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BLACKMONEY.COM ANNOUNCES THE '50 MOST IMPORTANT AFRICAN- AMERICANS IN TECHNOLOGY' FOR 2004

BALTIMORE — Those seeking African-Americans in high-technology should start at the executive suites, as indicated by the fourth class of the 50 Most Important African-Americans in Technology. More than 40 corporate leaders, including 19 CEOs, seven chief information officers (CIOs), and 15 division heads and vice presidents were chosen for the annual list announced Dec. 11, along with four high-ranking government decision-makers, a member of Congress, four educational leaders, and the head of a professional organization.

The 50 Most Important list actually includes 51 innovators who have played major roles in the development of the personal computer, satellite communications, electronic test equipment, and cellular phone standards. Entrepreneurs on the list have built firms with more than 1,000 employees. One honoree, a Hall of Fame athlete, has become a champion of technology by heading his own company.

Their accomplishments span the entire computer industry, from Roy L. Clay Sr., who was the initial director of computer research and development for Hewlett-Packard Company in 1965 and still runs his own company, Rod-L Electronics; to Vallerie Parrish-Porter, Vice President, Group Information Officer for Hewlett-Packard in 2003.

The 50 Most Important list was developed in 2000 by Blackmoney.com, a service of San Francisco-based eAccess Corp., to spotlight the important role that close to one half-million African-American information technology workers play in the U.S. and world economies and to highlight the exceptional achievements of the individual honorees. Career Communications Group, Inc. will feature the honorees in the January/February 2004 issue of *US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine and will present a dinner-dance for them as a key activity of its Black Engineer of the Year Awards on Feb. 20, 2004.

Kenny Gamble, chairman of Universal Companies of Philadelphia, and half of the fabled Motown songwriting duo of Gamble and Huff, will be the keynote speaker for the event.

Nine of the recipients have California ties; five each work in Texas or New York State; and four each are from Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. Others are from Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

A list of the honorees is attached.



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Rodney C. Adkins

General Manager, Pervasive Computing, IBM Corporation
Somers, N.Y.

Bobby Bradley

Group Manager, Computer Systems Technology Group, SAIC
Huntsville, Ala.

Ursula M. Burns

Senior Vice President and President – Business Group Operations, Xerox Corporation
Stamford, Ct.

Dr. George Campbell Jr.

President, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
New York, N.Y.

Dr. Marvin P. Carroll

President and CEO, Tec-Masters, Inc.
Huntsville, Ala.

Sherita T. Ceasar

Vice President and General Manager, SciCare Broadband Services, Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.
Lawrenceville, Ga.

Dr. Phillip L. Clay

Chancellor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Roy L. Clay Sr.

CEO, Rod-L Electronics, Inc.
Menlo Park, Calif.

Joseph R. Cleveland

CIO, Lockheed Martin Corporation; President, Lockheed Martin Enterprise Information Systems
Bethesda, Md.

Angeline M. Clinton

Vice President – Information Technology, Duke Power
Charlotte, N.C.

H. James Dallas

Vice President and CIO, Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Atlanta, Ga.

Martin B. Davis

Corporate CIO and Executive Vice President, Wachovia Corporation
Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. Mark E. Dean

Vice President Storage Technology and IBM Fellow, IBM Corporation
Tucson, Ariz.

Samuel Dickens

CEO, Premier Circuit Assembly, Inc.
Spring Hope, N.C.

Lt. Gen. Albert J. Edmonds (U.S.A.F., Ret.)

President, Government Solutions, EDS
Plano, Texas

Monte Ford

Senior Vice President and CIO, American Airlines, Inc.
Dallas, Texas

Dixie Garr

Vice President of Customer Success Engineering, Cisco Systems, Inc.
San Jose, Calif.

Kim Goodman

Vice President of Marketing, Dell Americas, Public Sector
Round Rock, Texas

Frederick M. Green

President and CEO, Ault Incorporated
Minneapolis, Minn.

Frederick D. Gregory

Deputy Administrator, NASA
Washington, D.C.

Dr. John H. Hopps Jr.

Deputy Director of Defense Research & Engineering and Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Laboratory and Basic Science), U.S. Department of Defense
Arlington, Va.

Rodney P. Hunt

President and CEO, RS Information Systems, Inc.
Mclean, Va.

Dr. Keith H. Jackson

President, National Society of Black Physicists
Arlington, Va.

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson

President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Troy, N.Y.

Arthur E. Johnson

Senior Vice President Corporate Strategic Development, Lockheed Martin Corporation
Bethesda, Md.

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

Ranking Democratic Member, House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Research
Washington, D.C.

Willie F. Johnson

Chairman, PRWT Services, Inc.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Eric Kelly

President and CEO, Snap Appliance, Inc.
San Jose, Calif.

Jim Nanton

CIO, Sara Lee Branded Apparel
Winston-Salem, N.C.

E. Kenneth Nwabueze

CEO, SageMetrics Corporation
North Hollywood, Calif.



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Rodney O'Neal

President, Dynamics, Propulsion,
and Thermal, Delphi Corporation
Troy, Mich.

**Lt. Gen. Emmett Paige Jr. (U.S.
Army, Ret.)**

Vice President, Operations –
Department of Defense/
Intelligence Services, Lockheed
Martin Information Technology
Bethesda, Md.

Valerie Parrish-Porter

Vice President, Group Information
Officer, Hewlett-Packard Company
Palo Alto, Ca.

Richard D. Parsons

Chairman and CEO,
Time Warner Inc.
New York, N.Y.

Stephen A. Perry

Administrator, U.S. General
Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

Myrtle S. Potter

Executive Vice President –
Commercial Operations and COO,
Genentech, Inc.
South San Francisco, Calif.

Noah A. Samara

Chairman and CEO,
WorldSpace Corporation
Washington, D.C.

Gale Sayers

CEO, Sayers
Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Dr. Ernest Simo

Senior Executive, Space 2000,
CDMA Online
Washington, D.C.

Chuck Smith

President and CEO – SBC West,
SBC Communications Inc.
San Antonio, Texas

David L. Steward

CEO, World Wide Technology, Inc.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Lydia W. Thomas

President, Mitretek Systems, Inc.
Falls Church, Va.

John W. Thompson

Chairman and CEO,
Symantec Corporation
Cupertino, Calif.

Philip S. Thompson

Vice President, Sales and
Marketing, Technology Group,
IBM Corporation
Somers, N.Y.

Maurice B. Tosé

Chairman, CEO, and President,
TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.
Annapolis, Md.

Lloyd G. Trotter

President and CEO,
GE Industrial Systems
Plainville, Ct.

John Watkins Jr.

Senior Vice President and CIO,
Fairchild Semiconductor
Corporation
South Portland, Maine

Rayford Wilkins Jr.

Group President – SBC
Marketing and Sales,
SBC Communications Inc.
San Antonio, Texas

Thurmond B. Woodard

Chief Ethics Officer and Vice
President - Global Diversity,
Dell Inc.
Round Rock, Texas

Dr. Dhyana Ziegler

Assistant Vice President for
Instructional Technology,
Florida A&M University
Tallahassee, Fla.

Alfred Zollar

General Manager, eServer iSeries,
IBM Corporation
Somers, N.Y.



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