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CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATORS CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY WITH BLACK-TIE GALA HONORING AMAZING LEADERS, PARTNERS AND INVESTORS

San Jose, September 28, 2016 – The California Alliance of African American Educators (CAAAE) is excited to announce a celebratory Black-tie Gala in recognition of its 15th anniversary on **Saturday, October 22nd at the Marriott Hotel at San Francisco Airport, 1770 South Amphlett Blvd in San Mateo at 6pm.**

Since its founding in 2001, the vision of academic excellence and cultural resiliency for students of African ancestry has guided CAAAE's work to fulfill its motto, "*education for liberation.*" More than 600 students have completed organization's award-winning STEM program—the Dr. Frank S. Greene Scholars Program (GSP)—and are in college, graduate school or careers as examples of what high expectations, rigorous instruction, culturally rich support and parental involvement can combine to achieve.

CAAAE's impactful programs are focused on comprehensively addressing the academic and cultural barriers to success and include direct service to students in addition to GSP, specifically the Dr. George Washington Carver Scholars Program (CSP), its STEM program in the Bayview/Hunter's Point area of San Francisco; advocacy activities such as the Black Minds Matter Summit & Rally; parent and student empowerment through Project WORD (Working On Redefining our Destiny); and leadership development through Black Students of California United. CAAAE also offers exceptional professional development summer institutes in partnership with Stanford University's School of Education.

On the occasion of its 15th Anniversary, CAAAE members will celebrate the organization's remarkable past and highlight individuals who have been vital to the progress and impact made directly and indirectly on students, parents, educators, administrators, researchers, policy makers and others who realize the importance of educational equity, particularly for Black students. The honorees listed below represent the founding and current board members and co-coordinators, community partners, philanthropic investors, equity advocates, educational leaders and research legends who consistently demonstrated a belief in and support of California Alliance of African American Educators' unapologetic approach to academic excellence and cultural resiliency.

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15TH ANNIVERSARY GALA HONOREES

CAAEE's Founding Board Members & James Taylor

Mr. Manny Barbara
Dr. John Browne
Ms. Marsha Dodson & Dr. Darlene Willis
Dr. Joyce King
Dr. Angelica Ramsey
Mr. Brad Strong
Dr. Glen O. Toney

CAAEE's Current Board Members

Mrs. Bobbie Brooks
Dr. Linda Darling Hammond
Mr. Paul Griffin
Ms. Benita Lovett-Rivera
Dr. T.J. Rodgers
Mr. Henry W. Taylor

For Gala tickets, sponsorships and souvenir book ads visit <http://www.caaae.org/events.html>

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CAAEE's mission: *is to provide programs and services to students, families, and teachers in order to create culturally conscious African American students who are life-long learners and critical thinkers.* To learn more about the CAAAE, visit www.caaae.org.