Dear Friends,

We are so excited to join all of you to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Urban Alliance! We are deeply grateful for every student who has trusted us, every mentor who has committed time to a young person, every executive who has committed to pay for an internship, every staff member who has dedicated themselves to serving the young people, every teacher, counsellor, principal and administrator who has helped us along the way, every board member who has provided strategic direction and support, and every funder who shares our vision and has contributed resources!

We are honored to share this celebration with all of you, particularly with President Barack Obama and Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III, and to welcome students and alumni from our Greater DC, Baltimore, Chicago and Detroit regions.

For more than 25 years, we have worked to ensure that every young person who comes through our doors embarks on a path to achieve their full potential. Our flagship 12th grade High School Internship Program has connected over 6,000 young people to paid internships, mentors, and professional development. Thousands more high school students have participated in workforce training through our 10th and 11th grade programs. Every step of the way has required collaboration and support from all of our stakeholders and we are beyond proud of what has been accomplished together.

It has been a joy for us to be engaged in this work since 1996 and we look forward to many more wonderful years ahead for the Urban Alliance community, setting an example of how to achieve an equitable workforce in which all young people can thrive! We are just getting started!

With deep gratitude,
Andrew and Mary
25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

6:30 PM
OPENING RECEPTION
Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Oprah Winfrey Theater

7:00 PM
WELCOME

ELIZABETH LINDSEY
Chief Executive Officer, Urban Alliance

25TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO PRESENTATION

KEVIN YOUNG
Andrew W. Mellon Director
Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

LONNIE G. BUNCH III
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Photo courtesy of Robert Stewart, Smithsonian Institution

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

BARACK OBAMA
44th President of the United States

IMANI P. MUSE
Sophomore, University of Alabama
Urban Alliance Obama Youth Jobs Corps, Class of 2020
High School Internship Program, Class of 2021

AUSTIN R. WASHINGTON
Senior, Kenwood Academy High School, Chicago
Urban Alliance Obama Youth Jobs Corps, Class of 2022
High School Internship Program, Class of 2023
FEATURED:
THE CHUCK BROWN BAND

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

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CLOSING

EMCEE
STELLA AFOLABI
Urban Alliance Internship Program Coordinator, Martha’s Table Juniors Program

EMCEE
RAMIRO FORTY
Urban Alliance Internship Program Lead, Property Management Pathway

EASTERN VOCAL ENSEMBLE
Tedrick Bonds, Choir Director, Director of Vocal Music, Eastern Senior High School, Washington, DC

CHAS ACKLEY
Executive Director, Baltimore

MARGRIT ALLEN
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8:15 PM

DINNER AND DANCING

Featuring:
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