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Welcome Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 26th annual Hord Foundation Gala.

Your support of this event is vital to the important work that the Hord Foundation performs throughout the year. Established in 1993, by Noel and Cora Hord, the foundation has promoted education and career opportunities for young individuals through higher education scholarships.

I wish to offer my sincere gratitude to the generous individuals, businesses and organizations that make the Hord Foundation and its scholarship program a success every year, and for continuing to raise funds for this deserving cause.

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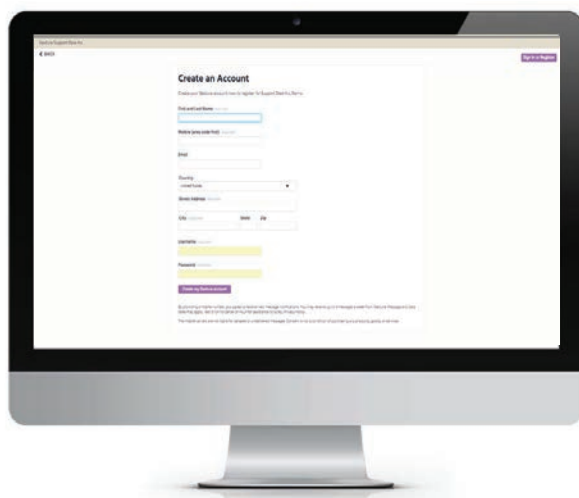
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Alexi Freeman has a distinguished record working alongside low-income communities and communities of color as a racial justice and legal advocate. Prior to joining Denver Law, Freeman worked as an attorney at Advancement Project, a national civil rights group, where she assisted grassroots organizations across the country on social justice advocacy campaigns around education and juvenile justice policy, housing, and voting rights issues. Freeman continues to support grassroots communities and social justice movements pro bono. At Denver Law, Freeman focuses her efforts inside and outside of the classroom on building a community of students dedicated to pursuing the public good and training the next generation of social justice advocates. She is a member of the National Association of Pro Bono Professionals and serves on the Board of Governors for the Society of American Law Teachers, which is a community of progressive law teachers working for justice, diversity, and academic excellence. Freeman is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard Law School. While at Harvard Law, she was recognized for her work in public interest law and her leadership on campus. She first became interested in issues of racial and social justice as a child growing up in an interracial and interfaith family.

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ERICA LYNN TUGGLE

Erica Lynn Tuggle has developed a career around building relationships. As a marketer, she has spent over 10 years creating and enabling values-based relationships between brands and their consumers. Erica began her career at American Express, learning the fundamentals of building and enriching consumer engagement on the Platinum and Centurion cards. She then helped build brands and marketing platforms at General Mills, where she worked on Yoplait and other leading food brands. Her passion for marketing and building brands ultimately took her to The Coca-Cola Company, where she remains today. Erica began her career at Coca-Cola in 2013 on the Sprite brand, the company's #2 brand worldwide. She then went on to lead innovation for the Honest portfolio led by Honest Tea and Honest Kids, the #1 bottled organic tea and #1 organic youth juice drink brands. Today, she is Brand Director for the Coca-Cola Trademark and leads strategy and program development for retention and recruitment of growth consumers. Erica earned her Masters in Business Administration from the Harvard School of Business and her undergraduate degree from New York University, Leonard N. Stern School of Business. When not building brands, you can find her in the kitchen pursuing her passion for cooking and spending time with her husband (Nathan) and two beautiful children (Jordan-3, Aria-1). She also serves on the Alumni Advisory Board for the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and loves volunteering her time and cooking for the PAW Kids enrichment program in Atlanta, GA.



CHRISTINE O'LEARY

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Christine O'Leary is an award-winning stand-up comedian, comedy teacher (18x SOLD OUT stand-up workshop teacher), comedy mentor to members of her Team Green Light Comedy collective, and philanthropic auctioneer who recently raised nearly half a million dollars for nonprofits in New England for the 2016 Gala Season in less than three months.

O'Leary, nominated by Curve Magazine as one of the '50 Funniest Lesbians in America,' has worked with the top comedians in the business who grace the stage at The Ridgefield Playhouse, including Gilbert Gottfried, Joy Behar, Susie Essman, Chevy Chase, Sinbad, Tracy Morgan and Janeane Garofalo. She's also worked with Margaret Cho, Ian Harvie (Transparent) and headlined Long Beach Pride events with Jennifer Hudson, Indigo Girls, KC and the Sunshine Band, and more.

