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Boy Scouts to Honor Local Leaders for Outstanding Service to Youth

The Pathway to Adventure Council will host the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award Dinner on October 26<sup>th</sup> to honor four exemplary Chicago leaders and one model company for their contributions to the African American Community.

This year's honorees are as follows:

- ComEd
- Darryl Dennard, CEO of Double D Productions, Inc. and Public Affairs Director and Host of iHeartRadio Chicago Urban Radio Station
- Emil Jones Jr., Illinois Senate President from 2003-2009
- James D. Montgomery, Sr., Managing Partner of JDM Law Offices, James D. Montgomery and Associates, Ltd.
- Melody Spann-Cooper, Chairman of Midway Broadcasting Company

“Support for this event has allowed us to dedicate special funding to provide a Scouting program in the inner city where family structure and economic conditions are deeply strained,” said event General Chairman Dorval Carter, president of the Chicago Transit Authority; and Honorary Chairman Kurt Summers Jr., treasurer of the City of Chicago. “In a time where Chicago’s violence is shattering records, the need for public support of Scouting is even greater.”

The Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award Dinner will take place on October 26, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Chicago located at 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL, 60601. More information and registration details are available at <http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/whitney>.

Media is invited to attend the event and interviews are available with the honorees upon request to [Kate.Jacobs@Scouting.org](mailto:Kate.Jacobs@Scouting.org).

*About The Boy Scouts of America, Pathway to Adventure Council:*

**Pathway to Adventure Council provides the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training to help young people be “Prepared. For Life.®”** It serves over 23,000 youth members between the ages of 5 and 21 across Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. Visit [www.PathwayToAdventure.org](http://www.PathwayToAdventure.org) to learn more.