



# TORCH AWARDS ON THE GREENS



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**BRAEMAR COUNTRY CLUB**

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Monday, August 30, 2021  
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# Welcome from the President



**JACQUELINE  
CASTILLO**

President & CEO

Greetings,

Yes, there is a silver lining! The pandemic did not stop us. We had to navigate a different course so we shifted gears, and now we are in overdrive with our inaugural golf tournament, "Torch Awards on The Greens."

A lot of things have changed, but one thing that remains constant is our commitment to change the trajectory of the lives of marginalized African American girls in South Los Angeles. Your support helps us to reach our financial goal of providing scholarships and laptops for our graduating seniors who participate in our program, "From the School House to the White House Leadership Academy." This program gives them an opportunity to have an academic and experiential learning experience throughout their high school years. On behalf of Legacy Ladies, Inc. thank you for your support as we make history together at our 17th annual Torch Awards.

Enjoy a great round of golf and have fun!

In Appreciation,

CEO and President



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# *Welcome from the Event Co-Chair*



**LESLIE  
JACKSON-HOUSTON**

Event Co-Chairperson

Hello and welcome to the Legacy Ladies first annual Torch Awards on the Greens here at the beautiful Braemar Country Club! On behalf of our membership and, most importantly, our Torchettes I want to thank you for believing in our mission and supporting our efforts to foster excellence through guidance, mentorship, and scholarship. Legacy Ladies, Inc. is committed to bolstering the academic and experiential lives of our young ladies and your financial support makes it all possible.

Have a great day on the links and thank you for helping us keep the flame burning!

Leslie Jackson-Houston  
Co-chairperson

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**CHRIS  
SCHAUBLE**

CO-ANCHOR, KTLA-CHANNEL 5

Chris Schauble is the co-anchor of KTLA 5 Morning News from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays.

Since moving to Los Angeles in 2001, Chris has earned multiple awards, including two Emmy awards and five Golden Mike Awards. In 2007, he was also named to the San Fernando Valley Business Journal's "40 Under 40" list (he laughingly admits he no longer qualifies).

Chris is passionate about his work, family and fitness. He is a marathoner and triathlete, having competed in three Ironman competitions, including the Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Prior to his Los Angeles work, Chris spent time at KCNC-TV in Denver where he covered a number of national stories. His coverage of the Columbine High School shootings helped the station earn a regional Emmy for spot news. In 2000, Chris was named "Television Journalist of the Year" by the Colorado Association of Black Journalists, and in 2001 he was honored as one of Denver's top 10 history-makers by Urban Spectrum

Magazine. Schauble holds a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. He was honored by Fort Lewis College with the 2002 "Distinguished Alumni Award." In addition to his work as a journalist, Chris has been an instructor for speech communications and media research analysis at Miles College in Birmingham, Ala., and was a guest Instructor at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

As an adoptee himself, Chris has dedicated much of his free time to helping needy children. He has been recognized by the city of Los Angeles and the state of California multiple times for his ongoing community service. Chris, his wife and their two sets of twin girls live in the Los Angeles area.



## **ANDRE FARR**

Chairman & CEO, Andre Farr  
International

Voted Innovative Entrepreneur in 2015 by the Minority Business Development Agency under the direction of President Barack Obama, Andre Farr is a true leader and creative visionary. The Bay Area native and UCLA graduate has spent the last 35 years not only as one of the leading figures in the world of sports and business as the Chairman & CEO of the Black Sports Agents Association (BSAA), Andre Farr International (AFI) and House of Blues Sports Division; but he has also dedicated his life to building our communities through the mentorship of African American youth in entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and unique educational experiences.

Andre Farr's passion and commitment to the positive development of young people is unparalleled. Developing programs such as Disciplined Respected Entrepreneurs (D.R.E.), City Youth Exposure (C.Y.E.), and the WokeUp Movement; Andre has inspired hundreds of African American youth, college students, and community members to strive towards financial literacy, civic engagement and encouraged them to travel well beyond the confines of their own communities.



