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NOTABLE BLACK LEADERS

For a year destined to go down in infamy, 2020 was not without glimmers of goodness.

As matters of race took center stage during the summer, we witnessed a remarkable outpouring of support for the Black community, even as the nation looked inward and found itself wanting. In a movement that not even a pandemic could overshadow, Americans flooded streets from coast to coast and, in the tradition of the civil rights greats before them, demanded justice.

But America's Black community is about so much more than the centuries-long accretion of systemic inequities. It is a community characterized by mettle and dignity, by fraternity and daring and resilience. It is a community of individuals and organizations whose achievements are all the more meaningful for the impediments that many, if not most, still must face.

It is with this in mind that we selected these 94 honorees for our 2021 list of Notable Black Leaders and Executives. Our aim was to spotlight Black men and women who have affected our city with their professional, communal and philanthropic achievements, particularly in matters of diversity and inclusion. Hailing from an assortment of industries, the talented individuals that made the cut do our city proud.

We are delighted to present them to you.

To find these honorees, we consulted with trusted sources in the Black community and in the New York City business world generally. We vetted nominations submitted by individuals and companies in the area. Ultimately, all of our honorees were chosen for their career accomplishments as well as their broader community involvement.

Read on to discover how the individuals that grace this list help make our city stand up and stand out each day.

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Year list 2021

Kyle Abraham
Artistic Director
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<u>Eli Aheto</u>
Partner
Virgo Investment Group

Jasmin Allen
Senior Vice President, Hennessy
Moët Hennessy

Margaret Anadu
Head of Urban Investment Group
Goldman Sachs

<u>Osayamen Asemota-Bartholomew</u>
Executive Director/Chief Program Officer
Project Real Estate Associate Program

Nadine Augusta
Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer
Cushman & Wakefield

<u>Delia Awusi</u>
Director
Women's Business Center

Donnel Baird
CEO
BlocPower

David C. Banks
President and CEO
The Eagle Academy Foundation

<u>Dr. Melynda Barnes, MD</u>

Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs & Research

Ro

G. Lamont Blackstone
Chairman
Project Real Estate Associate Program

Courtney J. Boddie
Vice President, Education & School Engagement
New 42

Lazetta Braxton
Co-CEO of 2050 Wealth Partners and CEO
Lazetta & Associates

Kevin Brown
Principal
EY

Dr. Carol Brown
Senior Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Yvette Buckner
Managing Director
Tusk Strategies

Stephanie Burns
Vice President
Turner Construction Company

Gerrard Bushell
Executive Chair
The New Terminal One at JFK

<u>Terrence Clark</u>
President and CEO
NYNJ Minority Supplier Development Council

Andrew Cooke
Vice President
Hines

Kerel Cooper
Chief Marketing Officer
LiveIntent

David Crichlow
Partner
Katten Muchin Rosenman

Kevin Davis
Senior Managing Director
JLL

Jeremiah "Jerry" DeBerry
Partner and Director of Diversity & Inclusion
Mayer Brown

Cheryl L. Duncan
President and CEO
Cheryl Duncan & Company

Vincent Dunn
Co-Partner-in-Charge
Norton Rose Fulbright

Richard Eaddy
Senior Managing Director
Savills

<u>Kisha Edwards-Gandsy</u>
Co-Founder
World Explorers Group

Ugo A. Ezenkwele
Chief of Emergency Medicine
Mount Sinai Heath System Queens' Emergency Department

The Rev. Barbara Felker

Vice President of Strategic Community Partnerships and of Diversity and Inclusion

Northwell Health

Nathaniel M. Fields
CEO
Urban Resource Institute (URI)

Leslie Fields-Cruz
Executive Director
Black Public Media

<u>William S. Floyd</u>
Director, U.S. State and Local Government Affairs and Public Policy
Google

Vivian Fox
President
1199SEIU Child Care Corporation

Kassandra Frederique
Executive Director
Drug Policy Alliance

Michael J. Garner
Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Darrell Gay
Partner
Arent Fox

Dwight Geddes
Principal
Metro Claims & Risk Mgmt

Icema Gibbs

Director Corporate Social Responsibility & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

JetBlue Airways

Vanessa L. Gibson
Council Member
New York City Council

<u>William Goodloe</u>
President & CEO
Sponsors for Educational Opportunity

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Principal and Vice President
Langan

Aisha Greene
Director of Attorney Development and Training
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City

Michele Hall-Duncan
President and CEO
enCourage Kids Foundation

Dale A. Hanley
Head of Investments Risk Management
New York Life

Carla Harris
Vice Chairman
Morgan Stanley

Janice Haughton
Community Affairs Director
Turner Construction Company

Jeff Hébert
President
HR&A Advisors

Wendy Hilliard
Founder & CEO
Wendy Hilliard Gymnastics Foundation

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Hobson-Williams, P.C.

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Partner
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft

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President and COO
Apex Building Company

<u>Sharlee Jeter</u>
President
Turn 2 Foundation

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Acacia Network

Tammy Jones
Co-Founder, CEO
Basis Investment Group

<u>Melique Jones</u>
Director of Talent Pipeline, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Natalie Kernisant
Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer
Morrison & Foerster

Hope Knight
President & CEO
Greater Jamaica Development Corp.

<u>Miquan Lammy</u>
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Bank of America

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The Eagle Academy Foundation

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BRP Companies

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MBE Capital Partners

Cheryl McKissack Daniel
President & CEO
McKissack & McKissack

Patrick Michel
Partner
Sidley Austin

Melva Miller
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Association for a Better New York

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WMCHealth Network

Ken Morrison
Principal
Lemor Development Group

Keyanna Murrill
Co-Founder
World Explorers Group

Adewale Ogunleye
Head of Sports and Entertainment
UBS

Philip Ozuah
President & CEO
Montefiore Medicine

Dennis Parker
Executive Director
National Center for Law and Economic Justice

R. Donahue Peebles Jr.
Chairman and CEO
The Peebles Corporation

Asahi Pompey

Global Head of Corporate Engagement and President of the Goldman Sachs Foundation

Goldman Sachs

Rodney Pope
Senior Vice President of Employee Relations
Turner Construction Company

Jocelynne Rainey
President and CEO
Getting Out and Staying Out

Arva Rice
President and CEO
New York Urban League

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The Switzer Group

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Siebert Williams Shank & Co.

Jarrid Tingle
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Local Initiatives Support Corporation New York City

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Executive Director
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