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### 100 BLACK MEN OF SILICON VALLEY INC. VIES TO RAISE \$250K DURING AFFAIR BENEFITING YOUTH PROGRAMS AND YOUNG SCHOLARS

#### *16th Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala – Oct. 9, 2010*

*A community contributor for more than 17 years, 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley Inc. (“100 BMSV”) strives to raise \$250,000 to benefit its ongoing youth programs and academic scholarship grants. Congressman Mike Honda, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reid, Silicon Valley Foundation President and CEO Emmitt D. Carson, Ph.D., and former Granite Construction Inc. president and CEO William G. Dorey are among the dignitaries and other notable guests who will be on hand for the gala fundraiser.*

**SAN JOSE, CA** – 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley Inc. announced today the organization will host its 16th annual Scholarship and Awards Gala. During the black tie affair 100 BMSV will recognize a corporate citizen and an educator for their respective contributions, and present 20 San Jose-area graduating seniors with scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. To date 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley Inc. has awarded over 450 individual scholarships totaling more than \$600,000.

**WHO:** 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley Inc.  
**WHAT:** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala  
**WHEN:** Sat., October 9, 2010: 5:00 pm-Reception/Silent Auction  
7:00-Dinner & Awards Program • Music & dancing to follow  
**WHERE:** The Fairmont San Jose Imperial Ballroom  
**KEYNOTE:** Albert Dotson, National Chairman, 100 Black Men of America Inc.  
**TICKETS:** \$150 pp • Purchase online: [www.100bmsv.org/Gala\\_Tickets\\_16.htm](http://www.100bmsv.org/Gala_Tickets_16.htm)  
**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Call 1-800-346-5550; Request Special "100" Gala Room Rate  
**AWARDEES:** “Corporation of the Year:” Granite Construction Inc. of Watsonville, CA  
“Educator of the Year:” Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond  
Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education, Stanford University

#### **SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS (Class of 2011):**

**Abraham Lincoln High School:** Isabelle Johnson

**Ann Sobrato High School:** Udoka Okafor

**Archbishop Mitty HS:** Rachele Avila, Ashley Eggleston, Brianni Lyons, Don Stevenson

**Bellarmino College Preparatory:** Cooper Burton, Austin Connelly

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**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** cont.

**Evergreen Valley High School:** Megan Gage  
**Mount Pleasant High School:** Artondra Gray  
**Oak Grove High School:** Ihan Ahmed, Sabrina Robleh  
**Dr. T.J. Owens Early College Academy:** Taylor Hadnot  
**Piedmont Hills High School:** Shaunita Hampton  
**Sequoia High School:** Jackson Campbell  
**Silver Creek High School:** Samya Abdela  
**Saint Francis High School:** Taylor Baloney, Evan Johnson  
**Valley Christian High School:** Briana Ahmed, Erica Parker

During the current economic downturn, funds to support community social, health and education improvement and sustainability efforts have become alarmingly limited. “With expected cutbacks in social, education, and community based services, nonprofit community based organizations like the 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley are essential to fulfilling the role that state and local governments cannot, Silicon Valley Chapter President Ron Brown. “We can only be effective through the support of our members, stakeholders, and sponsors like Granite Construction—this year’s Corporation of the Year awardee. Granite has been a consistent and active supporter of our programs, which have benefited numerous families in the South Bay community.”

The 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley Inc. 16th annual Scholarship and Awards Gala is sponsored in part by AT&T, Comcast Communications, Granite Construction Inc., Prudential Insurance Company), Wells Fargo Bank, Union Bank of California, Oracle Corp., BAE Systems, among other generous donors. In addition to corporate executives who will represent the sponsoring companies, Congressman Mike Honda, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reid, Silicon Valley Foundation President and CEO Emmitt D. Carson, Ph.D., and former Granite Construction Inc. president and CEO William G. Dorey are among the dignitaries and other notable guests who will attend the festivities.

**ABOUT 100 BLACK MEN OF SILICON VALLEY INC.**

The 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley, Inc. (100 BMSV) was officially awarded its charter from the National Confederation on May 22, 1993, and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit California corporation. Prompted largely by the diminishing federal dollars to combat the ills facing minority youth, 24 community leaders formed the Silicon Valley chapter with the expressed goal of addressing issues faced by local African-American youth, which have contributed to disproportionately high levels of school dropouts, criminal convictions, teen pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, and poverty.

Through its affiliation, the Silicon Valley chapter is supported by the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., which acts as the national spokesperson, demonstrating the unity and strength represented by a membership that purposely touches a wide spectrum of activities and pursuits in urban as well as suburban communities throughout the nation.

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The 100BMSV is currently comprised of 38 members that are led by a Board of Directors that consists of four officers: Chairman/President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, and the Immediate Past President.

Committees are established under the guidance of a Director and each Committee has a Chairman that is responsible for the implementation of programs and projects. 100 BMSV major Committees include: Mentoring, Education/Scholarship, Economic Development, Health and Wellness, Membership, Gala, Public Affairs, & Church Relations. Each chapter member is required to join, and actively participate in one or more of these committees.

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**EDITORS:** To obtain press passes to cover this event, contact:

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*Please dress appropriately for a black-tie affair, and bring press credentials. Photo journalists welcome!*

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**100 Black Men of America Inc. National Conference • San Francisco, CA • June 9-12, 2011**

*100 Black Men of Silicon Valley will co-host the 100 Black Men of America's 25th Anniversary National Conference in San Francisco, CA on June 9-12, 2011. This event will bring more than 4,000 visitors to the Bay Area for a week of meetings and seminars on how to be positive influencers in the lives of young men and women in our country. 100 Black Men of America Inc has 116 chapters throughout the U.S., Great Britain and the Caribbean, and is the premier mentoring organization for African American boys and girls.*