

SHADES OF BLUE, Inc. 2014 Annual Awards Dinner

Your Invitation

Horace Mann once declared, "A human being is not attaining his full heights until he is educated." Victor Hugo stated, "He who opens a school door, closes a prison." The 1900's journalist Sydney Harris offered, "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

As our current aerospace and aviation workforce ages and retires, our country is headed for a severe deficit of American professionals to continue our future aviation, space and other scientific programs. If we desire to continue to lead the world in this area, America needs more students in the fields of aviation and aerospace: engineers, astronauts, pilots, educators, scientists, mathematicians, and fields of medicine. By getting our youngsters involved in their own futures early in their school years, they are given alternatives to the drug and gang infested lifestyles too common in many neighborhoods. To this end, our organization needs your support and good will, and your financial assistance in providing these alternatives. We cannot do it all by ourselves! We cannot -we will not - forget our children!

The **Shades of Blue** organization and its loyal sponsors will host the **2014 Annual Gala Dinner at Denver's Museum of Nature & Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver. CO.** This museum is one of only 750 out of a total of 16,000 museums nationwide to be awarded accreditation by the American Association of Museums. This Event, set in the beautiful atrium of the Museum, takes place on **September 20th, 2014.**

At the dinner ceremony, as in the past, we will appropriately honor educators and members of the scientific and aerospace communities (e.g. pilots, astronauts, corporate officials, and Shades of Blue members) for their demonstrated exceptional support to students during the past year. This year's Honored Guest is a BIG SURPRISE , to be honored for his contribution to the education of Denver's school students.

During this special fun-filled and informative night, the Museum will open several displays and "hands-on" unique scientific and historical exhibits to those who attend. "Kids" from six to a hundred will be able to fulfill their "astronaut" dreams and tour this exciting collection nature and space oriented exhibits. Doors will open at 6:00 pm allowing time to visit many of the hands-on educational exhibits loved by students and adults alike. Our **2014 SHADES OF BLUE Ed Dwight Jr. Awards and Corporate Recognition Awards** follow dinner. The evening will conclude at 10:00 pm. Tickets are just \$125 per person for all this!

Corporations may purchase any one of several levels of support, reserving full tables for their employees and executives, and participating in the underwriting of our event. **Shades of Blue** will publically acknowledge Corporate Sponsors for their support, adding to their corporate pride of doing what is needed, at a time when it is desperately needed. Rates are on the accompanying RSVP flyer.

Please join us. Your valued investment in time and resources is essential in helping us maintain America's current and future lead in aerospace and aviation. Together we will assure that our students will be ready to assume leadership in the most critical tough, demanding, and rewarding fields well into the 21st century. After all, it is OUR future we hold in our hands.

We will have 20 active students and Air Force Academy Cadets attending as our guests. If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring these honored invitees. Your contribution of \$125 per dinner will cover these costs. Perhaps you could sponsor several? Just look around you. Just look!

THEY are our children. THEY are our future. THEY need our help. America needs their help.

We hope you join us as a Co-op Sponsor and supporter. Please contact us for additional information and reservations.

Sincerely,

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