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SUCCESS SOUTH FLORIDA MAGAZINE NAMES 2008's 40 UNDER 40 BLACK PROFESSIONAL

South Florida's 2008 Top Young Black Professionals announced

July 11 2008, Miami, FL - *Success South Florida*, today's leading publication for South Florida's Black business, announces its 2008 honorees for the coveted *40 Under 40* awards given annually by the magazine. Each year, *Success South Florida* names its 40 most influential black business professionals who are under the age of 40 and who have made significant strides for their relatively young ages. The *40 under 40* issue distinguishes the leading, young black professionals in industries such as medicine, media, education, real estate, law, finance, government and community development.

Success South Florida has scoured the tri-county area of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, receiving more than 150 nominations, to determine this impressive list of local black professionals. Each honoree was nominated for their significant contributions to our local business scene and for their impact in the community.

The 2008 group of awardees include:

Monica D. Barnes
Simone Brown
Donovan Campbell
Beatrice Cazeau
Dione Christy
De Anne Collier
Nicole Cummings
Patience Dhilwayo
Melissa Dunn
Derek Epps
Percy Evans

Sophia Galvin
Oliver Gilbert
Gregory Haile
Dexter Harris
Wayne Hazlewood
Caridad Hernandez
Ashanti Johnson
Stephanie Jones
Celia Joseph
Eric M. Kelly
Philip Lay

Anthony Lockhart
LaJuane Mack
Troy Maxey
Marie McKenzie
Christina McKinnon
Serena Minott
Tracey Mitchell
Christopher Moore
Malaika Moran
DeMarco Morgan
Arnesha Patterson

Sandra Powery
Dionne Richards
Shondelle Soloman-Miles
Jessica Steele-Walcott
Persephone Taylor-Gary
Victor Terry
Manoucheka Thermitus
Daniel Veasy

"Having been born and raised in Miami it is so gratifying to be able to work and give back to the community that helped to nurture me. It is indeed an honor to have my efforts acknowledged, particularly with the understanding and charge that at 28 years old the best is still yet to come," **Persephone Taylor-Gary**, Public Policy & Outreach Coordinator at The Children's Trust.

"Being selected as one of the 40 under 40 is such an honor! Attorneys are often not acknowledged for their hard work or for contributions made to the community. I believe that it is my obligation to balance my work responsibilities with educating others and giving back to individuals who are socially, politically and/or economically disadvantaged. It is an honor to be recognized for doing something that already gives me a sense of accomplishment," **Tracy A. Mitchell**, Attorney-at-law, Becker and Poliakoff.

"I was born and raised in South Florida, and it excites me to be a part of the 40 under 40 issue of *Success South Florida* magazine. I've never before seen a magazine so dedicated to showcasing the success of young urban professionals. Dexter Bridgeman and his team continue to do it again and again -- creating a connection between us that can not only make us better as individuals but also a powerful force in the South Florida community," **Caridad Hernandez**, Producer, NBC 6.

A private launch and awards ceremony will be held on July 25th at Morton's North Miami Beach from 12 Noon to 3 PM and is sponsored by Ocean Bank.

For more information on *Success South Florida* magazine contact Publisher, Dexter Bridgeman at 786-443-6558 or Circle of One Marketing at 305-576-3790.

About Success South Florida Magazine

Established in 2004, Network *Miami* magazine, now *Success South Florida Magazine* (www.ssfla.com), has tri-county circulation of over 60,000 per issue and publishes bi-monthly. *Success South Florida* is a news/business publication serving South Florida's Black Professional Community with insightful articles and information on business, careers, politics, lifestyle, culture and social commentary. The publication is distributed through a variety of Black business organizations such as The Fort Lauderdale Business Association, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and also available at selected news stands in the tri-county area.

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