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**Cynthia Oyogo**  
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**Devlyn Tagoe**  
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**Abraham Oroma**  
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**Kiyara Millwood**  
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**Khairiya Haji**

General Achievement Bursary



**Joshua Cote**

General Achievement Bursary



**Keionna Cousins**

General Achievement Bursary



**Josiah Bowen**

General Achievement Bursary



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## **Event and Nominee Reception Hosts**

Ashleigh Montague  
Josh Taylor  
Dejehan 'Luckystickz' Hamilton

## **Guest Speaker**

Michel Chikwanine

## **Black Art Exhibit**

Culture Matters Foundation  
Robert Small  
Roger Ferreira

## **Entertainment & Program Participants**

Ainara Alleyne  
DJ Jude Kelly  
DJ Verse One HD  
Dr. Gary Warner  
Felicia Tobias  
Garnetta Cromwell & DaGroovemasters  
Jeff Holland  
Josh Taylor - Defining Movement Dance  
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**May-Marie Duwai-Sowa**

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The following individuals are recognized for embodying HBHC's pillars of:  
**Connection, Empowerment and Unity.**

## **Connection**

Brandon Bernard  
Chealsey Kamara  
Nokutenda Nyamande  
Coralie Muco  
Crisanne Braham  
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Isra Bashir  
Angela Adeyinka  
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Laila Hampson  
Kiyara Millwood  
Ademide Abogunrin  
Khairiya Haji  
Keionna Cousins  
Josiah Bowen

## **Empowerment**

Derron Alleyne  
Shaleesa Clarke  
Khadidja Taguina  
Opemipo Oluwasola  
Laila Baker  
Tinotenda Mariga  
Agapa Goombs  
Halle Williams  
Maryan Jama  
Abigail Smith Bennett  
Rugeyata Bah  
Rami Naamna  
Chloe Naylor-Malcolm  
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Suzanne Abdullah  
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Yasmeen Elkheir  
Obed Matumona  
Marie-Paul Duwai-Sowa

## **Unity**

Quintin Greenidge  
Mercy Nyakundi  
Ehis Oziegbe  
Uaetohange Katjuongua  
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Luca Di Gregorio Zotti  
Tiffany Williams  
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Nyal Lewis  
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**The HBHC Executives and JCHA Planning Committee Members extend special thanks to our event volunteers for both the John C Holland Awards and our Annual Black History Month Launch. Many of these volunteers are students who reached out to play a part in supporting the events. Thank you - we did it together!**

## **JCHA Event Volunteers**

Abdi Farah  
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Mikayla Mae Parker  
Mikhael Solomon  
Miquela Jones  
Naomi Ogunjobi  
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Omolade George  
Opal Jones  
Sharon Grant  
Tesla Stiller  
Tiana White  
Tyshai Reid

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Chealsey Kamara  
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Janell Robinson  
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Josia Bowen  
Mikhael Solomon  
Naomi Ogunjobi  
Rony Bonkith  
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