



2024 HBCU NETWORKING EVENT: HILLMAN TALKS – NAVIGATING YOUR CAREER FROM THE YARD TO THE OFFICE

Featured Panelists



Dre Brown – Howard University
Professional Artist, Creator and Entrepreneur

Driven to infuse each creative encounter with joy-inducing laughter, beauty & lifestyle (em)powerhouse, Dre Brown seeks to offer her clients and community both something for the eye and for the soul. This free spirit sees her approach to creatively contributing in and around content and curated experiences as a vehicle through which she promotes joy, self-care, motivated creative passion, and wellness-centered transformation.

Launching her career as a television media pro and self-taught makeup artist, Dre has honed her skills and cultivated creative community on-set for over 15 years — collaborating with media, fashion, beauty, and entertainment brands and creators including MTV, BRAVO, WEtv, Food Network, Comedy Central, Refinery29, COSMOPOLITAN, COMPLEX, SEVENTEEN, ESSENCE, Black Enterprise, Unilever, and celebrity talent including Olympic Gold Medalist Gabby Douglas, recording artists K. Michelle and Jidenna, actors Dominique Fishback, Tatyana Ali, and Omari Hardwick, activist Tarana Burke, and others.

Also a gifted writer, content creator, experiential host, and facilitator, Dre's footprint has extended via editorial contributions on Beautylish.com, JetMag.com, and MadameNoire.com, and via her work as a speaker, ambassador, curriculum consultant, and educator for the Dove® Self-Esteem Project (DSEP)-- partnering most recently in composing and accrediting the Dove®“My Hair, My CROWN” workshop curriculum. Dre has also amplified her voice with Dove® sister brands, partners, and beyond as an inspirational beauty & lifestyle thought-leader — sharing her unique insights in Black Enterprise Magazine, and via guest features on popular empowering podcasts and nationwide appearances in partnership with The United Nations, Essence Festival, The Female Quotient, and Hello7.



Erik Umphery – Clark Atlanta University
Celebrity Photographer

Erik Umphery is a celebrity and entertainment photographer known for his portraits of A-list stars and sports icons—everyone from Tom Brady to Beyoncé and beyond—as well as his dynamic campaigns for movie and television studios (including Paramount, Amazon, Hulu, and Sony). Erik is based in Atlanta, where he and his wife raise their three children, Chase, Logan, and Emery.

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India Stephens, PMP – Howard University

Project Manager, Comcast Corporation

India Stephens is an accomplished HR Tech Project Manager hailing from Atlanta, GA. She holds a degree in Finance from Howard University and is a certified Project Management Professional. India began her career in tech consulting, followed by a year of independent consulting, before joining Comcast.

India is passionate about plant-based cooking and has a keen interest in traveling, having visited 15 countries. As a lifelong learner, she is always eager to sign up for new adventures, whether it's an art class, skydiving, or exploring entrepreneurial

ventures.



Johnny Bailey – Hampton University

Business Educator, Amazon

A Hall of Fame high school athlete and fourth generation HBCU alum, Johnny Bailey is a graduate of Hampton University and has taken his pursuit of excellence into the world of technology, entrepreneurship, and financial wellness.

Johnny is the Founder of ShineHard Network, Founder of Black Golf Club DC, and he leads business education for Amazon’s Black Business Accelerator. He’s a business coach, marketing consultant, and power connector on a mission to close

the racial wealth gap.

Johnny has been featured by Forbes, Yahoo! Finance, and Fast Company for his work accelerating the Black economy. Also recognized by the Washington Wizards, Washington Commanders, UNCF, and Afro Tech for outstanding community leadership, he was named Entrepreneur of the Year by DC Black MBA, Hampton University Forty under 40, Black Enterprise 40 under 40 in 2022.



Moderator

Jamar Fulton – Delaware State University

Sports Partnerships, Comcast Business

Jamar Fulton is a native of Philadelphia, PA, born and raised in the Germantown part of the city. Graduated from Delaware State University with a bachelor’s in business and a Master’s in Sport Management. Jamar started his career coaching running back and leading video operations for the Delaware State Universities Football team.

Jamar received an opportunity to move to Akron, Ohio, and lead the University of Akron Athletic video department, where he oversaw 17 sports. After three years, Jamar received an opportunity to become the assistant director of Video Operations for the Atlanta Falcons. He was responsible for scouting videos to prepare the team for the NFL draft, gameday video, and video analytics.

After two successful seasons, Jamar returned home and obtained an MBA from Villanova University. After graduation, he secured a role with Comcast Business leading Business Development and Strategic Partnerships with NASCAR, PGA Tour, and the Olympics as his top accounts.

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