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NEWS RELEASE

WDIA'S MARK STANSBURY WILL HOST JMCAACC'S 13TH ANNUAL JEWEL AWARDS ON FEBRUARY 28

Black History Program includes entertainment by Gospel Superstar Vickie Winans



JACKSON, Tenn. (February 13, 2014) -- Lane College alumni and long-time WDIA radio personality **Mark Stansbury** will serve as master of ceremonies for the 13th Annual JEWEL Awards Banquet hosted by the Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce. The Black History Month banquet featuring gospel icon Vickie Winans will be held on Friday, February 28, 2014 at Oman Arena, 179 Lane Avenue in Jackson, TN. The event -- sponsored by the City of Jackson, Lane College, West Tennessee Healthcare and AT&T along with West Tennessee Examiner, 96KIX WFKX-FM, Brownsville Radio 95.3, News/Talk 101.5 WNWS-FM and WOJG-FM 94.7 (Bolivar) -- honors outstanding African American business owners and entrepreneurs and also raises funds for the chamber's Follow Me Into Business® youth development program. There are two tiers of tickets available: Dinner seating on the floor for \$50 per person and concert lodge seating for \$25 per person. Tables of 8 are \$400. Event tickets are available at selected member locations throughout the area and online at www.jmcaacc.org/buy-tickets.html. For more information, call 731-424-2030.

Markhum "Mark" L. Stansbury, Sr. graduated from Jackson's historic Lane College in 1966. An on-air personality for more than 50 years with the nation's first black formatted radio station, WDIA-AM 1070, for more than 50 years, Stansbury has had a concurrent career education that spans more than 20 years. Although he was not permitted to enter then-Memphis State University, now the University of Memphis he has worked for four presidents as Assistant to the President. Furthermore, the Tennessee Board of Regents appointed him as Interim-President of Shelby State Community College (now-Southwest Tennessee Community College). A member of the United Negro College Fund Hall of Fame, he has also held executive positions at two HBCUs: Lane College and LeMoyné-Owen College. Prior to joining the UofM, he served as Shelby County Field Director in the Governor's Memphis Office and later as Special Assistant to former Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter. One of the first African Americans in management with Holiday Inns, Inc., he also worked briefly as a reporter and copy editor for *The Commercial Appeal* newspaper. An award-winning photographer, he has photographed five presidents of the United States, and received recognition from the White House. His subjects include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Muhammad Ali, Elvis Presley, the Beatles, the Supremes, Isaac Hayes and James Meredith. Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell appointed him to the Shelby County Historical Commission.

Area ticket outlets include: Baskerville Funeral Home, 802 N. 9th in Humboldt; Golden Circle Insurance Agency, 39S. Jackson in Brownsville; It's Printed, 357 North Royal in Jackson; Sears, 6034 S. First in Milan; and WOJG-FM 94.7, 123 W. Market in Bolivar. The Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce (JMCAACC) will recognize outstanding small business owners in four categories

at the February 28th Jewel Awards. There will also be a special presentation to Lane College in honor of the late Dr. Wesley McClure. The JMCAACC office is located at 351-C North Royal St. in Jackson.

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