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NEWS ALERT

YMCA LAUNCHES 2019 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. INSPIRATIONAL WEEKEND WITH ACCLAIMED TRAILBLAZER MS. XERNONA CLAYTON

- WHO:** YMCA of South Florida, JM Family Enterprises, Miami HEAT, City National Bank, Milner, Ocean Bank
- WHAT:** 15th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of Inspirational Events celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with keynote speaker **Xernona Clayton**, a broadcast journalist and executive who will share her inspirational stories at the breakfast and luncheon. Ms. Clayton, aside from working closely with the King family, was also the first black person in the South to have her own television show. She is the creator, founder, President and CEO of The Trumpet Awards, a worldwide televised award show highlighting the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans. She has a large number of accolades and accomplishments surrounding her dedication to promoting racial understanding and her persistent fight against prejudice and bigotry.
SPEAKER INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE: 6:30-6:50 a.m., JAN. 18
- WHEN:** **Friday, January 18, 7:30 a.m.**
& WHERE: **Inspirational Breakfast, presented by JM Family Enterprises**
First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale
301 E. Broward Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
- Friday, January 18, 11:30 a.m.**
Inspirational Luncheon, presented by the Miami HEAT
American Airlines Arena, 601 and XFINITY East Plaza
601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami.
- INFO:** The tribute to Dr. King's Legacy started as a breakfast in Broward County, but has grown over the years to include a luncheon in Miami and a Day of Service. The weekend of activities consists of more than 800 business and community leaders attending a Breakfast in Fort Lauderdale presented by JM Family Enterprises, a Luncheon in Miami presented by the Miami Heat, and the YMCA MLK Day of Service presented by City National, Milner and Ocean Bank.

The YMCA brings the community together to promote unity and equality in people of all faiths and backgrounds while paying tribute to Dr. King.

The breakfast and luncheon will include Spirit of Community Award recipients, honoring the work of local community leaders, as well as, Youth Leadership Award recipients who receive scholarships in recognition of their commitment to social activism, civic engagement and the diversity ideals of Dr. King.

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This year's honorees are:

Dave W. Cash Youth Leadership Award

- **Breakfast:** Albert Gonzalez, senior at Boyd Anderson High School
- **Luncheon:** Alvaro Perpuly, senior at Coral Reef Senior High School

- **Spirit of Community Award**
 - Breakfast:** Trailblazers of Broward County, an organization dedicated to preserving and promoting local African-American history and achievements in Fort Lauderdale
 - Luncheon:** The Children's Trust, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County

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