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Legacies Are Meant to Be Learned and Shared

TEN (10) PHILADELPHIA ICONS AND CHANGEMAKERS' LEGACIES WILL BE SPOTLIGHTED AND SHARED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS 2025 PHILADELPHIA LEGACIES PORTRAIT & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS
- 10TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE GALA

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – Philadelphia Legacies proudly announces its 10th Annual Portrait & Community Leadership Award winners, marking a decade of celebrating Philadelphia's most extraordinary leaders. This milestone event on September 6, 2025, promises to be an unforgettable evening that bridges the gap between legendary changemakers who are part of the fabric of our great city and the dynamic leaders shaping its future.

Legacies That Breathe: Beyond Recognition

Philadelphia Legacies operates on the principle that "Legacies Are Meant to Be Learned and Shared." Each Portrait Awardee will be immortalized through custom artwork created by accomplished local artists, but this is just the beginning. These portraits rotate every two years throughout prestigious institutions across Greater Philadelphia, ensuring that the wisdom and problem-solving approaches of these legendary leaders remain visible and accessible to inspire current and future changemakers.

Philadelphia Legacies Founder and Executive Director, Stephen C. Satell shares, "We see our Portrait Awardees as great problem solvers whose legacies can serve as springboards for collaboration and inspiration in addressing today's challenges. Their stories aren't just history—they're living blueprints for tackling the issues that impact our city today."

And the Winners Are... 2025 Portrait Award Winners

This year's Portrait Awardees represent transformative figures whose legacies continue to impact Philadelphia and beyond:

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Rev. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. – Philadelphia's pioneering first African American Mayor who elevated Philadelphia back to a top tier major city status. His work included the planning and development of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the Liberty Place skyline, over one thousand murals, and community policing. After his mayorship he founded AMACHI, Inc., impacting over 300,000 children of incarcerated parents worldwide.

Georgie Woods – "The Man with the Goods" – The legendary WDAS radio voice who became the soundtrack to Philadelphia's Civil Rights Movement, mobilizing tens of thousands through his influential platform and historic benefit concerts.

Rev. Dr. Repsie M. Warren – Groundbreaking advocate who shattered barriers as the first woman Vice Chair of Black Clergy of Philadelphia & Vicinity while revolutionizing accessibility in religious spaces through inclusive deaf ministry.

Traci Green – Barrier-breaking coach who made history as Harvard University's first African American tennis coach, carrying forward her mother Tina Sloan Green's pioneering legacy with three Hall of Fame inductions.

Tiffany Bacon – Multi-talented media powerhouse whose 30-year voice has shaped Philadelphia radio across Power 99, WDAS, and Radio One, while building acclaimed careers in acting and fashion design.

Community Leadership Award Winners

Five exceptional leaders embody Philadelphia's spirit of innovation and service:

- **Cynthia London** Gift of Life Philadelphia
- Shan'te Williams Socialpreneur: Beaut'e Within; Philly Youth Awards
- Michelle Snow Coach/Speaker: Grow With Snow; The Snow Foundation
- **K-Roe Sharpe** Realtor/Philanthropist
- Rev. Joe Williams Gospel Recording Artist: The Sons of the Birds

An Evening of Inspiration

Date: Friday, September 6, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: LEVEL 3, 2613 West Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Registration: http://bit.lv/45Vclc7

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The celebration begins with cocktails and networking at 4:30 PM, creating an atmosphere where partnerships are born and movements begin. The dinner and awards ceremony at 5:45 PM will feature the John Holton jazz ensemble, as guests witness history while honoring the ten remarkable recipients.

The event ensures accessibility for all attendees with a fully accessible venue, complimentary parking, vegetarian and halal dining options, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Prestigious Partnership

The 2025 Philadelphia Legacies Portrait & Community Leadership Awards is made possible through the generous support of presenting sponsors:

- **Philadelphia Gift of Life Donors Program** Continuing their commitment to saving lives and honoring those who give the gift of life
- **Temple University** Supporting excellence in education and community engagement
- Independence Blue Cross Foundation Championing health and wellness initiatives throughout Philadelphia
- **Seligsohn Foundation** Dedicated to strengthening communities through strategic philanthropy

"We are honored to partner with organizations that share our commitment to celebrating and supporting community leadership," notes Stephen Satell. "These partnerships enable us to create a truly exceptional experience that honors both our recipients and supports Philadelphia's artistic community."

A Decade of Excellence, A Legacy of Impact

For ten transformative years, Philadelphia Legacies has operated on the foundational belief that "Legacies Are Meant to Be Learned and Shared." This anniversary celebration recognizes not just achievements, but the problem-solving wisdom of leaders whose approaches can inspire solutions to today's challenges. The event brings together government officials, community activists, philanthropists, educators, and cultural leaders for an evening where legendary stories become blueprints for current action.

"Philadelphia Legacies doesn't just celebrate the past—we're building the future by learning from our greatest problem solvers," said Founder and Executive Director

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About Philadelphia Legacies

Philadelphia Legacies is dedicated to the belief that "Legacies Are Meant to Be Learned and Shared." The organization preserves and celebrates the stories of individuals who have made lasting contributions to Philadelphia, viewing them as great problem solvers whose wisdom can inspire solutions to today's challenges. Through innovative programs that combine recognition with artistic expression, rotating portrait exhibitions, historic tours, and community networking events, Philadelphia Legacies weaves together the rich tapestry of Philadelphia's past, present, and future.

For more information about Philadelphia Legacies and their programs, visit https://philadelphialegacy.org.

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Interviews and high-resolution images of honorees and portrait artists are available upon request.