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Title: Dick Vermeil, Michael Bloomberg, Little Steven: The who's who of 2017 college graduation speakers

Author: Jonathan Lai & Susan Snyder

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Another commencement season — another round of tears, joy, and speeches — has arrived. The Inquirer surveyed colleges in the region to get a picture of the annual celebrations: Who's coming to town, when, and how many students are graduating? See the full list below.

As happens every year, many speakers seem to fit certain types, to provide inspiration and guidance.

Of course, there are the politicians, including Pennsylvania governor Tom Wolf, Camden mayor Dana L. Redd, U.S. Sen. for New Jersey Cory Booker, former New York City mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, former Delaware governor Jack Markell.

And there are the businesspeople and entrepreneurs: Prudential Financial CEO John R. Strangfeld, Cabrini Asset Management president Eustace Wolfington, CEO of financial services organization TIAA Roger W. Ferguson Jr., retired CEO of Aerospace Corp. Wanda Austin, Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard.

There are entertainers — Kal Penn, Steven Van Zandt — and journalists, artists, philanthropists, professors, coaches.

Amid this year's array of speakers and honorary degree recipients is a contingent of high-profile activists and social justice speakers and writers. Among this group are Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the prominent *Americanah* author and feminist; Lawrence Otis Graham, whose books on race, class, and education include *Our Kinds of People: Inside America's Black Upper Class*, which is being developed into a Netflix series; Marc H. Morial, president of the National Urban League and former mayor of New Orleans; Joan Semmel, the feminist artist whose painting for decades have focused on issues of the body; and Carla Hayden, the first woman and first African-American to serve as Librarian of Congress.

The first ceremonies begin Friday and run into June.

Peirce College 	Monica Malpass	Broadcast journalist who has been with WPVI-TV 6ABC since 1988 and is co-anchor of Action News at 5 p.m. and anchor of Inside Story	June 8	290
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Title: Year Up Greater Philadelphia Participates in Keller Williams' Annual RED Day

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Keller Williams' annual day of service took place on Thursday, May 11th, and was dedicated to Renewing, Energizing and Donating to local communities in Philadelphia

Year Up Greater Philadelphia, a year-long workforce development program for low-income young adults, participated in the Keller Williams Realty Center City's RED Day event on May 11, 2017. As part of Keller Williams' annual day of service, RED Day is dedicated to renewing, energizing and donating to local communities.

Since the first RED Day in 2009, Keller Williams associates have given hundreds of thousands of hours of community service through activities ranging from food and blood drives to rebuilding homes and schools for community members in need. This year's event focused on the Point Breeze neighborhood, where Year Up, Keller Williams and other volunteers helped with the structural rehabilitation, street clean up and park maintenance of Girard Elementary, Vare Edwin H Middle School, Smith Playground and Ralph Brooks Park.

"RED Day is a day of service that positively impacts the community. We are proud to support Year Up Greater Philadelphia from this initiative," said Paul Fontaine, Keller Williams Realty.

Joseph Coyle, Executive Director of Year Up Greater Philadelphia, said, "Year Up Greater Philadelphia is proud of its participation in Keller Williams' RED Day as it aligns directly with our mission. We salute Keller Williams' commitment to giving back to the community and thank them for affording us this opportunity."

Year Up Greater Philadelphia is a yearlong workforce development program for low-income young adults, ages 18-24. Located at Peirce College, Year Up Greater Philadelphia provides students with one semester of targeted technical and professional skills training in areas such as Business Operations and Information Technology, followed by a semester-long, credit-bearing professional internship at a top local company. Students can then complete their Associate's Degrees in the second year. Year Up Greater Philadelphia has served more than 260 young adults to date, from 6 graduating classes.

About Year Up

Year Up's mission is to close the Opportunity Divide by providing urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential

through professional careers and higher education. Year Up achieves this mission through a high support, high expectation model that combines marketable job skills, stipends, internships and college-level coursework. Its holistic approach focuses on students' professional and personal development to place these young adults on a viable path to economic self-sufficiency. Year Up currently serves more than 3,600 students annually across 24 campuses in Arizona, Baltimore, Bay Area, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Greater Atlanta, Greater Boston, Greater Philadelphia, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, National Capital Region, New York City, Providence, Puget Sound, South Florida and Wilmington.

