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Jim Strickland MAYOR OF MEMPHIS



Dear Colleagues,

Each year, so many of you go above and beyond the call of duty to help our city. Because of that dedication, the **Ovation Awards** ceremony is always so special to me. The opportunity to honor the people that are the heart of our city's government is one the highlights of my job.

This celebration gives me the chance to show my gratitude to those employees who serve the citizens of Memphis with hard work, determination and commitment. Whether it's a Solid Waste employee who ensures their route is always promptly completed, or a 311 operator who patiently finds a solution for an upset citizen, our honorees prove day-in and day-out that they are the lifeblood of our government.

Thank you for what you do each day, and I'm proud to be a part of this chapter with you. Congratulations to you all.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jim Strickland





Alex Smith



CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER

Hello, City of Memphis employees and guests; Welcome to our 2022 City of Memphis Ovation Awards!

This is our 7th year celebrating City of Memphis employees with this annual recognition ceremony. There's an air of gratitude as this year's awards are more meaningful than ever.

In 2020 and 2021, we faced unprecedented challenges with the pandemic and social justice, and you stepped up to the challenge. So on behalf of the citizens of Memphis, we say THANK YOU!

Thank you for putting citizens above yourself and letting your purpose fuel your passion for serving, protecting, and leading.

As we honor the loyalty and commitment of those employees who have reached significant career milestones, having served the City for 25 years or more, we also take this opportunity to honor those who have gone above and beyond, who worked while no one was watching, who saw a need and met it, no questions asked. This Ovation is for you.

I'd also like to thank those who made this year's virtual celebration a reality. Your commitment to creating a first-class awards experience is greatly appreciated as we work to keep our employees safe.

Thank you, our most esteemed City of Memphis employees, for making your mark on our great City!.

Stay safe.

Chief Alex Smith

Program

OCTOBER 27, 2022 RENASANT CONVENTION CENTER Ball Room A

Saxophonist	Aisha DuBose "Lady E Flat"
Musical Entertainment	

OVATION AWARDS CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Jeremy Pierre Fox 13 Memphis
Opening Remarks	Honorable Mayor Jim Strickland
Occasion Ch	ief Human Resources Officer Alex Smith

INTRODUCTION OF YEARS OF SERVICE

YEARS OF SERVICE VIDEO PRESENTATION

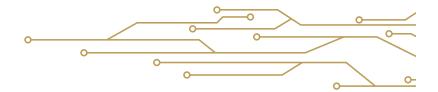
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OVATION VIDEO PRESENTATION

Musical Tribute	Bird	Williams

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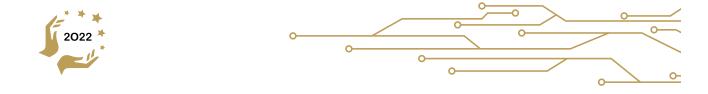
Jeremy Pierre Fox 13 News MASTER OF CEREMONY

Jeremy Pierre comes to the Bluff City from the Crescent City, where he was prepped at the storied St. Augustine High School.

Continuing his education in the city of New Orleans, he graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication, broadcast concentration. Jeremy launched his reporting career as an intern at NBC affiliate WDSU Channel 6.

After working in his hometown, he then went on to become a general assignment reporter at KNOE in Monroe, La. News has always been a passion for Jeremy, and he strives to produce fair, accurate and balanced stories. He particularly enjoys sharing stories from the communities he serves. Jeremy is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the National Association of Black Journalists.

He serves as a mentor in NABJ's high school journalism program. In 2013, he was named NABJ Region V student journalist of the year, and he was the first recipient of the Ted Holtzclaw Journalism Excellence Award in the NABJ multimedia short course. A musician at heart (drummer), Jeremy feels right at home in Memphis and is excited to share the stories of people from the area.





Aisha Dubose

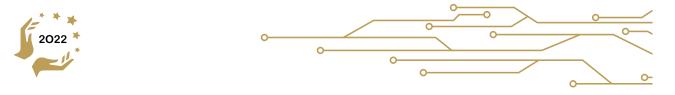
Saxophonist Aisha Dubose is a philanthropist, promoter, and motivator passionate about sharing God's love through her unique musical expression.

As many people learn about her ministry, Aisha's name, assignment, and graceful personality continue

to blossom. She believes that one of her assignments here on earth is to release a clarion call through divine sound through her horn. This sound will ultimately remind people of their divine purpose and give them a sense of peace and inner healing that only God can give.

After discovering that music was a part of her purpose, she has graciously accepted numerous opportunities to share her gift in various venues across Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Mississippi, playing at churches, corporate functions, women empowerment events, private events, and more. No matter where she plays, she shares the love of God, not only through her musical talent but with her grace and class. She has opened for legendary artists and speakers such as Bill Winston, Ann Nesby, Lashon Pace, Tramaine Hawkins, Beverly Crawford, Wes Morgan and was also featured on the Bobby Jones Show.

Aisha is all about living authentically, keeping her intentions pure, as she always finds ways to encourage and support the development of everyday people through simple but kind gestures using her music as an outlet. The satisfaction she gets from indulging in her many passions has led her to bond with and inspire others worldwide to operate in their diving purpose with authenticity. "It seems that the world is building an appreciation for more than just talent but sound," she believes. "People are seeking purpose and hope for living, which is in Jesus Christ, I have to let the love of God show forth through my music and my lifestyle."





Bird Williams

MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

Nicknamed "Bird" for his melodious style of singing, Bird Williams, a native Memphian, but well known throughout the United States, will take you anywhere you want to go in your mind, spirit and soul with his outrageous and soulful vocals.

Singing since the age of eight, "Bird" comes from a bloodline of gifted singers including his father, uncles, his baby brother and gospel recording artist. Pastor Chris Williams, III: He has that "old school" flow that pulls litsters directly into the songs he sings.

