



## Caribbean American Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)

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### CACCI Honored Entrepreneurs of the Year At 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony in New York City

New York City. The Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., (CACCI) honored business and community leaders its *24<sup>th</sup> Annual Entrepreneur of the Year Corporate and Partnership Recognition Awards Fundraising Luncheon* on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 11:30 a.m., Steiner Movie Studios, Stage 6, Brooklyn, NY.



This year's award recipients were: **Kim L. Jasmin**, Vice President, Northeast Region Community Relations Manager, JPMorgan Chase Foundation, Distinguished Corporate Diversity Recognition Award; **Charles Sessoms**, Director of Customer and Community Marketing, Coca Cola Bottling Company; **Patricia Sampson**, Managing Director, Bank of New York Mellon; **Brenda Scott**, Director, Vendor Development Program, Macy's East, CACCI's Distinguished Corporate Partners Award; **Valerie Oliver-Durrah**, President, Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic, Distinguished Business and Community Award; **Sylma Brown Bramble**, Director (Actg.), Caribbean Tourism Organization, (CTO), Distinguished Business/Community Partnership Award.

Entrepreneurs of the Year Awardees were: **Alfredo Thiebaud**, President, Delicioso Coco Helado; **Sandra Bryan**, Owner/Franchisee, Goldenkrust Caribbean Bakery; **Cliff Roye**, Owner, Cool Tech Air Conditioning & Refrigeration. **Scott and Natasha Nigro**, Owners, Nationwide Credit Counseling will receive CACCI's *Emerging Family-Owned Business Award*. CACCI's Year 2009 "*Roving Ambassador*" Award will be presented to **Senator Erno L. Labega**, Member of Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles.

A **Proclamation** was received from **Honorable Barack Obama**, President of the United States proclaiming the month of June 2009 as **National Caribbean American Heritage Month**. **Greetings and Salutations** were also received from the following elected officials and government leaders in recognition of **CACCI's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Celebration: Honorable**

**David Paterson**, Governor of the State New York; **Honorable Lorraine A. Cortes-Vazquez**, Secretary of State, NYS; **Honorable Michael Bloomberg**, Mayor of the City of New York; **Honorable Yvette D. Clarke**, United States Congress; **Honorable William "Bill" Thompson**, Comptroller of the City of New York; **Honorable Marty Markowitz**, President of the Borough of Brooklyn; **Honorable Christine Quinn**, Speaker of the New York City Council; **H. E. Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus**, Former Ambassador of Grenada to the United Nations; **Derek E. Broomes**, CACCI Board Chairman **Dr. Edwin Carrington**, Secretary General, Caribbean Community, CARICOM; **NYS Assemblyman Peter Rivera**, NYC Councilmembers **John Liu** and **Darlene Mealy**.

**Dr. Roy A. Hastick, Sr.**, CACCI President/CEO described this year's honorees as dedicated CACCI members, some of whom are corporate partners who are fostering diversity, creating procurement opportunities for small business owners. "We thank them for their years of service which has enabled CACCI to grow and we are pleased to honor all of this year's honorees for their commitment to small business growth and development," Hastick said.

Founded in 1985, CACCI is a statewide membership organization which has developed expertise in providing assistance to start-up and emerging business owners in areas of business planning, financing, procurement, certification for M/WBEs, business expansion and export/import opportunities. As a result of extraordinary financial support, CACCI is in the final phase of the development of the first ever **Caribbean Trade Center/Business Incubator** located in a busy commercial corridor in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn. CACCI also manages the Flatbush Caton Market, a New York City-owned micro enterprise incubator.

For more information on CACCI's series of small business monthly networking seminars, small business programs, counseling sessions, CACCI membership, contact CACCI: Tel.: (718) 834-4544. E-mail: [info@caccitradecenter.com](mailto:info@caccitradecenter.com). [www.caribbeantradecenter.com](http://www.caribbeantradecenter.com)

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