



SouthernUnityMovement

2025



Powerful Together
2025 Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast

Unafraid & Ready for Change

RUSTIN LORDE BREAKFAST

Community Engagement and Outreach

Darlene served as a speaker during closing plenary of the National Association of the LGBTQ+ Journalist held **Sept 7, 2025**



Maurice represented SUM at Artists in the Afternoon, artists and activists' event, sponsored by The Esteem Awards (Phillip Esteem).

Maurice and Darlene were speakers at Craig Washington's donation of his papers to the Auburn Research Library archives on **May 17, 2025**.

Darlene served as a panelist for the National Center for Civil and Human Rights LGBTQ+ Institute, Bayard Rustin Day 2025: Ready to Meet the Moment, **March 15, 2025**.

Darlene represented SUM at a GLADD Media Training on **May 16, 2025**.

Maurice represented SUM for a WRFG radio show with Tracee McDaniel on **June 10, 2025**.

Darlene was a Grand Marshall for Atlanta Pride's celebration and parade on **October 10, 2025**.

Darlene was invited to Atlanta City Council's proclamation for the late former Senator Vincent Fort on **Dec 2, 2025**.

Darlene joined the Atlanta LGBTQ+ Community Center feasibility study and planning committee, launched on **March 17, 2025**.

Darlene tabled and networked at the GSA/LGBTQ Youth Summit at Agnes Scott College on **Feb 15, 2025**.

Darlene became a mentor for Kinfolk, a mentorship program in social activism for adult gay/nonbinary young people beginning **Feb 23, 2025**. The program is in collaboration with the LGBTQ Institute at the National Center for Civil & Human Right.

Maurice represented SUM at The Esteem Awards Artists in the Afternoon, artists and activists' event, sponsored by The Esteem Awards (Phillip Esteem) in 2024, a 501c3 organization dedicated to promoting positive images of the African American/People of Color, LGBTQ+ communities, and our allies.



Darlene received the Community Service Award from the Mayor's Office on **08/29/2024**.

SUM collaborated with RIM Fellowship UCC to donate a pallet of bottle water to Mississippi during its water crisis in 2023.



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