"Bird" has shared the stage with many great and timeless singers including: The Whispers, The Barkays, Karen White, Carl Thomas, Keith Sweat, Bobby Rush and one he truly admires, Mr. Frankie Beverly. Some of his hit songs include: *Sometimes Man, Mr. Desire, Turn Around Electric Lady, Green Grass, Special One* and *Heaven.* This is just the beginning!



SOLID WASTE CLEOPHUS SMITH

50 Years of Service

LIBRARY SERVICES VALERIE HARRIS

45 Years of Service

PUBLIC WORKS DOROTHY HUNT

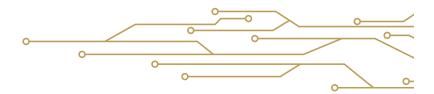
SOLID WASTE STEVEN E. LONDON

40 Years of Service

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ACCOUNTABILITY

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MARQUARIUS HAMPTON PAMELA RIDDICK-CARROLL REGINALD TITUS SCOTTIE BRANNON SHAWN HENDERSON SHONDRA BROOKS THERESA LEISTER TIMOTHY RUTHERFORD TRACY KING WESLEY THOMPSON WILLIAM CARVER

COLLABORATION

BRANDON HUDSON BRANDON CARPENTER CALVIN TAYLOR CASSANDRA LEAKE CASSANDRA GRAY CATHY SMITH CYNTHIA THOMAS **DIONNE ROGERS** HEADLEY BRISSETT JANILLE TOWNSEL JHUKURUIN COLE JOHN D SMITH JOHNIE HARDEMAN JUDAEA LANE **KELLY BOWEN KENNETH DAWSON KENNETH FROST** LAUREN FARR MALCOLM ROBINSON MICHELE ELION MONIQUE WILLIAMS NICHOLAS MAESE-MURPHY PATRICIA ALSTON PATRICK DUHAN TAMARA BUSH TIMOTHY WILLIAMS **TRACY ABERCROMBIE**

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CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

ALICIA JONES AMY JONES ANNIECE ROBINSON ANTONIO ESPINOZA ANTONIO POOLE **BRANDY TRUJILLO** BRIAN KELLY **BRYANT BROOKS** CHIH LIN CHLOE BLACKMON CHRISTOPHER VANARSDALE **CIARA BROWN-AKINES** DALE JONES DANIEL CHAMBERS DAVID TISDALE DAVID FISHER DERRICK HEYWARD DEXTER CRAIG DEXTER CRAIG ELIZABETH WALKER ELLA STATES FEFFER BRITNEY GEORGE GIBSON JANICE ALLEN JONATHAN GROSS JUSTIN VAZEII **KEITH WROBLEWSKI** LASHONDRA JONES LILLIAN BENDER MARGARET BOYD MATTHEW CHARLES MEKEAL SCRUGGS NATALYN VAUGHN **RIQUEL JEFFERSON ROBERT GOLLIDAY**

RONNIE BUTLER RUSSELL WOOLLEY SAJED MAJID SAM CHOI SARAH PERPENER SHEENA WATSON TEDARIUS TURNER TITUS FRAZIER VALESHA JENNINGS VERLEAN KELLY VON GEORGE WANDA HARDAWAY WAYNE CURRY

DIVERSITY

CENTRELL HICKS COURTNEY BULLARD DARA GONZALES MALCOM ROBINSON ROBERT VOYLES VALENTINA HENAO

MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE

ROBIN BALLARD RODNEY WAKEFIELD RONALD ROBINSON ROOSEVELT TWILLEY SANDRA WILLIS SCOTT MORGAN SHARDONNAY BOYD STEPHEN CHANDLER TARA GATES TAVITA CONWAY TIMMIE WILSON TOM WARRICK YOLANDA DRAINE

TEAM EXCELLENCE

AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE (ATTF) BACK TO BUSINESS TEAM COMMERCIAL ANTI NEGLECT CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT CRUMP STATION TASK FORCE ENMRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT **EMS TRAINING** FOX MEADOWS TURF STAFF FUGITIVE UNIT **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION GROUP VIOLENCE INTER** VENTION PROGRAM (GVIP) **GUN CRIMES UNIT** HIRING AND TRAINING 9-1-1 DISPATCHERS JUVENILE ABUSE - SEX CRIMES MEMPHIS POLICE DEPART-MENT'S REAL TIME CRIME **CENTER - CRIME ANALYSIS** UNIT MPD BOMB SQUAD-SAFETY TECHNICIANS MPD EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU **TERMINAL AGENCY** COORDINATORS / NCIC TEAM MPD SPECIAL OPERATIONS (EVENT MANAGEMENT TEAM) MPD TEAM UKG - MEMPHIS POLICE MPL VOLUNTEERS MR. MORIAH STATION **GIB / TASK FORCE** MULTI-AGENCY GANG UNIT PROJECT 599

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Ovation Award Nominees

TEAM EXCELLENCE cont.

RAINES STATION TASK-FORCE UNIT S.C.O.R.P.I.O.N. UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 **SEX CRIMES / JUVENILE** ABUSE SQUAD STILES WASTEWATER TREATMENT LABORATORY STORM WATER TEAM GET IT DONE! TEAM MFD OPERATIONS TOTAL REWARDS CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM VICE VIRTUAL DIGITAL BRANCH WORKPLACE SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

ALISA MCKINZIE BATT. CHIEF MAJOR MCNEIL CHRISTOPHE ROBERTSON JEROME BOYD KENNETH HOLLOMAN LASHONDA BERRY MALCOLM ROBINSON MELANIE NEAL MIKE BARLOW RANDY TAYLOR SANKENO CHRISTIAN STEVE SHULAR VIKKI SHABAZZ

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