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## **DANNON GREEN**

Actor, Comedian, Scriptwriter

An extremely versatile actor/comedian/scriptwriter, Dannon Green is known for his signature stand-up comedy line "I Don't Want No Trouble". He made his television debut on Apollo Comedy Hour and is continuously making a name for himself. Born in Manhattan, New York and raised in Philadelphia, PA, Dannon possesses mega personality and the ability to keep you laughing.

Dannon has graced the sets of UPN's sitcoms "Moesha", "Girlfriends", and "One-On-One" and has worked on the WB sitcom "All About The Andersons" starring Anthony Anderson and Nickelodeon's "Just Jordan" starring Little JJ. He has also been in the critically acclaimed series, "The Shield", "Everybody Hates Chris" starring Chris Rock as well as the Starz channel's hit stand up comedy series "Martin Lawrence's First Amendment".

He recently directed and produced his own first film project, a documentary entitled: "The Executioners." He has also completed five screenplays and is looking forward to more acting and directing opportunities in the future.







# *Order of Events*

## **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

## **SHOTGUN & GAMES**

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## **LUNCH (9TH HOLE)**

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **VIP RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION**

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.\*

## **AWARDS BANQUET**

4:30 p.m.\*

\* Time subject to change

# 2021 Honoree



**PAUL KORETZ**



Councilmember, Los Angeles City, District 5

Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz took the oath of office to begin his first term representing the 5th District in July of 2009. He was re-elected in 2013 and again in 2017. He served on the Budget & Finance Committee for over ten years, chaired the Audits and Government Efficiency Committee, and currently chairs the Personnel, Audits and Animal Welfare Committee. During his years of elected service, Councilmember Koretz has always delivered on his commitment to governmental efficiency, transparency, accountability, and accessibility – principles that have guided his life of activism, service, and leadership.

Previously, Paul Koretz helped lead the effort to incorporate the new City of West Hollywood in 1984, establishing greater local accountability, constituent service, and control over planning. He served on the West Hollywood City Council from 1988-2000, leading key initiatives that boosted the city's efficiency and accountability, promoted jobs and the local economy, protected renters and homeowners, championed civil, human, and animal rights, fought for environmental protection, and made West Hollywood a regional model for providing quality city services and city management. In 2000, Koretz was elected to the California State Assembly, representing the 42nd Assembly District that included much of the City of L.A.'s 5th Council District. Assemblymember Koretz authored dozens of bills to protect workers and their families, to establish LGBTQ equality, and to provide life-saving public safety and health care measures, including legislation to reduce gun violence.

As a member of the Los Angeles City Council, Koretz champions working to solve our city's long-time homelessness problem, improving fire safety, supporting law enforcement, battling climate change, conserving water, protecting our natural resources, maintaining human-scale in development, fighting Sacramento to keep local control of the planning process, and protecting animals from cruel practices. Councilmember Koretz has worked hard to ensure our streets are paved, our trees are trimmed, and our parks are maintained. He also created the ACE program for greater enforcement of quality of life issues. A Sun Valley resident as a small child, Councilmember Koretz was raised and schooled in the 5th Council District, attending Canfield Elementary School, Palms Middle School, Hamilton High School, and UCLA, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history.

Councilmember Koretz's father Erich escaped Nazi Germany in late 1939, eventually settling in Los Angeles. He became a waiter and a dedicated member of the hotel and restaurant employees union. From an early age, Koretz joined his father on picket lines and in other efforts aimed at improving the lives of working people. His mother, Doris, grew up in Everett, Massachusetts, during the Great Depression after her family fled the pogroms in Russia and emigrated to the U.S. It was the lessons learned from his parents' experiences that shaped Councilmember Koretz's philosophy of supporting working people, providing service and fighting for social justice. Councilmember Koretz lives with his wife Gail, and daughter Rachel, in the Beverly Grove neighborhood. A devoted husband and father, Councilmember Koretz strives to balance his council duties with his family life and apply the experiences of parenthood as a guide to inform his service to the public.



