

Welcome

Thank you for joining us tonight! On behalf of our Board of Directors and South Carolina Representative, I am saddened and oh so pleased to write this last letter of welcome as we commemorate our “10 Anniversary Evening of Jazz and Scholarship Dinner Benefit.” This benefit dinner is an opportunity to honor and recognize those who helped establish this organization in 2008. It is a chance to publicly acknowledge those who currently deliver on our service in support of our young African American male students. It is a time to thank all of you who help us impact the lives of those who look like my Ryan. It is also a time to make a shift and step forward into the rest of my life. As we make the shift during this 10th anniversary year, this will be our last evening to bring before you young future leaders who endeavor to attain their college degrees in education, engineering, business, public health, science and more.

Attaining ten years of age is a noteworthy landmark in the growth of a program dedicated to the success of our young future leaders. What a gift these years have been. We celebrate with a mixture of pride, humility and ever-greater hopes for our African American males as they continue in their growth to improve and influence society. I feel deeply honored to be one of the people that has contributed to their growth.

Growing this ROMance organization family has been a team effort. So many good people have worked hard, volunteered, donated, spread the word; so many heartwarming acts of kindness and generosity over the last ten years underlie all that we have accomplished and bode well for the lives we’ve touched. We recognize that we could not have delivered on our mission without your support. Thank you to all who have been and hopefully will continue to be the wind beneath our scholars wings as they strive to reach their highest potential.

Thank you 1,000 times for taking part in Ryan’s legacy -- making a positive difference for others -- and for helping us mark this special occasion with your presence. As the night unfolds, we hope you will make new acquaintances, celebrate our scholars and give special congratulations to our Merit Award Honorees for doing what they do to make a difference for someone else. Please enjoy the evening!

Sincerely,



Founder and President

Program

**Welcome Remarks, Evening Highlights
and Introduction of Master of Ceremony**
Patricia A. Daniels, Founder and President

Dinner Blessing
Reverend Leonard Daniels, Pastor
Gray's Chapel A.M.E. Church, Atlanta, GA

Dinner is Served – Buffet

Recent Graduate Remarks
Nathan Hastings-Spaine

Presentation of Awards
Cayman Kelly
Master of Ceremony

Scholarship Awards

Merit Awards

Appeal
Patricia A. Daniels

“Unlocking” the Treasure Chest
Cayman Kelly
Michele Johnson

Final Reflections
Patricia A. Daniels

Closing Remarks

Music and Dancing

Thank You for 10 Years of Friendship and Support

Menu

Appetizer - Cheese Display

Cream of Broccoli Soup

Salad Bar

Fried Chicken

Herb Salmon

London Broil

Vegetable Lasagna

Roasted Red Potatoes

Vegetables Medley

Assorted Dinner Rolls and Butter

Coffee, Tea, Brewed Decaf

Jasper Tea

Dessert (10th Anniversary Cake)



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The ROMance Foundation is proud to have the support of many caring individuals, organizations and businesses that enable us to fulfill our mission. We are especially grateful to all our sponsors, partners, supporters, and attendees for their generosity in supporting our 10th Annual Evening of Jazz and Scholarship Dinner Benefit. In addition to our sponsors mentioned throughout the Program Book, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to:

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*A Special Thanks to All of You for Sharing Your Time
with Us This Evening!*

Master of Ceremony

CAYMAN KELLY

(with the ROMance Foundation 3 years in a row)



People have always complimented Cayman on his voice, which would develop over time to become one of his biggest assets. His broadcast path led him to satellite radio's channel, "BET Uptown." Through this opportunity he established a relationship with the Creative Service Department at BET. That relationship ironically birthed his voice-over career and would later lead him to become the voice of BET and BET J for about 7 years. He has since been signed to Don Buchwald Agency in NY and is now the voice of several radio stations across the country, including Power 105.1 in NY. Cayman was also the voice of TV Land's highest rated show, "Hot in Cleveland," and is currently the station voice for Bounce TV, as well as the promo voice of TV One. Cayman is one who never wanted to wait for someone to give him anything. He's always believed that "no one is going to see your vision like you do." Which is why, Cayman tries to connect with as many people as he possibly can, that may be able to nurture and cultivate his dreams. This attitude has led him to many opportunities. He has been featured in magazines such as Ebony and "Sister to Sister," he has modeled in calendars such as the "Alaye" and more. He's even appeared on a few television shows, such as Ricki Lake and Live from LA on BET. Cayman Kelly currently has a national radio show on Sirius XM's Heart & Soul and has interviewed Academy Award winners, Jamie Foxx, Mo'Nique, Jennifer Hudson, as well as iconic entertainers such as Janet Jackson, Babyface, Mary J. Blige and more. Cayman is always complimented on his style of interview as being like a "regular conversation." Cayman's desire is to add more television and film to his resume. He believes that his path will cross with the right individual that will present this opportunity. After all, he lives by a quote, "A thought is a thought until placed into action... got to go at it to gain satisfaction!"

