

New York Social Diary

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The All Stars Project, Inc. (ASP), a national nonprofit that sponsors afterschool development programs to help inner-city youth and their families create success in their lives, raised \$2.1 million at its annual Gala, "Performance Lives! People Grow!" at Lincoln Center on May 6 to support the ASP's work nationwide as a leader and innovator in Afterschool Development, using the power of performance to transform the lives of youth and poor communities.

Executive Producer/MTV Host **Sway Calloway** was the special guest host for the Gala. Calloway has toured the All Stars' 42nd Street national headquarters and supports its programs.

Artist/MTV Talent **Justina Valentine** performed alongside youth at the benefit. Actor **Nick Cannon**, **Peppermint**, **Alexis Michelle**, **Milk**, **Carson Kressley** and others from RuPaul's Drag Race and

World of Wonder, along with NBA legend **Sam Perkins** came in support of All Stars' work in New York City, Newark, Jersey City, Dallas, Chicago and San Francisco.

The All Stars honored **Viacom** and Chris McCarthy of **MTV**, **VH1**, **CMT** and **Logo**, Colleen O'Neill of **EY**, Derek DiRisio of **PSEG Services Corporation**, and Rose Lavandero of **TM Financial Forensics LLC**. They are champions of inner-city youth who have made a deep impact in New York, New Jersey, and nationwide. Additionally, the All Stars presented an Honorary Doctorate of Development to **Kwame Anthony Appiah, Ph.D.**, Professor of Philosophy and Law at NYU for his innovative work on identity and cosmopolitanism.



All Stars board member Amy Doyle of MTV, youth host Juanita Aboagye, executive producer/MTV Host Sway Calloway, actor Nick Cannon and All Stars president and CEO Gabrielle Kurlander.



Youth host Ivoryyona Williams, honoree Chris McCarthy, president of MTV, VH1, CMT and Logo with All Stars board member Amy Doyle of MTV.



Left: Artist and MTV Talent Justina Valentine and ASP of Dallas City Leader Antoine Joyce.
Right: ASP co-founder Lenora Fulani, Ph.D., presents honorary Doctorate of Development degree to Kwame Anthony Appiah, Ph.D. of New York University.



NBA legend Sam Perkins backstage with E. Stratton Horres, Jr. and youth performers.

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Dwayne Dixon and Gabrielle Kurlander of ASP, Derek DiRisio and Ralph Izzo of PSEG, and Gloria Strickland.



Kate Barton of EY; ASP board chair Maria Morris; ASP president and CEO Gabrielle Kurlander; and Margo Cook of Nuveen.



ASP of New Jersey City Leader Shadae McDaniel; Sapphaire Taylor; honoree Rose Lavandero of TM Financial Forensics; Brittany Sheppard; honoree Derek DiRisio of PSEG; Jessica Maia; honoree Collen O'Neill of EY; Najla Sims; and ASP Director of Development Jenny Zak.



Left: Alexis Michelle and Carson Kressley

Right: Cast members from *RuPaul's Drag Race* and *World of Wonder* grab a selfie with All Stars Project president and CEO Gabrielle Kurlander (3rd from right) and MTV, VH1, CMT and Logo president Chris McCarthy (5th from right).