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Dr. Ian Smith is currently the medical/diet expert on VH1’s highly-rated “Celebrity Fit Club,” host of “Meet the Faith” on BET, and the creator and founder of The 50 Million Pound Challenge. Dr. Smith is also the host of his own nationally syndicated radio show, HealthWatch on American Urban Radio Networks. He is the former medical correspondent for NBC News network and for News Channel 4 where he filed reports for NBC’s “Nightly News” and the “Today” show as well as WNBC’s various news broadcasts. He has appeared extensively on various broadcasts including “The View,” “The Tyra Banks Show,” “Larry King Live,” and “Anderson Cooper 360.” He has written for various publications including Time, Newsweek, Men’s Health, and the New York Daily News, and has been featured in several other publications including, People, Essence, Ebony, Cosmopolitan, and University of Chicago Medicine on the Midway.

Dr. Smith’s work has been honored by several organizations, including the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences for his coverage on the momentous events beginning on Sept. 11, 2001. Dr. Smith is very active in charitable causes, serving on several boards including the New York City Mission Society, American Council on Exercise, and the New York Council for the Humanities.

Dr. Smith graduated from Harvard College with an AB and received a master’s in science education from Teachers College of Columbia University. He attended Dartmouth Medical School and completed the last two years of his medical education and graduated from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

Dr. Smith is also the author of five books, the #1 New York Times Bestseller Extreme Fat Smash Diet, the #1 New York Times Bestseller The Fat Smash Diet, the critically acclaimed The Blackbird Papers (2005 BCALA fiction Honor Book Award winner), Dr. Ian Smith’s Guide to Medical Websites, and The Take-Control Diet. He is currently at work on his second novel.

A native of Danbury, CT, Dr. Smith resides in Manhattan.
Clanzel T. Brown Award

About the Award: Clanzel T. Brown, Sr. was President of the Jacksonville Urban League from 1965-1982. A real “doer” and achiever, his battles against poverty, oppression, and injustice were aimed at improving the lives of all people, regardless of color or creed. The results of his efforts were lauded both locally and nationally.

Clanzel T. Brown, Sr. became increasingly convinced that the key to the future was through economic development to open all levels of education, training, and corporate employment. From direct on-the-job experience, he knew the meaning of achievement through hard work. Mr. Brown set high goals and achieved them. Because he never faltered in his efforts for the betterment of his community, his life became a beacon in the lives of those that follow.

Recipients of Award:

Rodney L. Hurst, Sr.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Alton Yates

Whitney M. Young National Leadership Award

About the Award: Whitney M. Young, Jr. was an articulate U.S. civil rights leader who spearheaded the drive for equal opportunity for blacks in U.S. industry and government service during his 10 years as head of the National Urban League (1961-71), the world’s largest social-civil rights organization. His advocacy of a “Domestic Marshall Plan”—massive funds to help solve America’s racial problems—was felt to heavily influenced federal poverty programs in Washington, D.C. (1963-69).

Appointed Executive Director of the National Urban League in 1961, Young developed an impressive reputation as a national black activist who helped bridge the gap between white political and business leaders and poor blacks and militants.

Recipient of Award: Willie E. Gary
OUR MOVEMENT
The Jacksonville Urban League was founded in 1947. We are a nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based organization affiliated with the National Urban League, Inc., which was founded in 1910 and is headquartered in New York City. The Urban League movement consists of more than 100 professionally staffed affiliates in over 35 states and the District of Columbia, providing direct services to more than 2 million people nationwide through programs, advocacy and research.

OUR MISSION
The mission of the Jacksonville Urban League is to enable African Americans and others to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

JACKSONVILLE URBAN LEAGUE STRATEGY
The Jacksonville Urban League employs a three-pronged strategy, our 3E Strategy that is embedded in the National Urban League strategy listed below:

- Education and Youth Empowerment
- Economic and Community Empowerment
- Employment and Training

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