

## Celebrities RSVP and Honorees Speak for the 2017 Multicultural Media Correspondents Dinner

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**Washington, DC (May 23, 2017)** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Multicultural Media Correspondents Dinner MMCD™ VIP RSPVs keep rolling in. In addition to the production cast of celebs with comedian Chris Spencer, red carpet hosts Roland Martin, Fox News contributor Mercedes Schlapp, and @JoodFashion Correspondent Múkami Kinoti Kimotho, an array of celebrities, politicians, TV personalities and foreign ambassadors have RSVPed, inclusive of members of the Trump Administration.

Official start time for the VIP red carpet entrance is 5:30pm. C-Span will broadcast live coverage of the awards ceremony and political roast (check local listings for air time). A sneak peek into this years' RSVPs include:

1. Ryan Leslie, Grammy nominated artist/producer
2. Crystal Waters, Dance-music artist
3. Claudia Jordan, Actress
4. Stacey Dash, Actress
5. Lamman Rucker, Actor
6. Suzanne Malveaux, CNN News Anchor
7. Jeff Johnson, BET TV Host and MSNBC Journalist
8. Jawn Murray, TV Personality
9. Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll, LT. Gov. Florida
10. The Hon. Congresswomen Sheila Jackson-Lee of Texas
11. The Hon. Congresswomen Stacey Plaskett of US Virgin Islands
12. The Hon. Congresswomen Gwen Moore of Wisconsin
13. The Hon. Marc Morial, president of National Urban League, TV News Contributor
14. Ambassador Audrey Marks, Ambassador of Jamaica
15. Ambassador Francisco Campbell, Ambassador of Nicaragua
16. Ambassador Selvin Hart, Ambassador of Barbados

Key quotes from this years' honorees include:

*"We all live today in an increasingly diverse nation and world. All media platforms therefore have a greater responsibility to be as inclusive and diverse as the people that we serve, respect and represent."*

- **Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis; Media Advocacy Organization of the Year**

*"The greatest legacy would be to encourage today's interns to be great multicultural media correspondents."*

- **Juan Williams; Television Broadcast Journalist of the Year**

*"We should strive for not only a diversity of backgrounds but also a diversity of thought and ideologies. Diversity is more than a concept. It is a necessary moral architecture for a changing world."*

- **BlogsNoir CEO Cherylyn Harley LeBon; New Media Print Executive of the Year**

The Multicultural Media Correspondents Dinner MMCD™ was created in 2016 to honor and salute luminaries and highlight the need for greater diversity in telecommunications and media (2016 Event Video Reel

<https://vimeo.com/177397447>). Visit [voteitloud.com](http://voteitloud.com) for more information, and follow the event across social platforms by tracking #VILMMCD and @VoteItLoud.

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