

Press Release
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COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AWARDED FOR EXEMPLARY ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Event: The BOC Awards 2018 – Celebrating Entrepreneurship

Location: Battery Gardens Restaurant located inside Battery Park – directly across 17 State Street New York, NY 10004

Day & Time: Friday, November 16, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

New York, NY – November 20, 2018 -- The Business Outreach Center (BOC) Network is pleased to announce that it hosted the 2018 BOC Awards Friday, November 16th to celebrate the successes of local small businesses from NYC's diverse communities. Every day, BOC enables motivated entrepreneurs to improve their economic prospects, helping them gain needed financing, expert guidance and connections to build their businesses, create jobs, and make significant contributions to our local economy and society.

The attendees of the BOC Awards include small business owners, entrepreneurs, representatives of government, business, and nonprofit entities – all coming together to recognize the accomplishments of our extraordinary clients who were selected by the members of our collaborative partnership network: BOC Brooklyn, BOC Queens, CMP (formerly Chinatown Manpower Project), Washington Heights and Inwood Development Corporation, and Staten Island BOC (West Brighton Community LDC).

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Errol Louis, NY1 was our outstanding Master of Ceremonies. Presenting the awards were City Councilmembers Margaret Chin and Donovan Richards, SBS Commissioner Gregg Bishop, Dean Donald Gibson of O'Malley School of Business, Manhattan College, Bomi Kim of NYC EDC, Christine Curella from the NYC Mayor's Office, Nicole Roco of Citi Community Development and Dennis Reeder of Washington Heights Inwood Development Corporation. Dennis Reeder also received a special honor for his years of service to the Washington Heights and Inwood community and as a partner to BOC Network. The 13 businesses receiving BOC Awards exemplify the passion for excellence, commitment to community, and motivation to overcome obstacles that all small business owners require to succeed. They include:

- 1) **Award for Sustainable Business Advancement** presented to Bronx entrepreneur:
Rebecca Scott of *Sustainable Snacks*
- 2) **Award for Excellence in Creative Entrepreneurship** presented to Chinatown entrepreneur: Maggie Law of *Yoga Art Oasis*
- 3) **Awards for Industrial Business Advancement** presented to Queens entrepreneurs:
Tania Flores and Patricia Flores of *Publimax Printing* and
Milton Mendez and Peter Mendez of *Mendez Printing*
- 4) **Award for Women's Business Advancement** presented to Staten Island entrepreneur:
Teresa Rampulla of *SHEMEDIA*
- 5) **Awards for Construction Business Advancement** presented to Brooklyn entrepreneurs:
Yasmeen Latif of *SH5 Construction*, and to
Joycelyn Taylor and Larry Alexander of *TaylorMade Contracting LLC*
- 6) **Awards for Business Excellence** presented to Queens and Brooklyn entrepreneurs:
Samantha Bailey-Champagnie and Karen Dawkins of *Champagnie Dawkins CPAs PLLC*,
and to Fabiola Santos-Gaerlan of *Honeydew Drop Child Care Services*
- 7) **Award for Entrepreneurship and Community Impact** presented to Brooklyn entrepreneur: Laci Chisholm of *Fit4Dance*
- 8) **Awards for Child Care Business Development** presented to Bronx and Queens entrepreneurs: Mildred Minier Diaz of *Mildred Minier Diaz Group Family Daycare*,
Yohanka Hersilia of *Yoki's Daycare*, and to Diana Botero of *My First Steps Childcare*

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