

Reach Society

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Milestone Recognition Awards Celebration 2015

Demani Jules-Carbon, a UCFB undergraduate, was honoured for winning the UCFB Reach Society full scholarship (worth £27,000 over 3 years); and Ms Koral O.P. Neil, an actress, won the ICE Books Reader Award, becoming the second recipient, at the 2015 Milestone Recognition Awards.

In October roughly 135 guests, dressed in black tie and ball gowns, turned out from the Black community to honour the largest cohort of sixty professional men and women from a range of disciplines.

Everyone was proud to network with them and witness the many Awards they received in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to Reach Society and our young people. Guests were also delighted to celebrate the Society's milestone of five years serving the community by inspiring no fewer than 4,000 young people.

The guests also heard the inspirational and thought provoking welcome address from the Society's patron Lord Herman Ouseley and the talk from the extraordinary guest speaker Courtenay Griffiths, QC, who paid tribute to the spirit of self-help within the Society, and the key role confidence plays in the development of our young people.

Each of the guest presenters John Budu-Aggrey, from Alpha BSE Training, Dr Patrick Marshall, from Birmingham University, Daniel Norris, from City & Islington College, Dr Roxanne Ferdinand, from Pfizer and Richard Cooper, from Lloyds Banking Group, also paid tribute to the many award winners for their compassion.

On the night several professionals, slightly fewer than two dozen, were honoured with Supporter of Reach Society Awards for their unselfish work on 9 April 2015 for reaching back to encourage, motivate and inspire roughly 750 young people, and their parents, at the 4th Careers Conference at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. And three professionals won the prestigious Fellow of Reach Society Awards.

Leon Neil, Rolston Dennis and Ritchie Neil picked up Fellows of Reach Society Awards for their sustained meritorious contributions to Reach Society. All have served the Society since the Careers Conferences were launched. This year there was no recipient of the Champion of Reach Society award but four noteworthy professionals should be mentioned for their continued extraordinary contributions to the Society. They are Prof. Frank Chinegwundoh, Glaister Anderson, Tony Tiyon and Prof. Donald Palmer.

Corporate Supporter Awards were picked up by Amos Bursary, Camberwell After-School Project (CASP); GV Media Group; Kick It Out (KIO); and the London Black Teachers Network. Also Carnaby Erp, EDF Energy and University College for Football Business (UCFB) picked up Corporate Fellow

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of Reach Society Awards. For the second year Lloyds Banking Group picked up the Corporate Champion of Reach Society Award for their exemplary commitment to the work the Society is doing to inspire young people.

In addition, five Special Awards were picked up. Ms Marva Rollins and Rudi Page were honoured for their leadership contributions on the Council of Leaders in the Black community (the COL). Ms Paula Neil was honoured for co-authoring the book, "**The Story of Reach Society**," published to mark the Society's 5 year milestone. And both Dr Patrick Marshall and Rob Neil were honoured for their strategic contributions.

This short report would not be complete without an expression of thanks to the master of ceremony, Rob Neil, for his skilful handling of the programme, and the top comic, Ian Irving, for helping everyone to relax and laugh, perhaps just a little more than they intended!

The full list of professionals honoured is given below; and we shall know them as the Professional Class of 2015.

Dr Dwain A Neil, Chairman, Reach Society

Professional Class of 2015

Below are the professionals from the community who gave time to encourage, motivate and inspire our young people; we thank them all for reaching back.

The Professional Class Of 2015	
Name	Profession
Ashton Barnett-Vanes	PhD Postgraduate & Medical Student, Imperial College
Alice Davies	Alumnus, Lloyds Scholars Programme & Lloyds Banking Group
Attu Assan	IT Senior Manager, Public Health England
Darrell Adjei	Undergraduate, Imperial College & Amos Bursary
Desmond Zephyr	Safer Neighbourhood Officer, London Metropolitan Police & 100 BMOL
Dr Ade Damola	Surgeon, NHS London
Dr Koye Balogun	Clinical Scientist, Public Health England
Dr Nira Chamberlain	Mathematician & Entrepreneur
Dr Patrick Marshall	Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham
Elise Palmer	Southampton University Undergraduate & Volunteer
Eric Sterling	Teacher

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Frank Munro	Civil Servant, DEFRA
Gary Rollins	Founder, Mind the Gap (Health & Wellbeing)
Getnet Hailu	Advertising Sector, GV Media Group
Glaister Anderson	Former Corporate Secretary, Unilever
Glen Morean	Airline Pilot, British Airways
Grantley Yearwood	Engineer, British Airways & Youth Worker
Howard Bowen	Accounts Manager, LB Kensington & Chelsea
Ivan Beckley	UCL Undergraduate & Amos Bursary
Jesse Williams	Lancaster University Undergraduate & Amos Bursary
Jonathan Lule	Accountant, EDF Energy
Kanye Kola	University of London Postgraduate & Lloyds Scholars
Kieran Paul	Advisor, Rare Recruitment
Kingsley Davis	Youth Justice Education Worker, Hertfordshire CC
Koral Neil	Actress & Psychology Graduate, Leeds University
Kwarteng Sarfo	Imperial College Undergraduate & Amos Bursary
Lee Xavier	Solicitor, De Cruz Solicitors
Leon Neil	HR Expert, Medical Services
Liam Daniels	Interventions Manager, Phoenix Futures
Marva Rollins	Head, Raynham Primary School & COL Leader
Matthew Ubogagu	Business Advisor, Legal & Financial Sector
Maxwell Akpobasah	Mechanical Systems Engineer, EDF Energy
Miles Watson	Bristol University Undergraduate & Amos Bursary
Myles Ball	Academic Relationship Manager, UCFB
Naomi Kellman	Recruitment Manager, Rare Recruitment
Ola Crown	Recruiter, EDF Energy
Osaze Aigbe	Technical Analyst, Thames Water
Ovie Kedo	Entrepreneur, Silverline Promotions
Owen Clarke	Founder, Kickstart Consultancy
Paul Mortimer	Ex Footballer & Programme Manager, Kick It Out
Paul Riddell	Consultant & Former Legal Advisor, CRE
Paula Neil	Author & Former Head of Social Care, LB Hillingdon
Peter Adefioye	Cambridge University Undergraduate & Amos Bursary
Prof. Donald Palmer	Senior Lecturer, Royal Veterinary College, University of London

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Prof. Frank Chinegwundoh	Consultant Surgeon, NHS London & Exe Director, Council of Leaders (or COL)
Rianne Palmer	Music Teacher & Volunteer
Richard Reid	Firefighter, London Fire Service
Ritchie Neil	IT Commercial Expert, Software One
Rob Neil	Head of Diversity & Inclusion, Ministry of Justice
Robin Corbie	Project Manager, Thames Water
Rolston Dennis	Surveyor, Construction Sector
Royston John	Founder, National Coalition-Building Institute
Rudi Page	CEO, RAFFA & Former Ex Director, COL
Selvin Brown	Director, Department of Work & Pensions
Sonia Palmer	Teacher, Primary Education & Volunteer
Tony Tiyou, engineer	Project Manager & Engineer, Altran UK
Troy Townsend	Ex Footballer & Development Manager, Kick It Out
Winston Bygrave	Baptist Minister & Former Deputy Headteacher
Winston Phillips	Engineer, The BBC
Yane Amos	History Teacher