

THE ST. LOUIS AMERICAN FOUNDATION

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Dear June,

On behalf of the St. Louis American Foundation, I'm writing to thank you for BJC Health Care's contribution as a sponsor of our 30th Anniversary Salute to Excellence in Education Scholarship & Awards Gala.

Your support helps make it possible that after 30 years, this special evening continues to be among the largest sit-down banquets in all of St. Louis. More than 1200 attended this year's gala.

Recognizing outstanding educators is important because of their critical role in uplifting student performance. But, in addition, strong support of this event helped the foundation and its education and corporate partners to provide an overall record of **\$750,000** worth of scholarships and community grants this year.

Our strategic goal is to help foster better education outcomes for all of our youth, but we seek to help realize more of the great potential of African-American youth, in particular. The need is great for their contribution, which is critical to the future of this region and the nation.

Again, thank you for your support. While we are far from finished with this important work that helps enable the next generation of leaders and learners, we should take a moment to take pride in the fact that we, with your support, and our other education and corporate partners, are helping the community prepare for a better future, and we're doing it today, in St. Louis.

With sincerity, **RESPECT**



Donald M. Suggs
President

Enclosures: Salute to Excellence in Education tabloid special section, photo coverage