



DILLARD UNIVERSITY TO HONOR PAUL VALTEAU '69 AND RONNIE BURNS '73 FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY

NEW ORLEANS - The Dillard University Athletics Department will host the 11th Billy Ray Hobley Scholarship Gala. The black-tie event will take place on Friday, February 15, in the Atrium of the Professional Schools and Sciences Building on the Gentilly campus. There will be a live performance by Gina Brown, a local New Orleans artist, food and libations to celebrate the occasion. Tickets are on sale at dillard.edu. Dillard alumni, Paul Valteau '69, and Ronnie Burns '73, will be recognized as the 2019 Bleu Flame of Excellence Recipients. The Bleu Flame of Excellence award was created to honor people who demonstrate excellence in community service and sports.

Valteau completed his undergraduate studies with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. Immediately after his Dillard graduation, Valteau enrolled in Loyola University Law School. He then founded his law firm, Valteau, Harris, Koenig, and Mayer, LLC, of New Orleans and also became the founding member of the New Orleans Bowl. Valteau served as Chairman of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation and currently sits on the executive committee of the College Football Playoff National Championship. Valteau also is a member of the executive hosting committee for the 2024 NFL Super Bowl.

Burns graduated from Dillard in 1973 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and developed a career in philanthropy with his business skills. He is on the Dillard University Board of Trustees and the Allstate Sugar Bowl Committee, where he served as Committee President during the 2008-2009 year. He was the second African-American President in the organization's history. Burns was inducted into the Customized Logistics and Delivery Association (CLDA) Hall of Fame for his 34 years of service to the industry. He is also known for founding the New Orleans courier and logistics company QCS Logistics, formerly known as Quick Courier Services, in 1984.

As a part of Dillard University Sesquicentennial Celebration, the athletics department will also enshrine six groups of individuals, five athletes, two teams and one coach into the 2019 Dillard University Sport Hall of Fame. The names or groups of the honorees include:

- The 1935 Football team
- The 1965 Football team
- The 1969-70 Men's Basketball Senior Class – The Magnificent Seven Plus One (Milton Andrews, Johnny Chaney, Eugene Clem, George Johnson, Bobby Smith, Joe Taylor, Johnny Traylor and Erol Ware)
- The 1971 Men's Swim Team
- The 1975 NAIA Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship Mile Relay (Ronald Cojoe, Anthony Johnson, Clarence Jones and Marlon White)
- The 1983-84 NAIA Women's Basketball Championship Semifinalists

The 11th Billy Ray Hobley Scholarship Gala will be the prelude to the Allstate Sugar Bowl Bleu Devil Classic Weekend. The weekend highlights camaraderie between Dillard alums and students as the

women's and men's basketball teams compete against Xavier University's teams.

WHO: Dillard University

WHAT: Dillard University Athletics Department To Host Billy Ray Hobley Scholarship Gala

WHEN: Friday, February 15, 2019

WHERE: Dillard University's Atrium - Professional Schools and Sciences Building, 2601 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70122

COST: \$125 per ticket on sale now at dillard.edu

For more information about the Billy Ray Hobley Gala, please contact Will Jones (wbjones@dillard.edu) and Dr. Kiki Baker Barnes (kbarnes@dillard.edu).

Here is a full listing of Dillard's 150th events:

Bleu Devil Classic Week- February 10-16, 2019

Honors Convocation- March 29, 2019

Alumni Reunion Weekend- May 9-11, 2019

Baccalaureate 2019- May 10, 2019

Commencement 2019- May 11, 2019

150th Anniversary Gala- May 11, 2019

Dinner En Bleu- October 18, 2019

Coronation- October 19, 2019

Founders Day Convocation- October 20, 2019

Homecoming Parade- November 9, 2019

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