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Our Purpose

The Foundation for Achievement and Charity of Texas (FACT) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2022.

Our mission is to engage the local community, strategic partners and prospective donors to support the initiatives of the FACT Foundation aimed at community engagement, scholarships, and youth programs to help young people achieve their educational and professional goals, mentorship, leadership training and recognize their achievements.

The Katy-Fulshear Alumni Chapter mentors and train youth through our Guide Right/Kappa League Program. Guide Right/Kappa League is a program of educational and occupational guidance of youth, primarily inspirational and informative in character.

- Youth Empowerment/Leadership Development: The Guide Right/Kappa League program of the Katy-Fulshear Alumni Chapter has over 30 kids in the program. Nationally, 99% of Kappa League seniors graduate from high school; 78% of students graduate college within 6 years of High School graduation; Kappa Leaguers tallied over 20,000 community service hours. Guide Right is a program of the educational and occupational guidance of youth, primarily inspirational and informative in character. The purposes of the Guide Right Service Program are to place the training, experience and interest of successful men at the disposal of youth.
- Adopt-A-School: The Adopt-A-School Projectis an initiative where the FACT Foundation works with a primary or secondary Title I schools in Katy ISD and/or Lamar Consolidated school districts. We aim to provide adopted schools with supplies, writing competitions, Room to Read, and place our members into local schools to mentor and tutor kids once a month.
- Community Engagement: School Supply Back2School drives; Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Future Community Activities: Heath Symposium; Day of Karing;
- <u>Scholarships</u>: The FACT Foundation offers academic and vocational scholarships to high school seniors. Visit the foundation website for more information on scholarships.

The FACT Foundation relies on the generosity of donors. Your support helps expand their programs and reach more young people in need. Every donation—big or small—helps provide opportunities, education, and hope. Donate to the FACT Foundation and help change lives.

Learn more about the FACT Foundation and how to DONATE by visiting www.factfoundationtx.com.



Mission of the Women of Achievement Award

The Foundation for Achievement and Charity of Texas (FACT) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to improve the educational and social opportunities of the youth of Texas. The FACT Foundation provides financial and volunteer resources to educational endeavors to support youth educational enrichment, scholarships to deserving youth, and to strengthen the social network in support of educational excellence.

In collaboration with the Katy-Fulshear (TX) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the FACT Foundation, the annual Women of Achievement: Diamond Recognition banquet recognizes and celebrates the enduring contributions and record of accomplishments of women in their field of endeavor. Whether in medicine, law, science, engineering, architecture, business, education, non-profit organizations, or other fields of human endeavor, we honor and celebrate the woman of achievement all year and especially at our Women of Achievement: Diamond Recognition.





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Welcome

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony

Introduction of Honored Guests

Invocation Prayer

Inspirational Moment

Musical Selection

— Lunch —

Musical Selection

Awards Presentation

Closing Remarks

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She stands with grace, unshaken, bold, A story of courage, a tale untold. Through trials faced and battles won, Her journey shines like the morning sun. She lifts her voice, she takes her place, With wisdom, love, and endless grace. She breaks the chains, she lights the way, Turning darkness into day. A warrior's heart, a dreamer's soul, She dares to lead, she claims her goal. No limits hold, no fear can stay, For she was born to pave the way. So rise, dear sister, stand up tall, Your strength and spirit inspire us all. The world is brighter because of you, A woman fearless, fierce, and true

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Pamica Knight

Samica Knight is an award-winning journalist and anchor currently associated with ABC13 Eyewitness News (KTRK) in Houston, Texas. A native Houstonian, she pursued her passion for journalism by graduating magna cum laude from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism. Knight further distinguished herself by completing the Program for Excellence in Selling at the same university, recognized as one of the nation's premier sales training programs.



As the Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at Chevron, Josetta is a driving force behind fostering an inclusive work-place in one of the world's leading energy companies. With over 20 years of experience in intellectual property law and management, she has seamlessly combined her legal expertise with her passion for equity to create lasting change. A licensed attorney with a JD from Texas Southern University, Josetta has led high-impact initiatives that empower underrepresented groups, particularly women in STEM. Beyond Chevron, she serves on the board of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering and has championed programs for girls' education and mentorship through organizations like Techbridge Girls and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Recognized as one of the Top 100 Diversity Officers and a Most Influential Woman in Bay Area Business, Josetta is not just an advocate—she's a changemaker, shaping the future of diversity, innovation, and social responsibility in the energy sector



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BUSINESS EXCELLENCE



Marmell Huffman

Sharmell Huffman is the perfect fusion of beauty, brains, and unstoppable ambition. A proud Spelman College graduate with a degree in Mathematics, she first took the stage as a national beauty queen, earning the prestigious title of Miss Black America. But her journey didn't stop there—Sharmell took the entertainment world by storm as a professional dancer, touring with the legendary James Brown, before stepping into the spotlight of professional wrestling. From her debut in WCW as a Nitro Girl to her reign as WWE's Queen Sharmell, she became an international superstar alongside her husband, two-time WWE Hall of Famer Booker T. Her contributions to the industry were immortalized when she was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2022. Today, Sharmell is a thriving actress, producer, and entrepreneur, running Reality of Wrestling, one of the nation's top independent wrestling promotions. She also leads the Booker T. Fights For Kids Foundation, giving back to the community while balancing life as a devoted mother. With a passion for storytelling and a firm belief that "Art can heal the world," Sharmell continues to shine in the entertainment industry, proving that true queens wear many crowns.



