



Community Recognition

Through its Community Recognition component, *The Privilege Award Program* seeks to formally recognize members of the Fairfax community who most closely follow the tenets and principles practiced by Colonel Barnwell and in turn demonstrate excellence and commitment to community welfare and service.

The Foundation looks forward to honoring staffers, donors or volunteers whose gifts of time, expertise and resources have made a significant contribution to the success of their not-for-profit agency and institution.

Such individuals will be community activists, considerate, unselfish, kind, and true with a demonstrable history of community involvement, and volunteerism, while also being a pillar in the Fairfax community demonstrating a “pay it forward” mentality.

Recipients will be publicly acknowledged with a commemorative gesture presented by their organization at a Privilege Award Program event sponsored by the Bernie L. Bates Foundation, Inc.

Program Highlight

Join us as together we enjoy Keynote Remarks by.

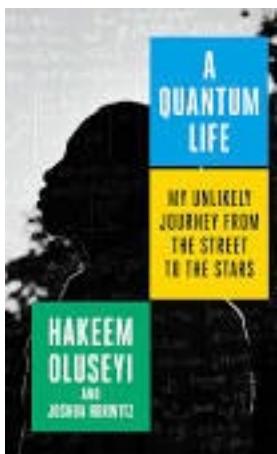


Dr. Hakeem Oluseyi

This year's program will highlight the remarkable Astrophysicist, Dr. Hakeem Oluseyi. He is the author of the critically acclaimed memoir, **A Quantum Life: My Unlikely Journey from the Streets to the Stars**. Dr. Oluseyi is an internationally-recognized astrophysicist, cosmologist, inventor, educator, author, actor, veteran, humanitarian, science TV personality, and global education advocate who has had a long, distinguished career in academia and scientific research.

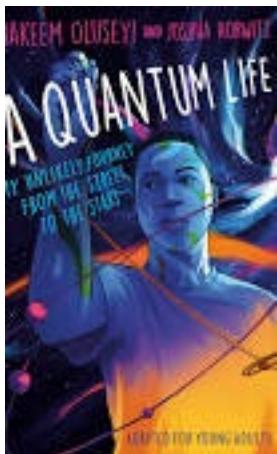
Dr. Oluseyi invented a method and system to monitor characteristics of films by sensing the spectral emissions of a plasma to which the films are exposed.

Dr. Oluseyi helped to design, build, calibrate, and launch the Multi-Spectral Solar Telescope Array (MSSTA), which pioneered normal incidence extreme ultraviolet and soft x-ray imaging of the Sun's transition region and corona. Dr. Oluseyi is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the president of the National Society of Black Physicists.



A Quantum Life: My Unlikely Journey from the Street to the Stars

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A Quantum Life (Adapted for Young Adults): My Unlikely Journey from the Street to the Stars

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