



Dear Members,

After this year's long winter, I am very excited to finally wish you all a Happy Spring! I am also excited that we are now almost a week away from our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Gala.

This year's Gala will take place on April 9<sup>th</sup> and we will honor **Nancy Utley**, President of Fox Searchlight Pictures, and **Vanessa Morrison**, President of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Animation, with the Creative Visionary Leadership Award; **Prudential Financial** will receive the Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award; and the Civic & Educational Leadership Award will go to **Selma For Students & Four Visionary Couples Spearheading the Movement** — Kenneth & Kathy Chenault, Dr. Tony & Robyn Coles, Bill & Carol Lewis, and Charles & Karen Phillips. We celebrate all our honorees and their commitment to diversity and inclusion at all levels.

A special thank you to our Gala Chair, **Keisha Smith-Jeremie**, Chief Human Resources Officer for News Corp, for her tremendous support of CUP's mission. ABC News Correspondent **Mara Schiavocampo** will host the evening event. As always, the Gala promises to be a night of celebration, where some of the most powerful senior professionals across industries will honor people of color and women who are making changes in their fields and truly helping to *connect, empower, and mobilize* the next generation of diverse business and civic leaders.

For more information about this year's hosts and honorees, a full list of sponsors, and to purchase tickets, please visit the [Gala website](#).

I can't wait to celebrate with you in person next Thursday!

Best,  
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