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City Year Washington, DC Announces Chinyere Hubbard, President & CEO of the DC Chamber of Commerce, as 2026 Gala Honoree

Washington, DC (February 12, 2026) – City Year Washington, DC, an education nonprofit that works to advance academic outcomes for DC students and develop the next generation of leaders through national service, announces that DC Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Chinyere Hubbard has been selected as the honoree for their Thursday, [April 9, 2026 Gala](#), where she will be presented with an award and speak.

“We’re overjoyed to present this honor to Ms. Hubbard. As a native Washingtonian and leader in the Washington, DC business community, we see a great deal of alignment between City Year’s values and the pathways toward greater prosperity that the DC Chamber of Commerce is fostering in our community. Just as the Chamber works to build a more vibrant and thriving local economy here in DC, City Year endeavors to do the same through our work mentoring students, forging local partnerships, and providing critical workforce experience for young people. We are thrilled to have Ms. Hubbard representing these great ideals and cannot wait to honor her at our 2026 Gala.” – City Year Washington, DC Senior Vice President & Executive Director Dr. Selvon Waldron.

Ms. Hubbard’s unwavering commitment to supporting and advocating for Chamber members reflects her deep passion and strategic vision for growing the organization and strengthening the entire DC business community. By working closely with the executive team and board of directors, Ms. Hubbard develops and implements a robust array of programs and initiatives that are designed to position the Chamber not only as a valuable resource for business development - offering networking opportunities, educational workshops, and economic insights - but also as the leading advocate for policies that foster a thriving, equitable business environment throughout Washington, DC.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Ms. Hubbard served as the chief marketing and strategic communications officer for the Greater Washington Partnership, a first-of-its-kind alliance uniting CEOs and C-Suite leaders in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC, to collaborate on building a vibrant, economically competitive, and prosperous region. Previously, she also served as the senior vice president of communications, marketing, and community engagement for Events DC, the official convention and sports authority for the District of Columbia.

“I am incredibly honored and deeply grateful to receive this recognition from City Year, an organization whose mission to empower young leaders and improve student outcomes is vital to the future of our city,” said Hubbard. “By investing in the potential of our students through programs like City Year, we are directly cultivating the diverse talent pipeline that will drive our economy forward. This honor is a powerful affirmation of the work we do at the DC Chamber of Commerce as we advocate for a thriving and equitable business environment. I look forward to continuing our partnership to build a stronger Washington, DC for all.”

This year’s gala will honor City Year DC’s 25 years of improving student outcomes and building pathways of success for the young people in Washington, DC. The **April 9 event** will take place at the **Watergate Hotel from 6-9 pm**, bringing together civic leaders, educators, corporate

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partners, and champions of education and workforce development. Funds raised from this event support City Year's full-time work in DC schools as tutors, mentors, and role models, while also furthering the development of young leaders, through building durable, employer-ready skills.

For more information about **City Year DC's April 9 gala**, including sponsorship opportunities and tickets, please visit: support.cityyear.org/cydcgala2026

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About City Year

City Year is a trailblazing, youth-powered organization with a dual mission: advancing academic outcomes for all students and developing the next generation of leaders through national service. Research shows the more time a student spends with a City Year AmeriCorps member serving as a student success coach, the better the student outcomes – academically, interpersonally, and attendance. Furthermore, City Year builds the skills of a generation of young leaders, equipping them with the tools they need for future workforce and economic success. A national nonprofit, City Year operates in 29 U.S. cities with international affiliates in the U.K. and South Africa, including right here in Washington, DC, where City Year has served for the past 25 years. Today, 40,000 alums continue to lead and create value in the communities where they live and work. Learn more about City Year: www.cityyear.org/dc, LinkedIn, Facebook, X, and Instagram.

About the DC Chamber of Commerce

The DC Chamber of Commerce is the largest Chamber in the Washington, D.C. region. As an advocate for the District's business community for 87 years, the Chamber proudly serves a diverse membership of more than 1,000 organizations. For more information, visit <https://www.dcchamber.org>.