

WISN 12: Hosts Black Excellence Awards honoring local readers

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MILWAUKEE, WIS. (February 8, 2018) – WISN 12 is once again hosting and sponsoring the Black Excellence Awards to recognize ground-breaking African Americans from across the area who are serving communities, inspiring peers and transforming lives. The 33rd Annual Event, themed ‘Mastering the Tools of Excellence,’ is being held on Friday February 23, 2018 at the Italian Conference Center. The gala is presented by The Milwaukee Times, WISN 12 and additional sponsors, with WISN 12 News anchors Sheldon Dutes and Andy Choi serving as emcees for the ceremony.

“Each year the Black Excellence Awards honor many of Milwaukee’s most respected leaders who enact positive change in our city,” says Jan Wade, president and general manager of WISN 12. “This collection of honorees and award recipients inspire all of us who attend.”

This year’s special honoree category is ‘Women in Media,’ highlighting the contributions of broadcasters and journalists both on-air and online. Among the recipients of this acknowledgement are WISN 12 News anchors Toya Washington and Melinda Davenport. In addition to this special honoree distinction there are more than a dozen other categories being featured, including areas like community service, sports, music, volunteerism, religion, education and more. The event will also welcome local high school students who are receiving the prestigious Louvenia Johnson Scholarship, recognizing accomplishments involving education, extracurricular activities, and community-building.

The keynote address will be delivered by Rosalind L. Hudnell, President of the Intel Foundation and Vice President of Human Resources for the Intel Corporation. Along with the keynote speaker, recipients and honorees, the gala will feature

appearances by local leaders and performers such as Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele, local singer and pianist Byron Jones, and local jazz ensemble 'Christopher's Project.'

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