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## B-CU Presents Community Engagement Awards on March 1



Bethune-Cookman University (B-CU) will present several Daytona Beach area organizations and individual activists with the inaugural Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Community Engagement Award. The award is given to an outstanding organization or person that has exhibited an unwavering dedication to improving their community. The award will be presented at Mary's Gift, a tribute to Dr. Bethune for her gift to the community, at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 1st at the Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center. This is a family-friendly event and is free to the public.

The community engagement awards are a testament to the legacy of Dr. Bethune, who made it her life's mission to improve the lives of underserved young people. "These extraordinary groups and individuals have displayed a high level of commitment to progression and humanity. It is our honor to recognize them as pillars in our community," says B-CU President Dr. Edison O. Jackson. In addition to the award presentations, Dr. Jackson will present his vision for B-CU and the university's plans to get more involved within the community. Mary's Gift will also feature entertainment from Harry Burney, T. Renee Crutcher, Curtis Rayam and Orchesis Dance Ensemble.

The 2015 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Community Engagement Award recipients are: Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce; Faith; Embassy of Hope; League of Women Voters; Daytona Beach NAACP; MLK Committee of Daytona; Domestic Abuse Council; Children's Home Society; Rose Marie Byron Daycare; Campaign for Working Families; Women Initiatives of Volusia; Women Initiatives of Flagler; Halifax Urban Ministries; Boys and Girls Club; Food Brings Hope; Ray Salazar/ United Way; Midtown Redevelopment; Central Florida Community Development; Florida Hospital; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; The LINKS; Attorney Chris Mount; Community Legal Services of Mid-FL, Inc.; Ms. Lucille O'Neal; Ms. Linda McGee; Council on Ageing of Volusia County; Hyatt and CiCi Brown; Daytona Beach News Journal; Daytona Beach Times; Volusia Hometown News; and Dr. Bonnie Sorenson.