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## 100 BLACK MEN OF LOS ANGELES, INC. TO HONOR OPRAH WINFREY AND OTHERS AT ANNUAL GALA DINNER ON OCT 15TH

*The LA Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Will Celebrate 29 Years of Serving the  
Greater Los Angeles Community at Gala Benefiting Youth Mentoring Programs*

[LOS ANGELES, CA] 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc. (“100 BMLA”) will celebrate 29 years of service to the Greater Los Angeles Community at its 2010 Annual Gala Dinner on October 15, 2010. The public is urged to purchase tickets while supplies last. Festivities will take place at the Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel, located at 9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. The event will include a VIP reception, a dinner and awards program. Leaders from many industries will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc. and recognize the achievements and community impact made by the 2010 Honorees.

The 100 honors individuals who are leaders in their respective fields and who are positively impacting communities locally, nationally and internationally. All the 2010 Honorees are positive role models for the many youth being mentored by the 100. This year, awards will be bestowed upon the following individuals: Presiding Bishop **Charles E. Blake** (Man of the Year), **Oprah Winfrey** (Woman of the Year), Actress **Vanessa Bell Calloway** (Special Achievement Award), Wells Fargo’s **Byron Reed** (Community Partner Award), Congresswoman **Diane E. Watson** (Lifetime Achievement Award), and Attorney **Virgil Roberts, Esq.** (Lifetime Achievement Award).

“Continuing the Vision through Education and Leadership seemed most appropriate as we reflected over the rich history of the chapter,” stated Donald Aquinas Lancaster, Jr., President and Chairman, 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc. “Each honoree’s professional accomplishments and community service is a shining example of our theme. We look forward to recognizing them and spotlighting the mentoring programs of 100BMOLA that are benefiting youth, their families and the communities we serve.”

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available for this event and more information is available on the chapter’s website at [www.100bmla.org](http://www.100bmla.org)



“In 1982, members of 100 BMLA made a commitment to use their talents, skills and resources for the betterment of their community. The chapter’s impact includes: sending over 18,000 youth to colleges and universities throughout the U.S., mentoring young men to become impactful leaders and delivering invaluable health resources to countless Los Angeles families,” said Albert E. Dotson, Jr., Esq., Chairman, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. “I am extremely honored to join one of our most senior chapters as they celebrate their commitment and service to the City of Angels.”

Sponsored by the Wells Fargo Bank Foundation, the annual gala supports the signature programs of 100 Black Men of Los Angeles including *Young Black Scholars* (“YBS”) and *See Your Future Mentoring Program* (“See Your Future”), along with the Annual Back-To-School Health Fair. For event details or to schedule interviews contact: Willi Ogles at 323.294.7444 or info@100bmla.org.

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### **About the 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc.**

100 BMLA was founded in 1982 by Dr. William Hayling, first president and founding member of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Through the *Young Black Scholars (YBS)* program and the *See Your Future Mentoring Program*, the 100BMLA has touched thousands of lives within the Los Angeles Community. The organization and has provided young men with mentors and role models to improve their academic performance, citizenship and life skills. 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that mentors youth and supports programs with a focus on education, health and wellness and economic development. Learn more about the third oldest chapter within the 100 Black Men of America, Inc.’s global network at [www.100bmla.org](http://www.100bmla.org).

### **About the 100 Black Men of America, Inc.**

100 Black Men was founded as an organization in New York City in 1963. The national organization, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. began with nine chapters in 1986 as a national alliance of leading African American men of business, industry, public affairs and government with a mission to improve the quality of life for African Americans, particularly African American youth. Today, under the direction of Albert E. Dotson, Jr., the organization has 116 chapters, and growing, in the United States, England and the Caribbean. Members represent a myriad of professions including corporate executives, physicians, attorneys, entrepreneurs, entertainers, elected officials, professional athletes, educators and men from numerous other professions that have created an international coalition focused on creating educational opportunities, promoting economic empowerment, addressing health disparities and creating positive, nurturing mentoring relationships that extend across a lifetime. Visit [www.100blackmen.org](http://www.100blackmen.org) for more information on the programs and initiatives of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. and their global network of chapters.

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