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ARKANSAS DEMOCRATIC BLACK CAUCUS ANNOUNCES 2022 KING KENNEDY AWARDS HONOREES

LITTLE ROCK – In celebration of Black History Month, the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus will honor nine Arkansans who have positively impacted the state at the 18th Annual King Kennedy Awards on **Saturday, February 19, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Venue at Windsong, 7318 Windsong Drive in North Little Rock.

This year's honorees include:

Irma Hunter Brown Women's Leadership Award

Dametrice FranSha Anderson, Little Rock, AR

Executive Director /CEO, Arkansas independent Living Council

Thomas E. Patterson Education Award

Dr. Janice Warren, Little Rock, AR

Assistant Superintendent for Equity and Pupil Service, Pulaski County Special School District

Annie Abrams Community Service Award

Mr. LaGanzie Kale, Jonesboro, AR

Founder and General Manager, KLEK 102.5 F.M.

Jerry Jewel Government Leadership Award

Councilmember Joni Alexander, Pine Bluff, AR

Councilmember, City of Pine Bluff

Calvin King Economic Development Award

Mr. Darrell Anthony, Marion, AR

CEO/Principal Broker, DC, DCA Realty, LLC

President's Award

Mr. Kwami Abdul-Bey, Little Rock, AR

Co-Director--Washitaw Foothills Youth Media Arts & Literacy Collective
Co-Convener--Arkansas Peace & Justice Memorial

Ms. Keidra Phillips-Burrell, Pine Bluff, AR
Founder and Executive Director, Fight Forward Arkansas

Dr. Michelle R. Smith, North Little Rock, AR
Director, Office of Health Equity & HIV Elimination

Lifetime Achievement Award

Colonel (Ret) Erica Ingram
Colonel, Arkansas Army National Guard

The King Kennedy Awards was established in 2005 to honor and recognize outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities and our great state.

A portion of the proceeds will go to provide two scholarships to deserving students at the four Arkansas HBCUs - including Arkansas Baptist College, Philander Smith College, Shorter College, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

For more information on sponsorships, please contact the King Kennedy Chair Ethan Dunbar at kingkennedy@ARKdemocraticblackcaucus.org.

About the Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus

The Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus (ADBC) was established in 1982 as an extension of the Democratic Party of Arkansas. It provides a vehicle within the Democratic Party of Arkansas to address the concerns of African-Americans. The objective of this organization is to achieve proportionate representation of African-American Democratic public officials, elected or appointed in Arkansas; foster election of and monitor the performance of all elected officials; and disseminate information to the African-American community through effective communication. Debrah Mitchell of North Little Rock serves as president.

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