O'Leary regularly performs with her Team Green Light Comedy collective to SOLD OUT shows. She's actively honing the comedic skills of her Step Up 2 Stand Up students and is booking shows and creating opportunities to bring new talent and fresh laughs to new places, including teaching comedy classes in Key West and headlining comedy events.

She lives in New Fairfield with her partner and a little dog and is passionate about using comedy to support causes. O'Leary served as the host for the Coalition for the Homeless NYC 'Women Mean Business Luncheon Fundraiser.'

A comedienne that brings the 'funny' to companies, colleges, charitable events, clubs and prides across the country, O'Leary's co-dependent motivation is to make a difference and make you laugh until you cry! But her favorite role is that of the host that 'can make a show out of anything.'



NOEL HORD

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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the annual Hord Foundation gala. Tonight is the beginning of a new chapter. As we start this new chapter, we hope to expand our dream and support to our beneficiaries. We have awarded over \$5 million in scholarships and have touched the lives of students of color across the world.

For many of you who have made it a tradition to attend, we are grateful to see you again. For those who are first time guest- welcome. We hope that you will enjoy an evening that is both entertaining and inspiring.

Tonight we honor Praxair with the 2019 "Hord Foundation Humanitarian Award." They have not only been great supporters and partners to the Hord Foundation, but have been great contributors to the community as a whole. We thank them for being an asset and a blessing to many.

This evening, you will also hear of the work of "Gabrielle's Wings" whose gifts have touched numerous places around this world.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard on tonight's program. We commit to expanding our services and work as we begin our new chapter.

Enjoy the Evening!

Noel Hord



MICHELLE HORD

GABRIELLE'S WINGS FOUNDER

Michelle Hord is Vice President of Creative Content & Talent Management at NBCUniversal. She has served in this capacity for 7.5 years. Michelle has a lifelong passion for mentoring and developing young people in her personal and professional life and has partnered with organizations such as Big Sisters, NAMIC, NABJ and The Posse Foundation. She is also a member of the Advisory Board for Howard University's School of Communications and a member of the Advisory Board for Reel Works, a New York based non-profit that helps teenagers create films about their lives.

In 2017, with the sudden violent death of her seven year old daughter, Gabrielle, Michelle began a journey to create a meaningful legacy in honor of Gabrielle. In partnership with The Hord Foundation, Inc., Michelle created, "Gabrielle's Wings."

In the first year of its existence, Gabrielle's Wings has facilitated more than \$300,000 of scholarships, cultural enrichment play and learning spaces, and educational "corners" around the world.

The Hallmark "Gabrielle's Corner Resource Center" model is a prime focus of the organization. These projects align Gabrielle's Wings to local organizations to amplify their educational curriculum, literature offerings, and digital technology.

Gabrielle's Wings believes in the "butterfly effect" theory. This states that a small action can actually change and impact the world in a significant way. The organization is determined that Gabrielle's legacy will enable children to aspire to dreams beyond their horizons and that her "wings" will enable them to soar.



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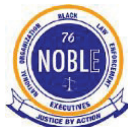
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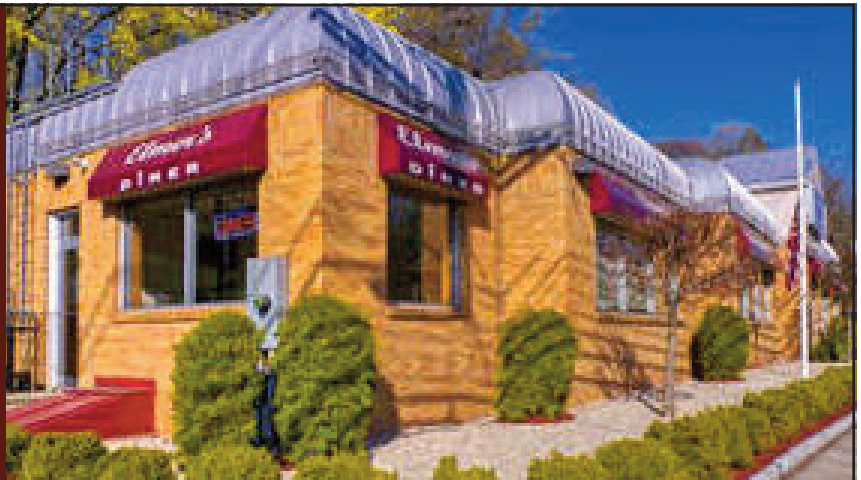
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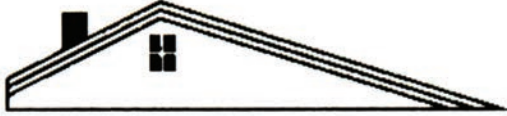


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