To learn more, visit <http://www.yearup.org>, and follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter: @YearUp

About Keller Williams Realty, Inc.

Austin-Texas based Keller Williams Realty, Inc. is the largest real estate franchise by agent count in the world with more than 790 offices and 134,000 associates across the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia. In 2015, Training Magazine named Keller Williams the No. 1 training organization across all industries in the world.

Since 1983, Keller Williams has grown exponentially and continues to cultivate an agent-centric, education-based, technology-driven culture that rewards agents as stakeholders. The company also provides specialized agents in luxury homes, commercial and farm and ranch properties.

As part of the RED Day effort, Keller Williams Realty worked in conjunction with Connor Barwin's Make the World Better Foundation to sponsor this year's event. For more information about RED Day, visit <http://www.phillyredday.com>

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Title: Michael Days among 2017 Hall of Fame inductees for NABJ

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Michael Days, editor of Reader Engagement and vice president at Philadelphia Media Network, will be inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame.

Days joins the Rev. Aisha Karimah, John Jenkins and Garth C. Reeves Sr. as part of the 2017 induction class.

The induction ceremony will take place at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in New Orleans on Aug. 11 as part of NABJ's national convention. The Hall of Fame Award is the highest recognition given by the organization.

Legislation to help small businesses

U.S. Rep. Dwight Evans introduced the Small Business Innovation Protection Act of 2017 to provide small business owners and entrepreneurs with the resources for success.

The legislation requires the U.S. Small Business Administration as well as the Patent and Trademark Office to work together to create valuable training for domestic and international patent protection as well as international intellectual property protections for small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.) introduced a companion bill in his chamber in March.

Comcast enables customers to tailor home Wi-Fi use

Comcast has launched Xfinity xFi, a new Wi-Fi experience that provides a simple digital dashboard for customers to set up their home Wi-Fi network, find their password, see what devices are connected, troubleshoot issues, set parental controls and even pause Wi-Fi access on their home network.

The xFi experience can be controlled via a mobile app, website and on the TV with the X1 voice remote. To get started, customers can visit www.xfinity.com/myxfi or download the xFi app for iOS and Android.

xFi is now available to the 10 million Xfinity Internet customers with a compatible Xfinity WiFi device — the xFi Wireless Gateway or the xFi Advanced Gateway — and comes at no extra cost.

Wayfair starts collecting state sales tax on online buys

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has secured an agreement with online retailer Wayfair Inc. to collect the state's 6 percent sales tax on purchases.

"Consumers are increasingly buying online and the Department of Revenue is adapting with agreements like this that benefit taxpayers and the commonwealth," said Acting Secretary of Revenue C. Daniel Hassell.

Wayfair, the 16th largest online retailer in the U.S., began collecting sales tax on purchases in Pennsylvania on May 1. The agreement is expected to provide millions of dollars in sales tax revenue for the commonwealth.

Councilman plans city contracting forum

Councilman Kenyatta Johnson will hold the Doing Business With the City Minority Business Forum on May 31 at Peirce College, 1420 Pine St.

Networking opportunities will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the panel discussion will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The event will help attendees learn to navigate and understand the city's procurement processes, including how to pursue city contracts.

For more information, contact Tim Roundtree at (215) 686-3412 or timothy.roundtree@phila.gov.

Small Business Road Show set at Esperanza College

The Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Philadelphia will host a Small Business Road Show on June 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Esperanza College, 4261 N. 5th St.

During the event, entrepreneurs will receive information on how to grow their business and get solutions to their business problems.

Attendees can speak to experts in Spanish and English on topics including accounting business law, financing, online presence and business planning.

To register visit www.philahispanicchamber.org.

— *Compiled by Ayana Jones*