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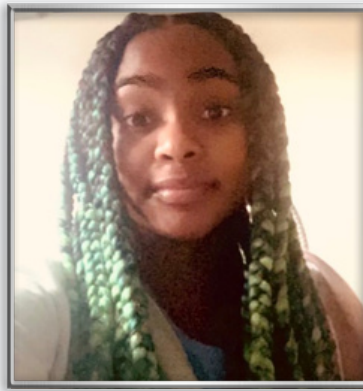


# SHWHLA Senior Spotlight



**MALIA MITCHELL**

2021 Graduate  
Attending Howard  
University



**KUMANI HARPER**

2021 Graduate  
Attending California State  
University, LA



**SARAH DJATO**

2021 Graduate  
Attending Grambling  
State University



**MYKAL MCNEAL**

2021 Graduate  
Attending Cal State  
University of Northridge



**CHELSEA LECKFORD**

2021 Graduate  
Attending University of  
Pennsylvania

# Torchette Letters



## **FAVOUR AKINGBEMI**

2021 Torchette of the Year  
High School Senior

Dear Legacy Ladies' Supporters,

My name is Favour Akingbemi and I'm a rising senior who joined the Legacy Ladies program in January this year. In the short time I've been a part of the program, I've received so many wonderful opportunities that have not only taught me about different careers but have also helped me grow as an individual. I was truly inspired by the amazing professionals who took their time to speak to us and I was honored to be able to connect with some of them outside of the program. I also appreciate the monthly stipends we receive from the program because it allows us to treat ourselves occasionally.

To me, Legacy Ladies is an environment where young and ambitious Black women like myself can uplift each other. I have received so much support from not only our counselors but also from my fellow Torchettes. In one of our last meetings this past year, I was asked to hold a workshop that I created on the topic of Civic Engagement. It was a slightly frightening experience, but all the Torchettes were extremely supportive and encouraging. I was then awarded the title of "Torchette of the Year" at our final meeting, and it was such an empowering experience where I was able to feel the love and support of all the Legacy Ladies, Torchettes, and school and community partners. My hope is that future Torchettes will also be able to have this wonderful community that I have found.

Sincerely,  
Favour Akingbemi



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**MALIA  
MITCHELL**

2021 Graduate  
Attending Howard University

Dear Supporters,

I hope you are well and that you are having a wonderful day. On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to extend my utmost appreciation and gratitude to you and your continued support of Legacy Ladies. Your aid has not only granted me the opportunity to meet amazing professionals in diverse career fields but also meet other dedicated young ladies like myself passionate about pursuing their own educational goals. My participation in Legacy Ladies has taught me important and valuable lessons such as how to properly network with other individuals whenever I find myself in a position to do so; and how to use that network to establish mutually beneficial relationships. Having the privilege to converse with the presenters for our weekly workshops, be mentored by the Legacy Lady chair members, and form bonds with the other young ladies in the program has given me an invaluable experience I am eternally grateful for. Once again, thank you for all that you do

Warmly,  
Malia Mitchell



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**IFEOLUWA  
ODUGBOLA**

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
High School Senior

Dear Supporters,

My name is Ifeoluwa Odugbola, and I am a Junior at Middle College High School. I've been in this program for 2 years and it has really impacted my life in different ways. This whole year I've been having second thoughts about the kind of career I want to have, but Legacy Ladies opened a broader road for me and allowed me to explore different career pathways that could be part of my life in the future. A workshop that stuck out to me was when an Anesthesiologist came to speak about the medical field. This speaker really reinforced my decision to study medicine. I want to say thank you to Lady Jackie for putting together this marvelous program, and thank you to all the torchettes for sticking here throughout the whole year. I wish the best of luck to everyone, Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ifeoluwa Odugbola



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## **CHELSEA LECKFORD**

2021 Graduate  
Attending University of Pennsylvania

Dear Supporters,

My name is Chelsea Leckford and I am a graduating senior for the class of 2021. While being a part of Legacy Ladies Inc. I have encountered wonderful people and have gained lots of knowledge. I will never forget how in 11th grade when a speaker came she explained to us how stress is merely something that all adults and children go through. Lady Jackie gave us an advantage with having health professionals and other qualified specialists come and speak to us very often. I will never forget all the smiles and laughter that I experienced during my time in this organization. This program represents black women's success and it's given me the courage to keep moving forward towards my dream. I thank all who have supported me.

Sincerely,  
Chelsea Leckford



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