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20 YEARS OF GOLD

Light of Gold PR Announces Power-Packed Roster of Honorees for 2026 Gold Women's Health & Business Awards Gala

*celebrating 20 Years in Business in Manhattan***S. Mitra Kalita, Maria Davis, and Emelyn Stuart Join Distinguished Women Leaders while Lawrence Miles to Receive "Men Who Advocate for Women in Business" Citation**

Thursday, May 14, 2026 • Mercy University, Midtown Manhattan

Fundraiser Benefiting Gold Wellness Circle 501(c)(3) — 15% of All Proceeds Support Community Health Initiatives

NEW YORK, NY — April 2026 —

In a historic celebration of minority-woman-owned business resilience and cross-industry allyship, **Light of Gold PR** is proud to announce its expanded lineup for the upcoming **Gold Women's Health and Business Awards Gala**. Marking the firm's **20th Anniversary**, the event will take place on **Thursday, May 14th, 2026**, from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM at **Mercy University's Manhattan Campus**.

A key highlight of this year's milestone event is the recognition of male allyship in the professional sphere. **Lawrence Miles** of the **New York Women's Chamber of Commerce** will be honored with the **"Men Who Advocate for Women in Business" Citation**, underscoring the vital role of partnership and advocacy in achieving gender equity in entrepreneurship.

Hosted by Light of Gold PR Founder **Debra Dixon-Anderson**, the Gala serves as both a celebration of two decades of MWBE excellence and a major fundraising effort. **15% of all proceeds** will directly support the **Gold Wellness Circle's (501c3)** community health programs, including the **Breast Cancer Awareness Program**, **Alzheimer's Fundraiser**, and the **Annual Backpack Drive**.

"Twenty years ago, I started Light of Gold PR with a vision — to put businesses in the spotlight and enlighten small businesses about the importance of marketing, promotions, and PR, and to empower women to lead. Standing here today, with five of the most remarkable women that I am proud to honor in this room. I am overwhelmed with gratitude. This Gala is not just a celebration of them — it is a celebration of every woman who dared to show up, speak up, and refuse to be overlooked. Light of Gold PR has weathered much.....my Breast cancer diagnosis to survivorship, economic crashes, a global pandemic, and now the AI revolution — But we are still here, still Gold, and just getting started."

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

2026 DISTINGUISHED HONOREES & CITATIONS

The 20th Anniversary Gala brings together a premier roster of trailblazers:

HONOREE	ORGANIZATION	AWARD
Allison Cohen	Blue Shore Human Resources	Rising Star in Business Award
Athenia Rodney	Umoja Events	Community Architect Award
Rachel Kaylie	Law Offices of Rachel Kaylie	Legal Excellence Award
Nakisha Smith	Always Fit 4 Lyfe	Community Health Leadership Award
S. Mitra Kalita	URL Media & Epicenter NYC	Innovation in Media & Community Connection Award
Maria Davis	Can't Be Silenced, Inc.	Voice of Impact Award
Emelyn Stuart	Stuart Cinema & Cafe	Perseverance Award
Lawrence Miles	NY Women's Chamber of Commerce / BOC	Men Who Advocate for Women in Business Citation

GOLD WOMEN'S HEALTH & BUSINESS AWARDS GALA

Thursday, May 14, 2026 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

MERCY UNIVERSITY - MANHATTAN CAMPUS
47 WEST 34TH STREET 4TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10001

MEET OUR HONOREES

RISING STAR AWARDEE
ALLISON COHEN
Founder & Chief Executive
Blue Shore Human Resources

COMMUNITY ARCHITECT AWARDEE
ATHENIA RODNEY
Speaker | Cultural Architect | Festival Strategist | Business Expansion Coach

LEGAL EXCELLENCE AWARDEE
RACHEL KAYLIE
Founder
Law Offices of Rachel Kaylie

COMMUNITY HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARDEE
NAKISHA SMITH
Founder
Always Fit 4 Lyfe

INNOVATION IN MEDIA & COMMUNITY CONNECTION AWARDEE
S. MITRA KALITA
Co-Founder
URL Media and Epicenter NYC

VOICE OF IMPACT AWARDEE
MARIA DAVIS
Founder
Can't Be Silenced, Inc.

PERSEVERANCE AWARDEE
EMELYN STUART
Founder
Stuart Cinema & Cafe

DEBRA DIXON-ANDERSON
Event Producer
Gold Women's Health & Business Awards Gala

LAWRENCE MILES
Business Assistant
NY Women's Chamber of Commerce
MEN SUPPORTING WOMEN IN BUSINESS ADVOCATE

PROMOCODE: **LOGGALA20**
*Promo Runs until May 10, 2026

~~\$159~~ - \$20 = **\$139**
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PARTNER VOICES

"Partnering with Light of Gold PR and Gold Wellness Circle for the Gold Women's Health & Business Gala is an incredible opportunity to celebrate women who are making meaningful impact in both business and community wellness. This Gala is about honoring leadership, elevating voices, and creating space for powerful connections that inspire lasting change."

— **Katanni Grey, Founder, The K District Creative Event Consultancy**

"Recognition like this is meaningful because it reflects the power of purpose-driven work. I'm honored to be acknowledged among women who are using their voices, platforms, and businesses to create change. Through Juneteenth NYC and Umoja Events, my work has always centered on community, culture, and impact — and this moment is a reminder that when women lead boldly, entire communities rise with us."

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

VIP ATTENDANCE & THE "GOLD" EXPERIENCE

Reflecting the economic and social significance of Light of Gold PR's 20-year milestone, the Gala will be attended by esteemed elected officials and community leaders. Special appearances include:







- **Manhattan Deputy Borough President Miesha Smith — Special Guest Appearance**
- **Ruth Kendall — Featured Singer & Performer**
- **DJ Carl Fleetwood — Gala DJ & Entertainment**
- **Volunteers supporting the Gold Wellness Circle mission**

The evening features a Red Carpet Experience, live entertainment, and high-level networking, transforming the Mercy University space into a premier gala destination.

We are pleased to share that the event is nearing full capacity, with strong momentum as we approach our **100-person guest capacity**.



EVENT LOGISTICS & TICKETS

 DATE & TIME	Thursday, May 14, 2026 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM EST
 VENUE	Mercy University – Manhattan Campus 47 West 34th Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10001 (34th Street & Herald Square)
 TICKETS	Regular Price: \$159, LOG Special Promo: \$139 (use code LOGGALA20 for \$20 off until May 10th) Virtual: \$49
 WEBSITE	https://www.lightofgoldpr.com/2026-gold-womens-gala
 BENEFICIARY	Gold Wellness Circle — 501(c)(3) 15% of all gross proceeds support community health initiatives
 MWBE STATUS	Light of Gold PR is a certified Minority Women-owned Business Enterprise

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.

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 www.goldwellnesscircle.com

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