Musicians

ABSTRACT TRUTH

(with the ROMance Foundation 9 years in a row)



Abstract Truth lives on the edge of classification, weaving jazz, soul, R&B, African & Latin rhythms, rock, gospel, blues and funk. This musical foundation is the subtle masterful interplay of (Bassist and founding member) G. Lawrence Francis, (Drummer/Vocalist) Sultan Akbar, (Keyboard Player) Harvey Perry, (Vocalist) El Ahmad Barack, and (Vocalist) Tasha Underwood. Abstract Truth manages to create a sound that is at once fresh and familiar, honoring the masters who came before them, while creating a sound all their own.” The Band has performed with or recorded for international artist such as Kem, War, George Clinton, Melisa Morgan, Roy Ayers, The Ohio Players, The Temptations, Billy Paul, The Stylistics and Al Green just to name a few. Their latest CD pays tribute to the incredible music of Rick James and Teena Marie. The CD entitled “Fire and Desire” a tribute to The Songbook of Rick James and Teena Marie Volume I is available at all music outlets.



Scholars Past and Present

(photos prior to 2008 unavailable)



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Meet the 2018-2019 Scholars

Carlton G. Baker: Awarded a renewed scholarship of \$2,000.00. Carlton is a 2017 graduate of Oxon Hill High School, Oxon Hill, MD. Carlton is entering his 2nd year at Old Dominion University and has earned one of the highest roles of student leadership, the Resident Assistant position. Carlton is in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.00. Carlton is a Public Health major.

Jesse Coleridge-Taylor: Awarded a new scholarship of \$2,000.00. Jesse graduated from Laurel High School, Laurel, MD this year with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Jesse is a member of the Laurel HS football team; is a community center counselor; and works part-time as a cashier with Food Lion. Jesse will attend Towson University with an intended major of Biology for a career in Physical Therapy.

Thomas J. Ford: Awarded a renewed scholarship of \$2,000.00. Thomas is a 2016 graduate of Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology, Darlington, SC. Thomas is entering his 3rd year at North Carolina A & T State University and is in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.20. Thomas is interning for the summer at Dell-EMC in Apex, NC to gain hands on experience; is heavily involved in a program called The Village Mentoring, Inc. for high schools in the Greensboro area; is a team member of the NC A&T Quiz Bowl Team; and is secretary of the SC Aggies. Thomas is a Computer Engineering major.

Michael J. Garrett: Awarded a renewed scholarship of \$2,000.00. Michael is a 2015 graduate of Gwynn Park High School, Brandywine, MD. Michael is entering his 4th year at the University of Maryland College Park and is in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.21. Michael is the treasurer of the Student Success Leadership Council; is a tutor and mentor for America Reads-America Counts; is a referee for intramural sports; and, is a member of Quantitative Finance Fellows. Michael is a Finance and Information Systems major.

Christopher A. Graham: Awarded a renewed scholarship of \$2,000.00. Christopher is a 2015 graduate of Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology, Darlington, SC. Christopher is entering his 4th year at North Carolina A&T State University and is in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.94. Christopher is a member of the Blue and Gold Marching machine, Kappa Kappa Psi National Band, and the National Society of Black Engineers. Christopher's major is Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Nicholas Nowlin: Awarded a new scholarship of \$2,000.00. Nicholas graduated from Laurel High School, Laurel, MD this year with a cumulative GPA of 2.76. Nicholas is a member of the CISCO Networking Academy and is a mentor with the MNCPPC recreational centers. Nicholas is a volunteer at Street Sense, a Washington, DC newspaper organization that distributes newspapers to the homeless community. Nicholas' athletic ability enables him to play on both the basketball and football teams. Nicholas will attend Bowie State University with an intended major of Information Technology.

