

# All Stars Project Raises Over \$2 Million At National Gala

New York/NY. Last month at Lincoln Center, Gabrielle Kurlander, President and CEO, All Stars Project, Inc., led an evening of inspiration during the All Stars Project 2016 National Gala. The event honored the tremendous contributions of executives from American corporate and educational institutions including EY, MetLife, Hunt Consolidated, PWC and Washington College, and over \$2M was raised in support of All Stars programs. The Gala highlighted the Development School for Youth, an All Stars program that partners with the business community to help inner-city young people learn a professional performance, followed by placing them in paid summer internships. This summer, All Stars Project will be placing a record number of 500 young people in internships at 150 companies across the country. Gala attendees and participants were treated to a special hip-hop performance from dozens of alumni and youth leaders from the All Stars Talent Show Network, the All Stars flagship program.

Over 440 guests from the business and philanthropic community attended the Gala, where they learned about the All Stars Project's work with the law enforcement community to foster positive interactions between the police and inner-city youth, from special guest speakers including Ron Davis, Director, COPS Office, Department of Justice and George Gascon, District Attorney, City of San Francisco.

Domingo Herraiz, Director of Programs, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), presented the 2015 IACP and Cisco Community Policing Award to All Stars Project co-founder and Director of Operation Conversation, Cops & Kids, to Dr. Lenora Fulani and Chief Joanne Jaffee of the New York City Police Department for their partnership program. The program uses performance and conversation to help police officers and inner-city youth create a new kind of relationship.

Special guest speakers also included Ras Baraka, Mayor, City of Newark; Sheila Bair, President of Washington College, who was among the honorees; and Chuck Chaplin, Executive Vice President.

"This year's Gala theme, 'Giving America A Chance To Grow,' is inspired by the All Stars Project's groundbreaking discovery that development through performance is key to the growth of individuals and our society as a whole, a discovery that



(L-R) Ras Baraka, Mayor, City of Newark; Gabrielle L. Kurlander, President, CEO, All Stars Project, Inc. and Sheila C. Bair

has allowed us to transform innercity communities across the country," said Kurlander. "All Stars brings inner-city youth together with business and cultural leaders, academics, police officers and other caring adults, to create new kinds of relationships and environments where everyone grows. These partnerships for growth are what define the field of Afterschool Development and what America needs to move forward."

All Stars' innovative approach to afterschool has been championed and shaped by thousands of individual donors and hundreds of corporate partners, whose commitment has helped the All Stars Project achieve record success. Honored at the Gala included Lisa C. Lim, Partner, EY; Kathleen Michael, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers; Elizabeth Nieto, Global Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, MetLife; Jeanne L. Phillips, Senior VP, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, Hunt Consolidated, Inc.; Fabiola Kramsky, Founder /CEO, TuNexo DE; Pamela A. Lewis, VP/-Youth Programs, Center for Youth Programs Expertise; Julie Myers Wood, CEO, Guidepost Solutions, LLC; Cathy R. Salit, CEO, Performance of a Lifetime; and Mark E. Davidson, Senior Counsel, Proskauer Rose, LLP.