



# Daily Update

Blacks In Government 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Training Conference  
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## “Rising Above the Storm: Navigating New Challenges with High Professional Competency and Dedication to Public Service”

### *Youth Information Superhighway Competition and Oratorical Contest*

*Reported by Vera McKethan*

### *Information Superhighway Competition Winners*

9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Category	11 <sup>th</sup> -12th Grade Category
1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Ms Kayla Marks Region IV	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Ms Kelly Johnson Region 11
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Mr. Larry Phillips Region I	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Mr. Kareem Ferguson Region I
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Mr. IKechukwu Umez Eronini Region XI	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Mr. Obadiah Jimmerson Region IV

### *Oratorical Contest Winners*

9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Category	11 <sup>th</sup> -12th Grade Category
1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Ms Eboni Coleman Region 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Mr. Larry Pinkston Marshall Region IV
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Mr. Darien Harris Region XI	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Ms. Thais Francis Region XI
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Ms Jasmine Baker Region 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Mr. Rahman Bell Region IX

### The Department of Defense Military and Civilian Meritorious Award Reception

And

### BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT (BIG) 2008 MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

*Reported by Larry Houston*

#### UNITED STATES ARMY

##### *Military Winner*

Sergeant First Class Rocky R. Marsh

##### *Civilian Winner*

Ms Mary Gifford Jones

#### UNITED STATES NAVY

##### *Military Winner*

RADM Norman Hayes

##### *Civilian Winner*

Ms. Karen M. Davis

#### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

##### *Military Winner*

LTC Joseph Richardson

##### *Civilian Winner*

Mr. Lloyd Reshard

#### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

##### *Military Winner*

Gunnery Sergeant Herrick Ross

##### *Civilian Winner*

Ms Carla Johnson

**NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU**

*Military Winner*

LTC Trancey B. Williams

*Civilian Winner*

Ms Phyllis Brantley

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

*Military Winner*

LT Mark Braxton

*Civilian Winner*

Ms. Loverna Miller



*Oratorical Contest Winner*

Mr. Larry Pinkston Marshall

**4<sup>TH</sup> ESTATE DEFENSE AGENCIES**

*Civilian Winners*

Ms. Leigh-Alistair Barzey

Ms. Jo Mueller

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*Excellence in Government Service  
Awards and Recognition Banquet  
Winners of these awards will be placed  
on the Blacks In Government website at  
a later date*

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*Mr. Harold Ford, Jr.*

Chair, National Democratic Leadership Council



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The National Communication and Public Relations Committee has developed a template for a National Training Conference After Action Report. The template will be available on the BIGNET website, <http://www.bignet.org>.

You are encouraged to prepare a report for your supervisor, manager or agency head, etc. This is a good way to let them know what you have gained through your attendance at the 2008 National Training Conference.

The Conference Daily Updates can be found on the BIGNET website, <http://www.bignet.org>.