Kendrell J. Parker: Awarded a new scholarship of \$2,000.00. Kendrell graduated from Darlington High School, Darlington, SC this year with a cumulative GPA of 4.85. Kendrell is a member of the National Beta Club and enrolled in the Early College Honors Program; is co-captain of the Phoenix Phame Show Choir at Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology; and is president of Falcon Young Men, a program that teaches young males how to grow and become successful men. Kendrell will attend the University of South Carolina majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Treshawn E. Parker: Awarded a renewed scholarship of \$2,000.00. Treshawn is a 2015 graduate of Laurel High School, Laurel, MD. Treshawn is entering his 4th year at Delaware State University and is in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.24. Treshawn is a dancer with Hidden Vanity Dance; has served as Vice President and choreographer with 1 Entity Modeling Troupe and is a current member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Treshawn is an Accounting major.

Anthony T. Thornton: Awarded a renewed scholarship of \$2,000.00. Anthony is a 2016 graduate of Suitland High School, Forestville, MD. Anthony is entering his 3rd year at George Mason University and is in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.90. Anthony is a member of the Leadership & Sustainability Program, National Society of Black Engineers, and the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minorities. Anthony is also the founder of Hoodies for Teens. Anthony is also a volunteer in his spare time at the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center. Anthony's was diagnosed at a young age with Neuroblastoma, a form of cancer, and not surprisingly his major is Medical Laboratory Science.

Narcisse A. Toney: Awarded a renewed scholarship of \$2,000.00. Narcisse is a 2017 graduate of Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology in Darlington, SC. Narcisse is entering his 2nd year at Johnson C. Smith University with a cumulative GPA of 3.25. Narcisse is a founding member of Students for Education Reform, a student lead organization on his campus focused on social, political and economic issues on and off campus. He is also a member of his college concert choir. Narcisse is a Psychology major with a concentration in Clinical Psychologist.

Merit Award Honorees

The ROMance Merit Award is an annual award typically given to no more than three individuals who have provided exceptional devotion to the memory of Ryan; outstanding service to the Foundation; continuous support for the work of the Foundation; and/or, through their body of work, reflect mission and value alignment with the work of the ROMance Foundation. This year, for the 10th anniversary, four civic-minded individuals are being recognized. Honorees are listed in alphabetical order:



Jamel R. (Mel) Franklin
Council Member, District 9
Prince George's County, Maryland

The ROMance Merit Award is presented to Council Member Mel Franklin for unknowingly furthering the cause of the organization by providing professional counsel to the organization's leader one evening at a Prince George's Chamber of Commerce networking social. That advice led to one of the County's businesses (CarMax in Brandywine) volunteering their staff for two of the organization's fundraisers and making a sizable financial contribution to the Foundation. In addition, District 9 has invested in the education of our youth by providing financial support to the Foundation for the past several years.



Keith Hughey
Hughey's Energy Efficiency

The ROMance Merit Award is presented to Mr. Keith Hughey for his past service as a Board and committee member; for enabling the organization to accommodate the computing needs of its volunteers by purchasing and donating a new mobile laptop to the Foundation; for connecting, communicating and advocating for the Foundation with prospective Board candidates; and, for contributing to the economy of the Foundation through his fundraising efforts and personal charitable contributions for the past three years.



Cayman Kelly
Radio Personality of Sirius XM's Heart and Soul

The ROMance Merit Award is presented to Mr. Cayman Kelly for his support in progressing the mission of the Foundation by giving of his time and talents in serving as the emcee for the organization's annual evening of jazz and scholarship dinner benefit for the past three years. And, for travelling to Darlington/Florence, SC to further give of his wit, charm and compassion by serving as the emcee for the Foundation's annual tea scholarship fundraiser.



Stacye Stewart, President
Stewart Funeral Home, Inc.

The ROMance Merit Award is presented to Ms. Stacye Stewart for her public understanding of and appreciation for nurturing youth, promoting educational opportunities through scholarships and advancing success. She is a critical partner in serving the community and helping neighborhood families. The Foundation has directly benefited from her friendship and generous support for the past several years. She exemplifies the mantra "we rise together."

