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Mobile Area Chamber Honors 2019 Minority Business Winners

- Dortch, Figures & Sons & Victory Professional Development Center Named Eagle Award Winners
- Mobile Area Water & Sewer System Honored as Minority Business Advocate
- Founder, Chairman and CEO of Operation Hope John Hope Bryant is Keynote Speaker

Mobile Area Chamber's Eagle Awards 2019 Event

When: Wednesday, Oct. 23
Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.
Exhibitors: 9:30-11 a.m.

What: Celebrating
Minority-Owned Businesses

Where: The Battle House
Hotel Moonlight Ballroom

Sold-Out Event

The general contracting firm **Dortch, Figures & Sons** and healthcare training service **Victory Professional Development Center** are the 2019 Eagle Award winners, earning recognition by the Mobile Area Chamber for business success and community contributions or involvement.

In addition, **Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS)** is the 2019 Rev. Wesley A. James Minority Business Advocate, receiving the award for the second time for its commitment to supplier diversity. MAWSS first earned the award in 2004, named after a former MAWSS board member and champion of minority-owned businesses, Rev. Wesley James.

The Mobile Area Chamber will honor all three at its annual Eagle Awards Wednesday, Oct. 23, at The Battle House Hotel. The event is sold-out.

John Hope Bryant is the event's keynote speaker. Bryant is an entrepreneur, author, philanthropist and prominent thought-leader on financial inclusion, economic empowerment and financial dignity. He is the founder, chairman and CEO of Operation HOPE, a nonprofit organization working to disrupt poverty and empower low and moderate-income youth and adults.

The Mobile Area Chamber launched this event in 1998, making this year the 22nd celebration of minority-owned businesses. During that time, the Chamber has presented 95 Eagle Awards to 82 different companies, including the 2019 winners.

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a Business Exhibitor Forum consisting of tabletop displays by companies committed to supplier diversity and inclusion. The lunch follows at 11:30 a.m.

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About the Mobile Area Chamber

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with 1,900 members that employ 105,000 people, and the economic developer of record for the City of Mobile and Mobile County. We represent business interests of the Mobile region, advocating for business-friendly legislative policies and serve as a resource for small businesses and area entrepreneurs. Additional information is on the Chamber's website at www.mobilechamber.com, Facebook @MobileChamber, Twitter and YouTube at @MobileChamber, Instagram @ Mobile_Area_Chamber and LinkedIn @Mobile Area Chamber.