

# Southeast Louisiana Council ~ Boy Scouts of America Hosted by:

## Whitney M. Young, Jr. Gala

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Reception 6:00 – Dinner and Program 7:00

at Dillard University Lucien Pavilion /Professional Schools  
& Sciences Bldg. (PSB Atrium)



**Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Honoree - Dr. Calvin Mackie CEO and Founder, STEM NOLA and President/CEO, Channel ZerO Group LLC-** Dr. Calvin Mackie is an award-winning mentor, inventor, author, former engineering professor, internationally renowned speaker, and successful entrepreneur. In 2013, he founded STEM NOLA, a non-profit organization created to expose, inspire, and engage communities in the opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). To date STEM NOLA has engaged over 70,000 K-12 students in hands-on project-based STEM activities. In 2021, he launched STEM Global Action to advance K-12 STEM Education around the world. He has won numerous awards including the 2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring in a White House ceremony. In 2013, Dr. Mackie was awarded the highest honor bestowed upon a Morehouse College graduate, A Candle in the Dark's "Bennie" Award. In 2019, Mackie received the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Board's Chair Phoenix Award. Dr. Mackie is a devoted husband to wife, Tracy, and father to sons, Myles Ahmad, and Mason Amir.



**Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Honoree – Honorable Rachael D. Johnson Judge, Louisiana 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal, 1<sup>st</sup> District** -Judge Rachael D. Johnson was elected in April 2017 to serve as Judge of Civil District Court, Division B in Orleans Parish, LA. She was re-elected without opposition in July 2020. In January 2023 she became judge for the 1st District of the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal.

Judge Johnson began her legal career in 2005 as a law clerk for the Honorable Nadine Ramsey at Civil District Court in Orleans Parish. She has worked as an assistant City Attorney with the City of Riviera Beach, FL, where she advised the city and its various boards on a variety of matters. She is a 2005 graduate of Tulane Law School where she was a member of the juvenile litigation law clinic and served on the executive board of the Black Law Students Association. Judge Johnson attended Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she received a B.A. in Psychology in 1998. She also has a master's in social

work from Smith College

She currently serves as Secretary of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program and on the executive board of the A. P. Tureaud Chapter of the Inns of Court, the Louisiana Judicial Council- NBA, and the Paul S. Morton Scholarship Foundation. She is a member of United Fellowship Church and the New Orleans Chapter of the Links, Inc. Judge Johnson was born and raised in New Orleans and is a proud graduate of McDonogh #35 Senior High School.



**Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Honoree - Ms. Deanna Rodriguez President and CEO Entergy New Orleans, LLC -** Ms. Deanna Rodriguez is president and chief executive officer of Entergy New Orleans, LLC, where she oversees the company's electric distribution system, safety, financial performance, customer service, resource planning, economic development, charitable contributions, employee development, and regulatory and governmental affairs.

Rodriguez, a 28-year veteran of Entergy, previously served as vice president of regulatory and public affairs at Entergy Texas, Inc. Prior to that, she was vice president of regulatory affairs for Entergy New Orleans, where she worked closely with the New Orleans City Council to launch the first Energy Smart program. From 1999 to 2003, as vice president of corporate contributions, Rodriguez oversaw the creation of the Entergy Charitable Foundation and the company's employee volunteer program, Community Connectors. Rodriguez has served on numerous nonprofit boards in the past and currently sits on the United Way of Southeast Louisiana, The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana's International Women's Forum.

Rodriguez holds a master's degree in public affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas at Austin.

### Event Chair – Lambert Boissiere, III



Gala Team- growing each day: Demetric Mercadel, Ethan Ashley, Ronald Carrere Jr., Reginald Grace, Jr., Rachel F. Cousin, Tracy Dedeaux, Lisa Diggs, Eugene J. Green Jr., Daniel F. Packer, Charles L. Rice Jr., Cesily Roberts, Nathanael Scales, Matthew Simms, Terry L. Williams, Jimmie Woods, Sr., James Gray, Ronnie Burns, Nika Scott, MsSkip Gibson, Wendy Lodrig Bart, Henry L. Coaxum, Jr., Richard F. Cortizas

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**Organization Facts** - The Southeast Louisiana Council, Boy Scouts of America will provide youth development and leadership programs to approximately 4,000 young people in eleven parishes through Cub Scouting, Scouts-BSA, Venturing, Exploring and Learning for Life programs during 2023.

**Funds invested in this event will provide with a focus on inner city programs:**

- Program Services – Camping, activities, training, insurance, uniforms, Scout books
- Support Services – Office support, equipment, Salmen Scout Reservation, trained adult mentors.
- Individual Scouts - Ability to help youth in need experience the wonderful opportunity Scouting provides.

Sponsors are encouraged to invite their guests to enjoy the program who may consider making an investment in Scouting’s youth development programs.

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**Investment Levels:**

- **\$25,000 Investor (Eagle Scout)** Two Full Tables (16 Guests), signage, listing in program and at 2 tables, 5 minutes at the podium during lunch if desired.
- **\$10,000 Investor - (Life Scout)** – One and a Half Tables (12 Guests), signage, listing in program and table.
- **\$5,000 Investor - (Star Scout)** – One Full Table (8 Guests), signage, listing in program and table.
- **\$2,500 Investor - (First Class Scout)** – Partial Table of 4 guests, a listing in program and table
- **\$1,000 Investor - (Tenderfoot Scout)** – 2 guests, a listing in program
- **\$500 Investor - (Scout)** – 1 guest, listing in program.
- **\$250 Investor – (Cub Scout)**
- **8 seats at each table**



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 Tenderfoot \$1,000     Scout \$500     Cub \$250      Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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