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what you are not willing to do yourself"*

Eleanor Roosevelt



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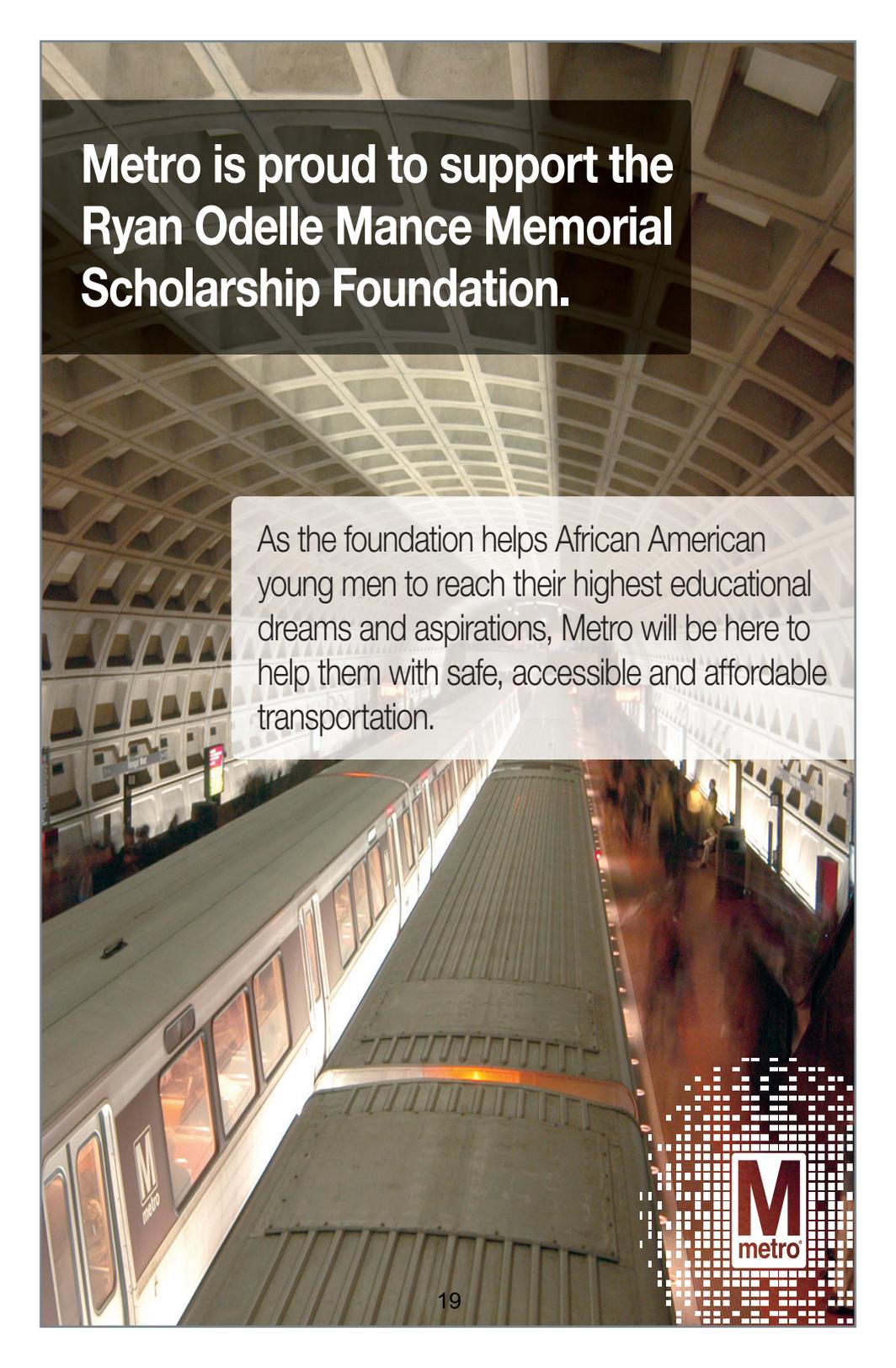
