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Light of Gold PR Celebrates 20 Years by Honoring Women Leaders at 2026 Gold Women's Health & Business Awards Gala



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Debra Dixon-Anderson with the Honorees

Light of Gold PR Marketing & Consulting LLC, a certified Minority Women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) founded by Debra Dixon-Anderson, proudly celebrated its **20th Anniversary** during the **2026 Gold Women's Health & Business Awards Gala** held on **May 14, 2026**, at **Mercy University's Manhattan Campus**, bringing together distinguished women leaders, elected officials, entrepreneurs, and community advocates for an evening of recognition, inspiration, and meaningful connection.

The milestone Gala honored **seven outstanding women leaders** whose work continues to strengthen communities through business, health, law, media, advocacy, and entrepreneurship. Throughout the evening, attendees gathered to celebrate achievement, build new relationships, and uplift women, making a lasting impact across New York City and beyond.

A special highlight of the evening was the presence of **Manhattan Deputy Borough President, Miesha Smith**, who delivered inspiring remarks recognizing the importance of women leaders and community builders.

"This room is why we do what we do," shared Deputy Borough President Miesha Smith. "We're here to uplift the voices, expertise, and leadership of the women who help make Manhattan fantastic. Thank you for the work that you do — it is what makes the city run."

Manhattan Deputy Borough President Smith also presented **official Certificates of Citation** to all honorees on behalf of the Manhattan Borough President's Office, recognizing their leadership and contributions to the community. In a surprise moment, she also honored **Light of Gold PR Marketing & Consulting LLC** with a special Certificate of Recognition celebrating the organization's **20 years of service, leadership, and community impact**.

The evening recognized an inspiring group of honorees, including **Allison Cohen (Blue Shore Human Resources)**, **Athenia Rodney (Juneteenth NYC & Umoja Events)**, **Rachel Kaylie (Law Offices of Rachel Kaylie)**, **Nakisha Smith (Always Fit 4 Lyfe)**, **S. Mitra Kalita (URL Media & Epicenter NYC)**, **Maria Davis (Can't Be Silenced, Inc.)**, and **Emelyn Stuart (Stuart Cinema & Café)**. Special recognition was also given to **Lawrence Miles** for his advocacy supporting women



Deputy Manhattan Borough President Miesha Smith presents Debra Dixon-Anderson with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Manhattan Borough President's Office.

in business, **Katanni Grey** as Light of Gold's Best Event Partner, and **Tyisha Eason** for her leadership as Gala Committee Chair.

One of the evening's most heartfelt moments came as **Athenia Rodney's mother, Anita Fischer, accepted the Community Architect Award on her behalf**, reflecting the strong spirit of family, service, and community present throughout the Gala. *"I'm so proud of everything she has brought to our community, "We need more women like her — she's truly a treasure."*

"Our Gala was a spectacular success and a powerful testament to what happens when a community comes together to lift up women leaders. Looking out at the room and sharing the stage with truly extraordinary honorees, I was overwhelmed by the sheer energy, resilience, and brilliance in attendance. We created this Gala not just to celebrate Light of Gold PR's 20-year journey, but to establish a dedicated space that honors those who dare to show up, speak up, and lead. The success of this first event proves how vital that mission is. This is the beginning of an incredible new tradition for us, and we are just getting started."

— **Debra Dixon-Anderson, Gala Producer and Founder & CEO, Light of Gold PR Marketing & Consulting LLC**

"Being part of the Inaugural Gold Women's Health & Business Awards Gala was a full-circle moment. From serving on the committee to standing in the room where the vision came to life, it was an incredible experience to witness and celebrate so many remarkable women making an impact."

— **Katanni Grey, Chief Experience Officer, The K District Creative Event Consultancy**

"Being recognized at the Gala was truly special, and I'm grateful to have been included among such inspiring leaders. I appreciate all the work Debra and her Light of Gold PR team put into making the evening so memorable. Receiving this recognition was an honor, and I look forward to continuing to support and collaborate with this incredible community."

— **Athenia Rodney, Community Advocate, Founder of Juneteenth NYC, and Executive Director of Umoja Events**

The celebration featured a vibrant red carpet experience hosted by Coco Mitchell, live entertainment by Songstress, Ruth Kendall, music by DJ Fleetwood that everyone on the dance floor, and an atmosphere filled with networking, celebration, fun, and authentic community connection.

Guests also reflected on the evening's spirit of empowerment and connection.

"Being in a room with people making a difference in the community is truly amazing," shared attendee, **Tiara Martin**. *"It's inspiring to see women supporting one another and creating real impact."*

*"Debra and **Light of Gold PR** create amazing events, and I couldn't be more honored to support something created just for us,"* shared attendee, **Charlesetta Haywood**, reflecting on the importance of celebrating women, leadership, and community.

Returning vendor **Juan Pedrozo, President of The MoneyMan Business Solutions**, who participated in a Light of Gold PR event for the second time, highlighted the value of both recognition and networking opportunities.

"This event was very exciting. I always enjoy seeing fellow business owners recognized for their accomplishments. I was able to connect with two fellow business owners, and Debra is great at making sure people connect at events like these. I look forward to the next one!"

The Gala also served as a fundraiser supporting **Gold Wellness Circle**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on women's health and community wellness initiatives, including breast cancer awareness, Alzheimer's advocacy, and youth-focused outreach.

Watch the Official Gala Livestream Recap Video: <https://youtu.be/ZUi0HA5AbzY>

View Gala Photos & Event Highlights: lightofgoldpr.com/2026-gold-womens-gala

ABOUT LIGHT OF GOLD PR

Light of Gold PR Marketing & Consulting LLC is a certified MWBE firm founded in 2006 by **Debra Dixon-Anderson**. For **20 years**, the firm has provided comprehensive **Marketing, Branding, PR Strategy, Digital Marketing, Event Management, Networking Events, and Consulting** services to clients across New York City and beyond. **Light of Gold PR** is the proud producer of the annual **Gold Women's Health & Business Awards Gala** and a founding partner of **Gold Wellness Circle**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to empowering women's health and wellness in the community. Learn more at lightofgoldpr.com

ABOUT GOLD WELLNESS CIRCLE

Gold Wellness Circle is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women's health, wellness, and community in New York City. Programs include Alzheimer's awareness, Breast Cancer advocacy, Summer Wellness initiatives, and an annual Backpack Drive. Learn more at goldwellnesscircle.com

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