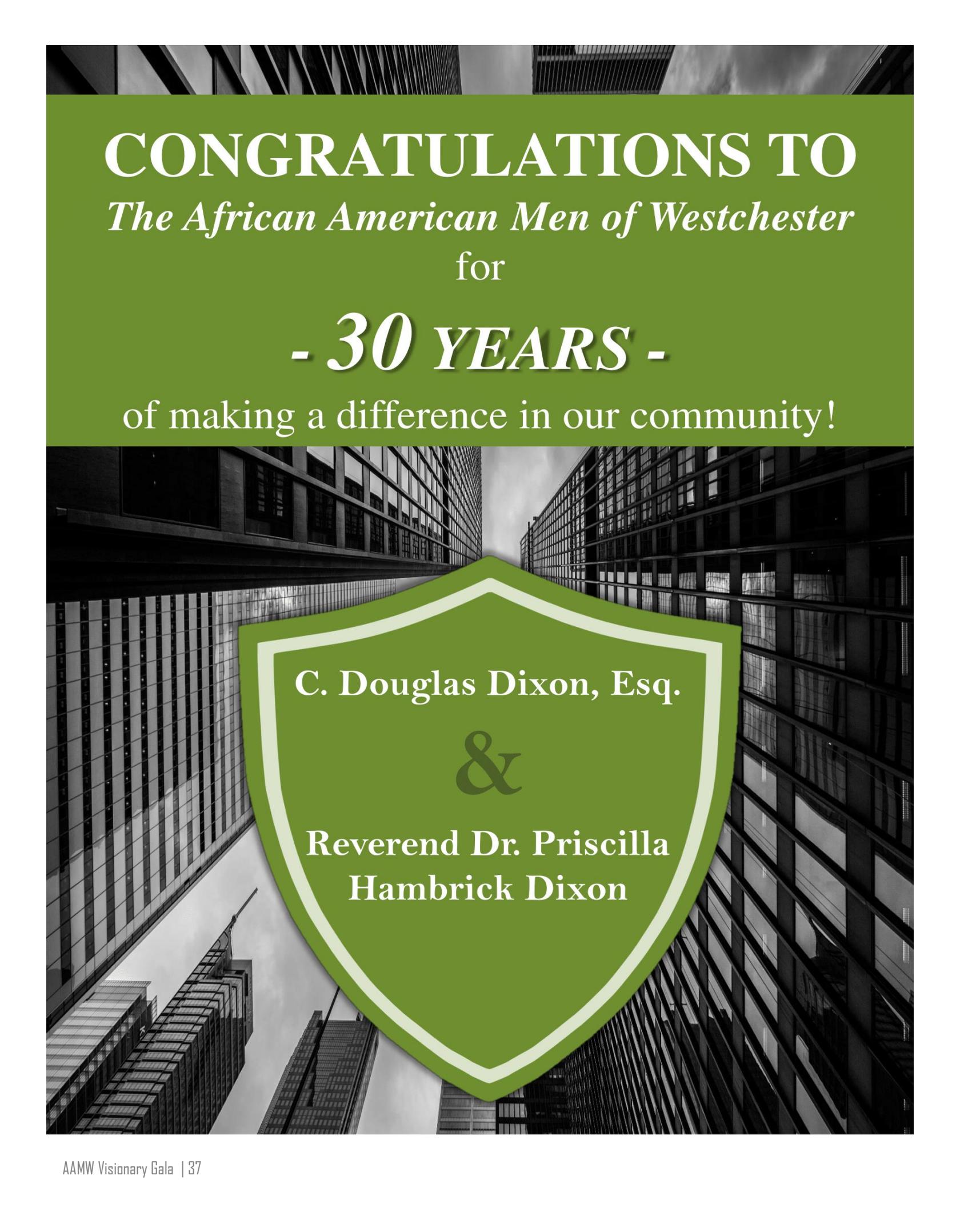
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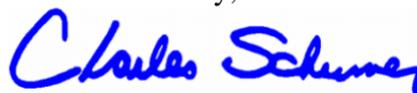
I am honored to offer my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations as you gather for the African American Men of Westchester's *30th Annual Visionary Awards Gala*. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the exemplary work of the African American Men of Westchester, its board of directors, staff, and members on this wonderful occasion.

For thirty years, AAMW has served as an institution that enriches the lives of young people and fosters economic development to improve the lives of all county residents. Through their outreach, AAMW has provided the Westchester community with opportunities to succeed. The AAMW supports various activities including environmental workshops, educational forums, domestic violence programs, health forums, business skills workshops, and youth and women's athletic events. I am honored to have the opportunity to commend the staff and members of the AAMW who have demonstrated a tireless commitment to building community. Their deeds and benevolence are an inspiration to all New Yorkers.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate tonight's honorees: **Aleida Frederico**, Vice President, TD Bank, N.A.; **Vikki Pryor**, Managing Principal and Founder, Change Create Transform, LLC; **Roger Woolsey**, Chief Executive Officer, Million Air, Interlink; and **Eric Yarbrow**, Executive Managing Director, Colliers International Group Inc. I am honored to join everyone gathered here tonight in acknowledgment of this year's honorees for their contributions and dedication to the AAMW and all New Yorkers.

Again, thank you for your hard work and dedication. I know the African American Men of Westchester will continue these noble efforts for years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful event.

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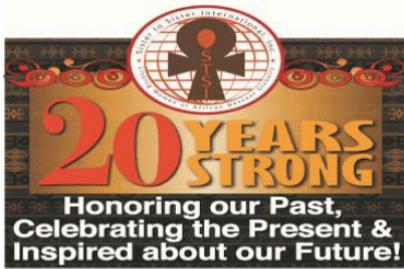
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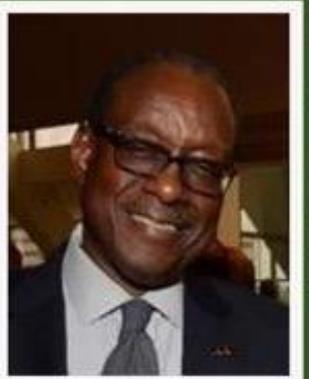
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