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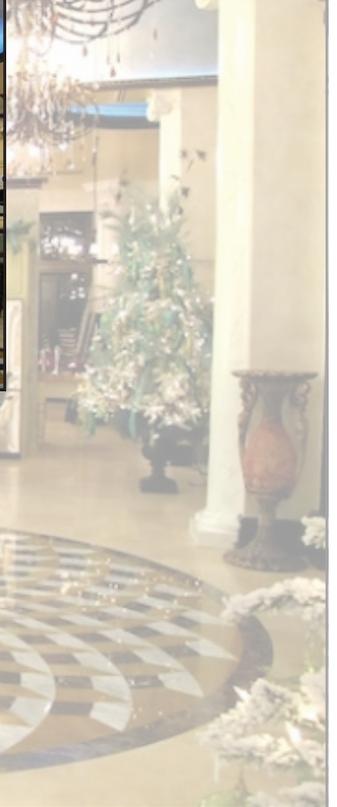
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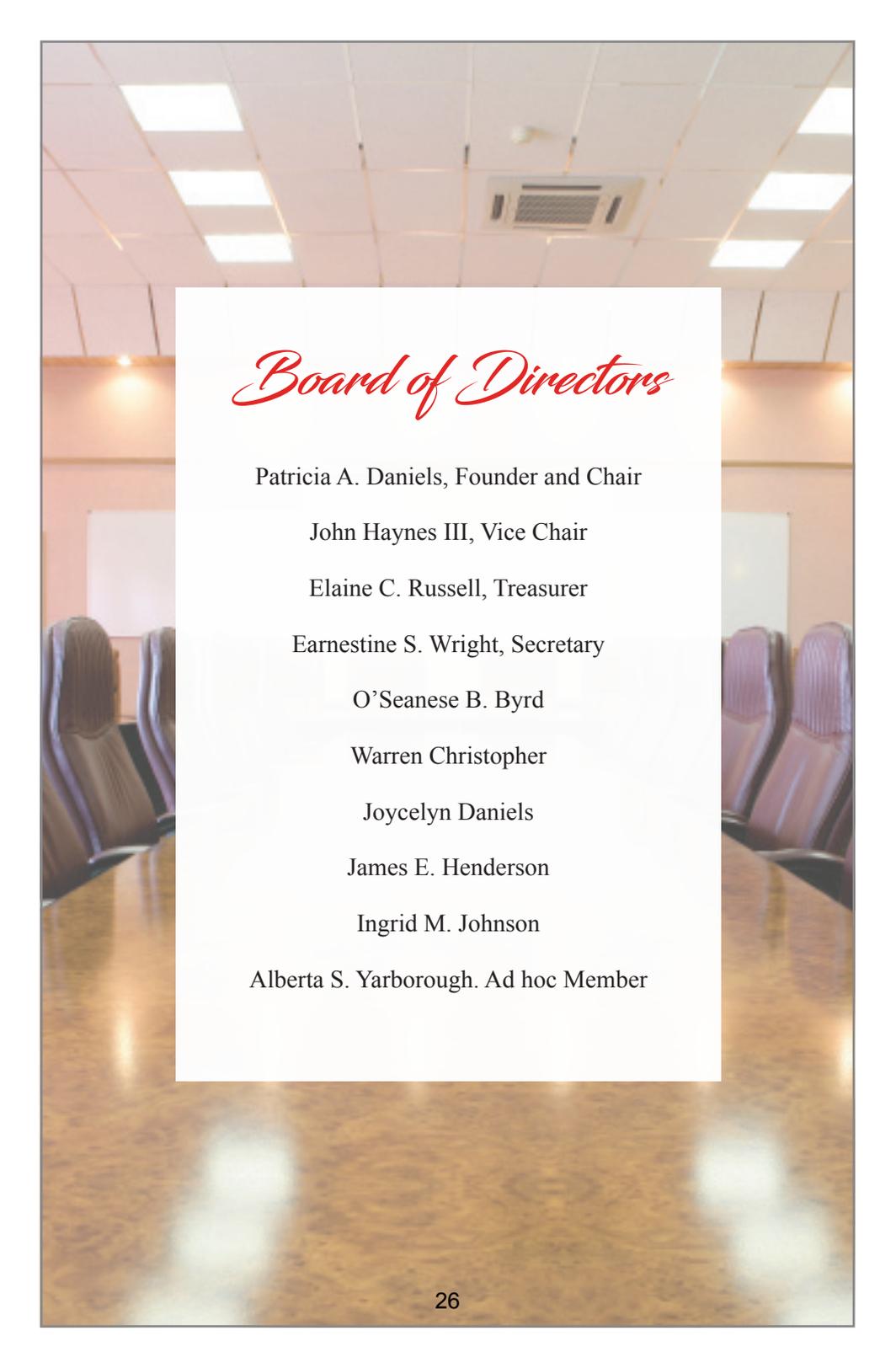
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