

Second annual Black Excellence Awards held on June 16

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Binghamton, NY The Black Excellence Awards Committee hosted the second annual Black Excellence Awards, June 16, 2023 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The awards this year honored 19 individuals across 17 different categories for their exceptional contributions in various trades and industries.

Below is the list of 2023 award recipients:

- Larry Parham Social Impact Award: Hajra Aziz
- Community Organizer of the Year Award: Terri Weathers
- Influencer of the Year Award: Rahkiya Brown

- Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards: Ruby Moncrieft & Tristen Durham
- R&B Artist of the Year Award: Diamond D'Nali
- Majeedah Razzaq Community Achievement Award: Billie Anderson
- Historic Win Award: Senator Lea Webb
- Visual Artist of the Year Award: Julio Bravo
- Dr. Beverly Dorsey Health & Wellness Award: Russ Trevino
- New Business of the Year Award: Ashley Walker, Beautiful Creations
- Outstanding Service Award: City Councilwoman, Dr. Angela Riley
- Youth Athlete of the Year Awards: Aronjia Parker & Yusri Razzaq
- MVP of the Year Award: Fatima
- Political Powerhouse of the Year Award: Korin Kirk
- Dancer of the Year Award: Akilah Briggs-Melvin
- Youth Advocate of the Year Award: Kashief Summers
- Hip Hop Artist of the Year Award: NSG Nuca

Congratulations to each of the incredible finalists and winners! The Black Excellence Awards is one the first of several community events to celebrate Juneteenth in Greater Binghamton, including the Bing Juneteenth Celebration that took place at Assata Shakur Park on Carroll St. in Binghamton, the Juneteenth Flag Raising at the Binghamton Rumble Ponies, and the Juneteenth Celebration at the Discovery Center.

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