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Urban League Annual Dinner

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis will host its 94th Annual Dinner on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Millennium Hotel Ballroom. Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, President of Philander Smith College, is slated to deliver the keynote address at the dinner.

Known as the Hip Hop president, he is one of the youngest college presidents in the nation. Dr. Kimbrough was recently appointed to serve as President of Dillard University beginning July 2012. During Dr. Kimbrough's seven-year tenure at Philander Smith College, student recruitment and graduation rates dramatically increased.

Dr. Kimbrough has been recognized for his research and writings on HBCUs and African American men in college, including the creation of the Black Male Initiative at Philander Smith College that has been a model for similar programs. Kimbrough also has been noted for his active use of social media to engage students in articles by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *CASE Currents*, and *Arkansas Life*. He was cited in 2010 by BachelorsDegree.com as one of 25 college presidents you should follow on Twitter (@HipHopPrez).



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Dr. Kimbrough was named the 1994 New Professional of the Year for the Association of Fraternity Advisors, and the 1998 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Dissertation of the Year award runner-up. He was selected as a 2001 Nissan-ETS HBCU Fellow, and a 2002 participant in the Millennium Leadership Initiative sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. In 2009, he was named by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* as one of 25 To Watch. Finally, in 2010, he made the coveted *Ebony Magazine* Power list of the 100 doers and influencers in the African American community.

"I am pleased to have Dr. Kimbrough keynote our Annual Dinner. His informative and inspirational speaking style combined with his strong record of accomplishments perfectly matches with the goals and mission of the Urban League," said James H. Buford, president and C.E.O. of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis is a social service and advocacy organization that works to fulfill its mission of Empowering Communities. Changing Lives. Programs are offered in the areas of Economic Empowerment, Meeting Families Basic Needs, Educational Quality and Equality and Civic Engagement and Social Justice. For ticket information to the 94th Annual Dinner, please call (314) 615-3668 or email specialevents@urbanleague-stl.org .

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