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# A BLACK TIE FOR BLACK HISTORY

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Pictured left to right: Attorney David Edmunds, Deputy Mayor Donna Brown, Imam Fajri Ansari and Dr. Catherine Fisher-Collins.

# THE CHALLENGER

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## The Challenger

# "A Black Tie for Black History"

## Annual Gala to Honor Four Outstanding Citizens

Each year AM 1400 Solid Gold Soul identifies "Difference Makers" in the community, and during Black History month they are honored during the "Black Tie for Black History Extravaganza."

This year's honorees include Deputy Mayor Donna M. Brown, School Board member, professor and author Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins, Imam and Buffalo State College head coach Fajri Ansari, and Attorney David Edmunds.

The event, which takes place on Friday, February 27 from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Stillwater, 483 Delaware Avenue, is also a fundraiser that benefits Juneteenth Inc.

Black Tie for Black History is presented with The Stillwater and sponsored by LPCiminelli, Hennessy, The Continental School of Beauty, American Comodoro Tuxedo,



Marnetta Malcolm

God City Apartments, and LaRussa Fashions. Entertainment will be provided by The All Star Band and DJ Papa Trini. Fashions by Marcell Tailoring by Chayban and The Fur



Pictured left to right: Attorney David Edmunds, Deputy Mayor Donna Brown, Imam Fajri Ansari and Dr. Catherine Fisher-Collins.

Vault by Macy's and more.

Donation is \$20 and tickets are available at Doris Records (883-240). AM 1400's Marnetta Malcolm, the event's founder and coordinator, will serve as MC.

### -The Honorees-

Buffalo's Deputy Mayor Donna Brown, focuses on housing and community development issues, anti-poverty strategy for the city and business development and job creation. Prior to her position as Deputy Mayor she worked as the Director of Community Relations for LP Ciminelli.

Dr. Fisher-Collins sits on the Buffalo Board of Education, is an Associate Professor at Empire State College, a Wellness consultant and author with books that focus exclusively on issues that impact the lives of African American women.

Imam Ansari is the Resident Imam at Masjid Nu'Man in Buffalo. He also serves as the head basketball coach for Buffalo State College and has over 27 years experience in higher education at Buffalo State. The founder of the annual "Putting the Neighbor Back in the Hood" community walk and service program, he has won many NYS high school basketball championships.

Attorney Edmunds, a lifetime member of the N AACP, is Special Counsel at Phillips Lytle LLP and recently served as Special Independent Investigator for the Buffalo Public Schools. He is a past President of the Bar Association of Erie County (first African American) and served as President of the Minority Bar Association of WNY for three terms.

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