

Diversity Practitioners Honored at the 10th Annual Greater Dallas Best Practices & DiversityFIRST™ Luncheon



DiversityFIRST™ Corporate Award Winners with Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of National Diversity Council (left) and Angeles Valenciano, President & EVP, National Diversity Council (right)

The Texas Diversity Council held their 10th Annual Greater Dallas Best Practices & DiversityFIRST™ Luncheon on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. This year's theme was "Leadership and the Power of Inclusion and Innovation."

"This is the tenth year we have hosted our DiversityFIRST™ Luncheon, and we are very proud and honored to continually recognize individuals and organizations for their commitment to diversity and inclusion," said Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of the Texas Diversity Council.

The event began with a welcome from the conference organizers, followed by remarks from the co-title sponsors Southwest Airlines and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). Danon Carter of Mercedes Benz Financial Services then presented the DiversityFIRST™ Award to selected individuals and organizations for their efforts in promoting an appreciation for diversity and inclusion, and a cultural understanding within the workplace and the community.

Following the awards presentation, Nina Vaca, Chairman and CEO of Pinnacle Technical Resources, Inc. delivered the keynote speech.

Vaca founded Pinnacle in 1996 as an information technology services provider to the Fortune 500. It has evolved into a true workforce management solutions provider that delivers staffing, payroll/IC compliance, vendor management and vendor management systems (VMS) technology to recruit and manage contingent labor across multiple industry verticals.

The Texas Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors of the events, along with the panelists, for helping to make the Greater Dallas DiversityFIRST™ Luncheon a rousing success.

DiversityFIRST™ Corporate Awards Winners:

Children's Medical Center
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
Aerotek
INROADS
UT Southwestern Medical Center

DiversityFIRST™ Individual Award Winners:

Tammy Jones-Still
CeCe Cox, J.D.
Sheryl Radman
Hul Kenney
Martha Aldaco, MBA