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GAME CHANGER



Amanda Edwards

Amanda K. Edwards is a dynamic attorney, nonprofit leader, and former Houston City Council Member dedicated to creating real solutions through engagement and service. As General Counsel for the Houston Parks Board and President & CEO of The Community Based Solutions Firm, she continues to drive impactful change. A proud graduate of Emory University and Harvard Law School, Amanda has leveraged her expertise in law and public policy to champion initiatives that empower communities. While serving on Houston City Council, she spearheaded transformative projects, including the Mayor's Technology & Innovation Task Force, which led to the creation of Houston's innovation district. She also launched Houston's Women and Minority-Owned Business Task Force, helping business owners gain access to capital, and mobilized recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Amanda's leadership extends beyond Houston—she has been featured in CNN, The New York Times, MSNBC, and more, and has received numerous accolades, including Houston Woman Magazine's 50 Most Influential Women and the National Bar Association Power 50 List. At her core, Amanda is passionate about empowering others to be the solution in their communities. With a lifelong commitment to service, leadership, and advocacy, she continues to inspire change and create opportunities for a brighter future.



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LEADERSHIP



Dr. Christina Lorter

Dr. Christina Porter is an author, trainer, speaker and mentor with a demonstrated history of working in the education and non-profit management industries. She is a community and social services professional with a Doctor of Education in Learning and Organizational Change from Baylor University. When she is not helping students and families experiencing homelessness access educational opportunities, you can currently find Dr. Porter as the sole woman in charge as Executive Director of The Chauncy Glover Project (CGP). Her community work with this acclaimed non-profit mentoring program for young men of color served as the inspiration for her dissertation research where she focuses on culturally specific programs like CGP that target Black and Latino males who have the potential but lack the guidance and support to achieve success after high school. As an educational consultant, Dr. Porter has committed to using her research to help build educators and community leaders in increasing their level of cultural competence through culturally relevant approaches to mentoring and teaching.



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LEADERSHIP



Regina is a devoted woman of faith, a community builder, and a dedicated wife and mother who lives with purpose and passion. Guided by Luke 10:27, she strives to love God wholeheartedly and serve others with compassion. Her mission is to bridge diverse communities, foster unity, and be a reflection of God's love in all that she does. With a background in business administration and an MBA, Regina transitioned from the corporate world to fulfill her calling in Christian service and community empowerment. She is the founder of Surge Team Building, a leadership development company that enhances collaboration among educators and corporate teams, including Shell, BP, and Verizon. She is also a Packathon Coordinator for Feed the Hunger, where she has led over 100 events, mobilizing 10,000+ volunteers to pack more than 7 million meals for those in need worldwide. Regina is deeply engaged in community service through Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she leads initiatives on mental health, human trafficking awareness, and STEM education. She co-leads the Peace Unity and Racial Healing group, guiding national discussions on racial reconciliation and organizing impactful trips to historical sites. Additionally, she serves as Vice President of Compassion Katy, spearheading Operation Back to School, which provides 2,500+ backpacks to students in Title 1 schools annually. Beyond her community work, Regina is a firm believer in physical and mental well-being. She has completed 30+ half-marathons, the New York City Marathon, and multiple cycling races, all while inspiring women to prioritize health through fitness groups and wellness challenges. A devoted wife of 24 years and a loving mother to four children, Regina's greatest joy is pouring into her family and leaving a legacy of faith, service, and strength.



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INSPIRATION



Dr. Gaye Lang

Dr. Gaye Lang is a distinguished leader in education, restorative practices, and community development. With a career spanning multiple leadership roles, she currently serves as the Statewide Director for Restorative Practices at the Texas Education Agency, overseeing a \$1.3 million initiative in partnership with the University of Texas. She has advised the Texas Commissioner of Education, developed graduate courses on restorative discipline at UT Austin and Texas Southern University, and spearheaded school turnaround programs at both state and federal levels. From serving as a principal who significantly improved student performance to managing large-scale projects in Houston ISD, Dr. Lang has been at the forefront of educational reform, instructional leadership, and student success. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Dr. Lang is a renowned trainer, author, and advocate for restorative justice. She has trained educators, law enforcement, and school leaders nationwide on restorative practices, equity, and community engagement. Her expertise has been captured in multiple award-winning publications, including Colorizing Restorative Justice and Restorative Discipline Practices. A dedicated member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Inc., she actively contributes to youth mentorship, financial literacy, and cultural preservation initiatives. Passionate about lifelong learning and social impact, Dr. Lang continues to inspire transformation in education and beyond.



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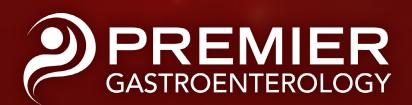
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