A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

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2021 HONOREES:

Kathryn Busby
Angela Manuel Davis
Rosie Perez
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TO THE CELEBRATION OF OUR DREAMER SCHOLARS

“I Have A Dream” Foundation – Los Angeles

THE 2021 HONOREES

Kathryn Busby
Executive Vice President/Head of TriStar Television

Angela Manuel Davis
International fitness evangelist and motivational coach

Rosie Perez
Oscar and Golden Globe nominated actor and producer

Congratulations!
Good evening, everyone!

I am excited to welcome you to our 2021 Dream Big Gala, a virtual celebration. The Dream Big Gala is our way of adapting our former “Dreamer Dinner” live event to a new virtual format. The gala is our biggest event of the year that raises the critical funding needed to facilitate our comprehensive programming, including academic support, social and emotional development, college and career readiness, one-on-one mentoring, and parent engagement. It’s also an opportunity for us to honor local luminaries who inspire the hopes and dreams of our students while recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments of our youth.

Now more than ever, we are committed to providing long-term support to youth and their families living in under-resourced communities. We know this past year has been filled with significant loss and hardship worldwide that tested many mentally and physically. Our hearts significantly go out to those deeply impacted by the pandemic and racial inequities. The ramifications directly impact our organization as they threaten our student population’s ability to pursue and complete their education.

IHADLA’s modified virtual programming is our way of addressing the disparities obstructing student achievement. Community support allows us to continue remote offerings, bridging the pandemic gap, until all of our Dreamer Scholars return to in-person instruction.

Whether you are a new or returning guest, we are incredibly grateful to have your support and hope you enjoy our programming. We are counting on your generosity, so we may continue to empower our Dreamer Scholars with the confidence and life skills required to pursue their most ambitious dreams.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Janell Lewis, MSW
Interim Executive Director
Kathryn Busby serves as Executive Vice President/Head of TriStar Television, a division of Sony Pictures Entertainment. She is responsible for refining the studio’s content strategy and developing prestige programming. Busby is the Chair of BAFTA Los Angeles. She created a special BAFTA Masterclass for outreach students featuring industry leaders, and serves on BAFTA’s Steering Group, whose initiatives resulted in the most diverse BAFTA nominations and wins in its history. She also sits on the Board of Directors of PACE (Philanthropy and Community Engagement). Busby previously served as Senior Vice President of Development at Sony Pictures Networks where she developed numerous projects including Absentia, Reckoning, and Ultra-Violet.

The success of this innovative model of low-cost/high-value production led Sony Pictures to create Gemstone Studios. Prior to joining Sony, Busby served as Vice President, Original Programming for TBS, where she shepherded original scripted content. There, she partnered with Franklin Leonard, creator of The Blacklist, to create a joint initiative to identify diverse talent for writing deals and staffing consideration.

Kathryn was Senior Vice President of Production at New Line Cinema, where she was an Executive Producer of the film Sex and the City. And, as the Senior Vice President/Head of Development at Carsey-Werner, Busby worked on 3rd Rock from The Sun and That 70’s Show. She began her television career as Director of Comedy Development at Universal Television.

Busby is also an award-winning screenwriter, director, and producer. She directed the short film Max and Josh, which premiered at The Sundance Film Festival. Her debut film, My Purple Fur Coat, won Best Children’s Short at the Houston Black Film Festival.

Busby graduated from Harvard University. She lives with her family in Los Angeles.
Angela is an International fitness evangelist and motivational coach. As a former USA Track and Field Team Member Angela was a five-time All-American who held World rankings in the 100 meters. As Angela competed professionally for Nike she was an Olympic Trials semi-finalist and a member of the World Championship team. Angela has been part of several National tours such as, *Oprah’s Live the Life You Want Tour* in 2014.

Davis is currently named as one of Oprah’s SuperSoul 100. In 2017, Angela made her film debut in the film *I Feel Pretty* starring Amy Schumer. Angela has created the AMDIO Method which promotes lasting change from the Inside Out. Angela can be found teaching her sold out classes at AARMY in West Hollywood, which she opened in February 2020.

Angela lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Jerome and two sons, Edward and Lorenzo.
Rosie Perez is an activist, producer, two-time-Emmy-nominated choreographer for *In Living Color*, and the director of *Yo Soy Boricua, Pa Que Tu Lo Sepas*. She is an Oscar- and Golden Globe–nominated actor for *Fearless*.

Rosie is known for roles in such films as *Do the Right Thing*, *White Men Can’t Jump*, and *Pineapple Express*, among many others. Broadway appearances include *The Ritz*, *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, and *Fish in the Dark*. She can recently be seen in *Birds of Prey* opposite Margot Robbie for Warner Brothers and can currently be seen in HBO Max’s critically acclaimed series, *The Flight Attendant*.

Perez has been an activist for many causes. In 2010, President Barack Obama appointed her to The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). Rosie is the author of *Handbook for an Unpredictable Life: How I Survived Sister Renata and My Crazy Mother, and Still Came Out Smiling* (with Great Hair).
TONIGHT’S PRESENTERS

HILL HARPER  STANA KATIC  MELISSA PETERMAN

TONY OKUNGBOWA  RAMÓN RODRIGUEZ
The “I Have A Dream” Foundation-Los Angeles provides long-term support to youth living in under-resourced communities to empower them to achieve their full potential. We promote, from an early age, values of higher education and career success and provide opportunities guaranteed through financial resources, enrichment programs and more.
ABOUT US

Established in 1987, the “I Have A Dream” Foundation—Los Angeles (IHADLA) is the second affiliate of the national “I Have A Dream” Foundation. In an effort to counter the 75% high school dropout rate for an entire 6th grade class of children from East Harlem, businessman Eugene Lang founded the national “I Have a Dream” Foundation forty years ago in New York, with the promise of full-paid college tuition upon their high school graduation.

IHADLA builds upon the national organization’s college sponsorship model by investing in the lives of children from 1st grade to 1st job following post-secondary success. We’re unique in that, in addition to sponsoring an entire grade level of students at a Title 1 school (i.e., 90%+ receive free or reduced-cost lunch), we exclude no child based on academic capabilities and offer comprehensive and year-round programming, along with resource support. We make space at the table for all and provide $8k scholarships to each to pursue their college and career ambitions upon high school graduation. To prepare them for high school and college completion, IHADLA provides academic, social and emotional support, college and career readiness programs, parent engagement tools, and mentorships. We help students dream big, and we walk beside them until they achieve those goals!

Since its founding in 1987, IHADLA has impacted over 11,500 individuals from underserved communities across Los Angeles County and beyond, including students, parents, and siblings. We currently serve 350+ youth amongst four programs in Inglewood, Watts, and Boyle Heights. All our Dreamer Scholars identify as people of color, and the majority are the first in their families to apply and attend college. Our staff is the most qualified to guide our cohorts. The entire program team are people of color and are from the same geographic areas or grew up in similarly marginalized communities like those we serve, Executive Director included.
Congratulations

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WE’RE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE “I HAVE A DREAM” FOUNDATION - LOS ANGELES AND CONGRATULATE TONIGHT’S HONOREES, ESPECIALLY OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, KATHRYN BUSBY.

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