

30th Anniversary Salute
to
The Atlanta University Center
Civil Rights Movement

November 10, 1990 Georgia World Congress Center

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Atlanta in 1990 stands on the cusp of fulfilling its promise as an international city. In the last thirty years it has cemented its position as the economic, political, and social capital of the New South. The awarding of the 1996 Olympics to the city is the fruition of these efforts. In a very real sense, the changes that made it possible for this success can be traced on a direct line that leads back to 11:00 a.m., March 15, 1960 when Atlanta University Center students began occupying seats at lunchcounters in bus stations, city hall, and the state capitol. However much this city has become a city of inclusion it was because of what students from the Atlanta University Center began thirty years ago.

The Atlanta students brought innovation to their protests. The bus trip Atlanta students conducted in the late 1960's to test segregated facilities preceded the "freedom rides" by six months. The Atlanta student movement had a national impact as well. The crisis created by the arrest of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in October, 1960 when he sat in with students at Rich's department store and the subsequent intervention by presidential candidate John F. Kennedy may have been the reason for Kennedy's slim victory that November.

The greatest importance of the student movement is not just that they were morally outraged, committed, sacrificing, and courageous enough to create and sustain a movement which led to the ultimate desegregation of lunchcounters in 1961, but the Atlanta student movement, in particular, and the Black student movement, in general, of those early, distant years of 1960 and 1961, formed a invaluable link between the past and the future. Without those footsteps into uncharted territory, the victories at well-known places such as Birmingham, Selma, and countless other small places could not have been achieved.

Program

Monica Kaufman, Mistress of Ceremonies Andrew Young, Master of Ceremonies

Opening Remarks

GreetingsCarl Ware

Music "God is a God"

Arr. Wendell Phillips Whalum

Herbert Scott, Tenor Junior Music Major Morehouse College

Dinner

MusicCAU JAZZ Orchestra

Tiombe Lockhart

Spelman College Jazz Ensemble

Video

Music Morris Brown College Concert Choir

Presentation of Awards To

Community LeadersXerona Clayton

Michael Bowers Hamilton Holmes

Charlayne Hunter-Gault

James Goodman

Music Tiombe Lockhart

Presentation of Awards To AUC Students Leaders

CAUThomas W. Cole, Jr., President

Mary Lacey, Graduate SGA President Jamyee Pleasant, Undergraduate SGA President

ITC......David Shannon, Dean

Charles Morris, SCL President

Morehouse Leroy Keith, President

Rodney Floyd, SGA President

Tom Timmons, SGA President

SpelmanJohnnetta Cole, President Felicia Lasley, SGA President

Acknowlegements

Music We Shall Overcome

Lead by Morris Brown Concert Choir

Honorees

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Wilma Long Blanding
Benjamin Brown
Lydia Tucker Douglas
James Felder
Robert Felder
Danny Mitchell
Eva Wollert

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Julian Bond
Albert Brinson
Amos Brown
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