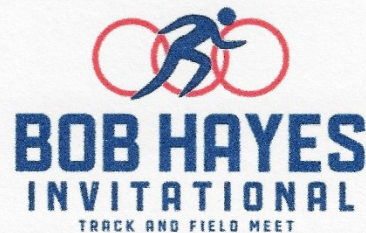


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Individuals, organizations to be honored for making a difference in underserved communities

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Several members and organizations from Jacksonville and surrounding communities will be honored on March 13 at the Bob Hayes 25th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Gala in recognition of their efforts to make a difference in underserved communities. In addition to the Ralph Boston Olympic Spirit Award and the James “Coach” Day Legacy Award, recipients will be recognized with the Making a Difference Community Service Award which will highlight their contributions to many in the community and around the country.

The awards presentation is part of the evening’s main event, which begins at 7 p.m., at the Potter’s House International Ministries. Proceeds from the Gala directly benefit the James “Coach” Day Scholarship Fund, which has provided thousands of dollars to students and assisting them in their first year of college.

“Coach” Day believed in the power of community and felt that “it takes a village” to lift up young people and inspire them to be the best that they could be,” states Gregory J. Coleman, executive director of the Bob Hayes Invitational Track and Field Meet, Inc. “That’s the legacy we wish to continue by recognizing these visionary leaders who are committed to achieving this same goal.”

Rey Robinson will be acknowledged with the Ralph Boston Olympic Spirit Award for his contributions and commitment to track and field. **Vincent R. Hall**, principal of William M. Raines High School, is being acknowledged for his 13 years of outstanding commitment to excellence in education.

The Making a Difference Community Service Award recipients include:

Dr. Richard Danford Jr., CEO, Jacksonville Urban League (33 years impacting the lives of many in underrepresented communities).

Marjorie Dennis, PGA, Community Relations (exceptional contributions to youth development and dedication to excellence in her varied career leadership roles).

Dawn Lopez, former Action News Jax Anchor (25 years of service as a journalist and public servant).

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BHITM Community Service Awards

Brent Martineau, Action News Jax Sports Director (dedication and service to sports broadcasting to highlight athletes).

Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick Sr., Pastor Emeritus, The Bethel Church (a beacon of faith and inspiration for the past 50 years).

Ju’Coby Pittman, Jacksonville City Council Member, CEO/President Clara White Mission (30 years of service to the Mission and the Jacksonville community).

Jamie Shelton, President, Best Bet (support for higher education and philanthropy).

Mitch 22 Foundation, (supports families facing financial and emotional difficulties).

For ticket information and to see the list of the Hall of Fame Class of 2025 inductees, visit the website at <https://www.bhitm22.org/>.

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