



FEMALE SUCCESS FACTOR

'The Network Journal' honors the Top 25 Black Women in Business

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The Network Journal has honored 25 accomplished black women for 16 years now, and the 2014 Top 25 Black Women in Business were as remarkable and successful a group of professionals as have ever been honored by the publication.

Showcasing senior management executives across the corporate, government and nonprofit sectors, the 16th annual 25 Influential Black Women in Business Awards Luncheon was hosted by mistress of ceremonies

Michelle Miller, correspondent and anchor for CBS News, with a little help from *TNJ* founder and CEO Aziz Gueye Adetimirin.

Held at the Marriott Marquis in Midtown Manhattan, and presented by Morgan Stanley, this year's awards luncheon featured honorees Rhonda Spears Bell, senior vice president, marketing and communications, National Urban League; Denise Burgess, president and general manager, Burgess Services Inc.; Pamela Carter, president, Cummins Distribution Business, Cummins Inc.; Margot James Copeland, chair, KeyBank Foundation and executive vice president, director, corporate diversity and philanthropy, KeyBank; Michellene Davis, J.D., executive vice president, Barnabas Health; and many more.

"This award is very important as it is a culmination of all of the things I've accomplished in my career thus far," said honoree Dr. Danielle Robinson, director of alcohol policy and reputation management for Diageo. "It's an honor to be in the presence of 25 influential black women that have made the accomplishments that they've made."

"It feels knowing that I can be honored and recognized for the contributions I'm able to make in the community and the lives I've been able to touch," shared Lori Robinson Hayden, senior vice president and assistant general counsel for CBS corporation, who was also honored.

Senior vice president for corporate communications and public affairs for the RLJ Companies, Traci Otey Blunt, was thrilled to have been a part of such an illustrious class of honorees.

"This award was a very humbling and fantastic experience," said Blunt. "To be seated among 24 other women that have achieved so much in corporate America, as entrepreneurs and business owners, was amazing. *The Network Journal* is promoting to the world that there are strong women of color that are leading in business."