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#### OCTOBER 13, 2022

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



MARY MENELL ZIENTS Urban Alliance Board Chair



ANDREW PLEPLER Founder and Vice Chair



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



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

## **REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**



CHAS ACKLEY Executive Director, Baltimore



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Program Director,
Greater DC

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## **CLOSING**

ELIZABETH LINDSEY, STELLA AFOLABI, RAMIRO FORTY

8:15 PM

## DINNER AND DANCING



Featuring: THE CHUCK BROWN BAND

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