## **SUITS FOR SENIORS**

## Scholarship and Awards Breakfast

ore than 200 community leaders and supporters came together to honor the next generation of changemakers at **Suits for Seniors**' 4th Annual *Scholarship and Awards Breakfast*, held at the Marriott West Palm Beach.

This year's uplifting event celebrated the strength, promise and leadership of Suits for Seniors graduates as they prepare to embark on their post-graduation journeys. More than \$15,000 in scholarships were awarded to outstanding students and partners who exemplify academic excellence, service, and a commitment to personal growth. Thanks to a partnership with **Comcast**, students also received brand-new laptops.

"We are passionate about helping close the digital divide through our Project UP initiative by providing laptops to graduating seniors and are honored to support Suits for Seniors' vital work to ensure every scholar has access to the tools they need to succeed for the next chapter of their journey."

The nonprofit, Suits for Seniors, provides high school seniors at Title 1 schools with a free eight-week program focused on financial literacy, education and mentorship, designed to foster a successful "school to college to career track." Each graduate receives a brand-new, custom-tailored suit, along with a tie for the gentlemen and set of pearls for the women.

"We are incredibly proud of our students — young leaders who continue to rise, lead and inspire," said **Jervonte "Tae" Edmonds**, Founder and CEO of Suits for Seniors. "Our annual breakfast is not just a celebration; it's a reminder of what's possible when we invest in youth. Because of our supporters and corporate partners, our students leave with more than just a suit — they leave with opportunity, access and belief in themselves."

In addition to celebrating student scholars, Suits for Seniors recognized a distinguished group of honorees whose work is helping build a brighter future for the next generation:

- Alumni of the Year Officer Ralph Faustin
- Champion for Youth Empowerment HCA

  Healthcare for transformative contributions to youth and building brighter future.
- *Lifetime Impact* **Bill Robins**, *Leo Rosner Foundation* for a lifetime of commitment to education and investing in the next generation.
- *Impact Partner Award* **Charles Keys**, Valley National Bank for being powerful partners in our mission and helping us expand our reach.
- Heart of Service **Keva Anderson-Konsker** for unmatched dedication to empowering our students and our organization through volunteerism.

The event also featured an inspiring keynote by **Ricky Wade**, renowned McDonald's franchisee and community advocate, who shared his journey and commitment to education, equity and empowerment.

For more information about Suits for Seniors, including ways to support its mission visit suitsforseniors.org.















**FIRST ROW**: Suits for Seniors graduates; **SECOND ROW**: Ricky Wade and Jervonte Edmonds; Jervonte Edmonds and Bill Robins; **THIRD ROW**: Joseph Scondotto, Gina Barosy and Jeff Johnson; David Lyons and Lauren Sterlacci; **FOURTH ROW**: Jasmine Govan and Allyse Carter; Thais Sullivan, Joseph Scondotto, May Hill and Charles Keys. PHOTOS: TRACEY BENSON PHOTOGRAPHY