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February 22, 2019
MCM Elegante Hotel
Beaumont, Texas
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

RONNIE TURNER, JR.
Ronnie Turner, Jr., graduated from Lamar University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a minor in Political Science. Following his time at Lamar University, he earned a law degree from Baylor University School of Law. After graduating law school, Ronnie began working with Provost Umphrey Law Firm, L.L.P. He primarily practices in areas of personal injury, premises, and products liability cases. He has been working as an attorney for 9 years. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He has been acknowledged as a Top 100 Up and Coming Attorney in Texas. He has been recognized as having one of the Top 100 verdicts in Texas on two separate occasions.

LAKEISHA FONTENOT
Fontenot attended Lamar University between 2013-2018. After graduating with a degree in History and minor in Spanish, she accepted a job as an 8th grade U.S. History teacher at Vincent Middle School. Her journey continues to develop as she searches for new places around the world to explore, new cultures to encounter, and history to analyze. She will be enrolling in graduate school in the Fall semester 2019 in order to further her knowledge and career in the African diaspora.

KRISTEEEN REYNOLDS
Kristeen Reynolds is a native of Port Arthur, Texas. Kristeen completed her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in 2016 and her Masters of Science in Accounting in 2017 at Lamar University. She is currently an Audit and Assurance Senior Associate at Deloitte and Touche in Houston, Texas. She has met all qualifications and her CPA designation is pending in the State of Texas. During her tenure at Deloitte, Kristeen has performed audits of Fortune 500 companies as well as served in an advisory role to clients. Kristeen has also served in various Community Outreach programs through Deloitte as well as on her own time.

FRED R. VERNON II
In 2013, Fred earned a master of science in accounting and a MBA from Lamar University. Fred is the founder and CEO of KLV Ventures incorporated, a transportation and logistics company that specializes in transporting industrial applications. It has leased yards and/or offices in Port Arthur, Beaumont, Dallas and Houston. KLV provides services in 48 states and is projected to gross over $6 million in revenue in 2018. KLV employs over 40 men and women and is positioned to double in terms of employment and revenue by 2020.

PROGRAM

Dinner
Welcome
Dr. John O. Bello-Ogunu, Sr.
Vice President of Global Diversity, Inclusion and Intercultural Affairs

Recognition of Students
Cruz Imelda Wicks
Executive Director of Global Diversity, Inclusive Excellence & Training
Dr. Bianca Easterly
Assistant Professor—Political Science
Dr. Freddie Titus
Associate Professor –Teacher Education

Introduce Keynote Speakers
Dr. Delvin Seawright
Assistant Professor—Accounting and Business Law
Dr. Freddie Titus
Associate Professor –Teacher Education

Keynote Speakers
Kristeen Reynolds
Lamar University alumna
Fred R. Vernon II
Lamar University alumnus
LaKeisha Fontenot
Lamar University alumna
Ronnie Turner, Jr.
Lamar University alumnus

Closing Remarks
Dr. Gwinyai Muzorewa
Assistant Professor—History
Tristen Anding
Student, Lamar University