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**MWMCA's ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY HEROES CELEBRATION HONORS LEADERS  
AT LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL MARYLAND**

*The awards ceremony recognizes top leaders that provide positive influence and significant contributions to African Americans in local Maryland communities*

**Hanover, MD (February 4, 2026)** – In recognition of Black History Month, The Cordish Companies, Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland, and the Md. Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA) celebrated 10 Black History Heroes on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. The 13th annual Black History Month Celebration honored this year's awarded local Black leaders for their positive influence and impact on their communities at The HALL at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. The ceremony included a keynote speech from Harley Flack, President & CEO, Stella May Contracting, Inc.

"Each year, we are overcome with honor and pride to recognize the latest group of devoted Black History Heroes who selflessly serve this community." said Wayne R. Frazier, Sr., President, MWMCA. "This year's honorees represent various industries and professions, but all share an admirable dedication to inspiring the Black community."

The 2026 honorees include:

- **Quincy Bareebe**, CEO, Royal Homecare & Staffing, LLC; Royal Assisted Living Inc.
- **Coretta L. Bennett**, Senior Director of Operations, Design & Construction, Johns Hopkins University
- **Bradley S. Chambers**, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Baltimore Region MedStar Health
- **Dr. Norvel "Rock" Dillard**, President and CEO ND4 Success Group, LLC
- **Joseph W. Dixon**, Chief, Baltimore County Fire Department
- **LaRian Finney**, Managing Partner, The Finn Group, LLC
- **Harley Flack**, President & CEO, Stella May Contracting, Inc.

- **COL Yolanda D. Gore**, *Garrison Commander*, Fort George G. Meade, U.S. Army
- **Julian E. Jones, Jr.**, *Councilman*, 4th District Candidate for Baltimore County Executive Baltimore County, MD
- **Mark Anthony Thomas**, *President & CEO*, Greater Baltimore Committee

“Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland is particularly proud of our partnership with MWMCA, and we look forward to the Black History Month celebration every year,” shared Ryan Eller, EVP and General Manager at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland. “In recognition of the inspirational individuals who are dedicated to improving their communities, we seek to uplift their impact in the neighborhoods where our Team Members and guests live and work.”

The program was facilitated by Master of Ceremonies Janay Reece, CBS News Anchor, WJZ-TV. In addition, remarks were made by Jon Cordish, Principal of The Cordish Companies, and honorees COL Yolanda D. Gore, Bradley S. Chambers and Julian E. Jones, Jr.

For images from this year’s event, visit [www.mwmca.org](http://www.mwmca.org) and select the banner, “Black History Heroes Event Pictures.”

For details on Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland, click [here](#).

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## **ABOUT MWMCA**

In 2002, Md. Washington Minority Contractors Association, Inc. (MWMCA) originated to advocate for minority and women construction trade contractors because so much work was being completed without the utilization of said firms. 11 years later, in 2013, MWMCA evolved into Md. Washington Minority Companies Association and expanded its scope of work to include all types of companies: trade contractors, suppliers, and service providers. MWMCA has a unique offering of services with one mission in mind, “Connecting Large & Small Businesses to Work Together.”

## **ABOUT LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL MARYLAND**

The six-time AAA Four Diamond rated Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland opened in 2012 and is one of the largest and most luxurious commercial casinos in the country. Offering guests a range of activities including gaming, entertainment, world-class dining and hotel accommodations, Live! Casino & Hotel is consistently ranked the top tourist attraction in the state and was named one of the top 10 hotels in Maryland by U.S. News & World Report. Located between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, and adjacent to the popular Arundel Mills Mall with free garage parking, the property features one of the area’s biggest entertainment venues, The HALL at Live!, along with Maryland’s #1 Sportsbook with partner FanDuel at Sports & Social Maryland. Other amenities include nearly 200 live action table games and 4,000 slot machines, a large Poker Room, two High Limit Rooms, and the Orchid Gaming & Smoking Patio. The award-winning hotel features 310 luxury guest rooms, the luxurious Live! Spa offering an array of rejuvenating and age-defying spa

treatments and five spa level hotel suites that include private in-room treatment areas, and The Cordish Art Collection complete with more than 40 pieces of contemporary art from world-renowned artists including Andy Warhol. Multiple dining options including Zagat-rated The Prime Rib, David's serving breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner, Luk Fu featuring an extensive Asian focused menu, and the County's first Korean barbecue restaurant KOHO Korean BBQ House. Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland is owned and operated by a company that is affiliated with The Cordish Companies. More information can be found [here](#).

## **ABOUT THE CORDISH COMPANIES**

The Cordish Companies' origins date back to 1910 and encompass four generations of privately held, family ownership. During the past ten decades, The Cordish Companies has grown into a global leader in Gaming & Entertainment; Commercial Real Estate; Entertainment Districts; Sports-Anchored Developments; Hotels; Residential Properties; Restaurants; Coworking Spaces; and Private Equity. One of the largest and most respected developers in the world, The Cordish Companies has been awarded an unprecedented seven Urban Land Institute Awards for Excellence for public-private developments that are of unique significance to the cities in which they are located. The Cordish Companies has developed and operates highly acclaimed dining, entertainment and hospitality destinations throughout the United States, many falling under The Cordish Companies' Live! Brand, highly regarded as one of the premier entertainment brands in the country. Welcoming over 60 million visitors per year, these developments are among the highest profile dining, entertainment, gaming, hotel and sports-anchored destinations in the country. In gaming, The Cordish Companies has developed among the most successful casino hotel resorts in the world, including the Hard Rock Hotels & Casinos in Hollywood and Tampa, FL; and the Live! Casinos & Hotels in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Virginia. Over the generations, The Cordish Companies has remained true to the family's core values of quality, entrepreneurial spirit, long-term personal relationships and integrity. As a testimony to the long-term vision of its family leadership, The Cordish Companies still owns and manages virtually every business it has created. For more information, visit [www.cordish.com](http://www.cordish.com) or follow us on X (@cordishco).

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