

***Dillard has Finalists in Eight Award Categories***



NEW ORLEANS - Dillard University President Walter M. Kimbrough is one of several finalists up for the honor of being selected as the "Best Male HBCU President of the Year." Known as the "Hip Hop Prez" by his more than 9,000 Twitter followers @hiphopprez, Dr. Walter Kimbrough has fostered a forward-thinking, student-focused culture on Dillard's campus and is one of the most dynamic leaders in higher education today. The media has taken notice and Kimbrough has been featured in a myriad of local and national media including, the Times-Picayune, the New Orleans Advocate, the New Orleans Tribune, NPR's "Tell Me More," radio show, MSNBC's Melissa-Harris-Perry Show and Huffington Post Live, to name a few. He is an expert on Black Fraternities and has been an outspoken figure in matters of educational standards, blacks in technology, black male education, and philanthropy in HBCU arena. Most notable are his opinions regarding the recent \$25 million gift from the Koch Foundation to the UNCF and Dr. Dre's \$35 million gift to the University of Southern California.

The University was selected as finalists in seven other "Best Of" categories sponsored by the HBCU Digest annual awards ceremony that will be held this week on Dillard's campus. The HBCU Digest is a daily blog/news resource providing news synopsis, links and commentary on

stories about America's 105 historically black colleges and universities.

Each year it sponsors the HBCU Awards event to honor, acknowledge and celebrate achievements at historically black colleges and universities throughout the country. Crowning winners in the fields of leadership, arts, athletics, research, and community engagement, the HBCU Awards is the first and only event to recognize the influence and impact of HBCUs on American culture. The HBCU Awards ceremony will be held July 11 during the HBCU National Media Summit, which is Jul  
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This year, Dillard University was selected as a finalist in the following areas: Best Choir; Best Fine Arts Program; Best Nursing Program; Female Faculty of the Year - Dr. Mona Lisa Saloy; Female Alumna of the Year - Cynthia Butler McIntyre, '84; Female Student of the Year - Nicole Tinson, '14; Male President of the Year - Dr. Walter Kimbrough; and HBCU of the Year.

[Click here to see other finalists and categories](#)

Proceeds from the awards ceremony benefit the Center for HBCU Media Advocacy (CHMA), a nonprofit organization that seeks to promote the mission, culture and development of America's historically black colleges and universities through new media exposure, training and education.

There is still time to register for the 2014 Summit. [Click here to for more details and registration information](#)

Dillard University is a private four-year liberal arts historically black university with a history dating back to 1869. It is located on a picturesque 55-acre campus in New Orleans, Louisiana which boasts an "Avenue of Oaks," spacious greens and white buildings of both Jeffersonian and modern architectural styles. Academically, Dillard ranks among the top in a number of areas including Forbes' 2013 list of Top Colleges and Universities in the U.S.; top 60 liberal arts institutions by the Washington Monthly (2013); consistently ranked as one of U.S News and World Report top Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); American Institute of Physics' top producer of African Americans with bachelor's degrees in physics (2012); and

according to the National Science Foundation (2013), among the top 50 colleges whose graduates earn doctorates in the sciences.

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