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### 100 Most Important Blacks in Technology Announced for 2006

BALTIMORE, Md. — The editors of *US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine ([www.blackengineer.com](http://www.blackengineer.com)) have released the prestigious 100 Most Important Blacks in Technology list for 2006.

Featured in *US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine, which is distributed nationwide to top engineering campuses, engineering and IT professionals, and high-level corporate and government decision-makers, the 2006 top Blacks are upheld as role models, and their accomplishments validate the important contributions Blacks make in the high-tech and business world on a daily basis.

The honorees will gather for a black tie event and special performance by "Soulful Symphony" to be held at the Murphy Fine Arts Center at Morgan State University. The event will be held on Friday, Feb. 17, 2006 in Baltimore, Md., as a high point of the 20th Annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference — the nation's premier career development and employee recognition event for Blacks in engineering, science, and technology.

The honorees will be featured in the November/December 2005 edition of *US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine.

*US Black Engineer & Information Technology* magazine, the most widely read minority technical magazine in the country, has been published for more than 20 years by Career Communications Group, Inc. (CCG), the leader in celebrating diversity and advancing of minorities and women in the fields of engineering, science, and information technology. CCG provides leadership in talent management and career development, enabling employers to recruit, retain, and recognize highly qualified workers.

For additional information and a listing of other Conference events, please visit [www.beya.org](http://www.beya.org).



**BLACK ENGINEER OF THE YEAR  
AWARDS CONFERENCE**

December 5, 2005

Dr. Bryant York  
Research Director  
Institute for African-American e-Culture  
Portland State University  
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Dear Honored Guest:

On behalf of *USBE & IT* magazine, it is my pleasure to congratulate you again on being named one of the 100 Most Important Blacks in Technology. I am impressed with all that you have accomplished in your life and career.

Members of this year's class of the 100 Most Important Blacks in Technology will be recognized on Friday evening, February 17, 2006 during a tribute to the Black Engineer of the Year by the Soulful Symphony, under the direction of Darin Atwater. The symphony performance is only one of the many exciting events scheduled to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference. I hope you will be able to join us for a weekend of celebration and education.

I look forward to seeing you, your family, and your colleagues in February. May good fortune continue to be yours, and may you continue to be a role model for others. Additional information regarding the dinner and the conference is enclosed from our Events Manager, Kristie Culler.

Sincerely,

Tyrone D. Taborn, Ph.D. (*h.c.*)  
Chairman & CEO

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## 100 Most Important Blacks in Technology

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