



Dear Members,

Spring has arrived and what better way to close March and welcome April than with our **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Gala**.

Our Gala Chairs include **Sherrese Clarke**, Managing Director and Head of North America Relationship Lending at Morgan Stanley, and **Jose Tavaréz**, Managing Director and Head of Emerging Markets FICC Sales for the Americas Region at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

This year, we will honor extraordinary leaders whose strides in diversity and inclusion, public service, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy have made a tremendous difference in the U.S.

Our honorees include:

- **CITI** - Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Award
- **SOLOMON D. 'SOL' TRUJILLO**, Founder & Chairman, Trujillo Group, LLC, and Co-Founder & Chairman, Latino Donor Collaborative (LDC) - Lifetime Leadership Award
- **ROBERT F. SMITH**, Founder, Chairman and CEO, Vista Equity Partners - Philanthropic Leadership Award
- **BOZOMA SAINT JOHN**, Head of Global Consumer Marketing, Apple - Breakthrough Leadership Award

The Annual Leadership Gala, CUP's signature fundraiser, provides the financial capacity for us to fulfill our mission throughout the year and supports CUP's capacity to develop the pipeline of senior professionals of color and women from across sectors. There's still time to purchase your ticket, if you haven't done so already. For more information, please [click here](#).

As always, we encourage members to be as active as possible and to reach out if they have any questions about how to get involved with our organization or participate in our programs and events. With diverse business and civic leadership in mind, we are proud to be nurturing our members' professional and civic development. We are excited about the coming weeks and look forward to seeing you at next week's Leadership Gala and other CUP events and programs throughout the year.

Best wishes,

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