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The Men of Legacy Associates Foundation Keep the "Legacy" Alive With Their 6th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser



Governor Jennifer M. Granholm is Special Keynote Speaker

DETROIT - The Men of **Legacy Associates Foundation** (L.A.F.) will host their 6th Annual Scholarship Banquet February 8, 2003 at 7p.m. at the Museum of African-American History with very special keynote speaker, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

L.A.F. is dedicated to the education and future of our youth. Since 1997, L.A.F. has awarded 30 college scholarships totaling more than \$25,000 to assist students in financing their college education. "The goal of **Legacy Associates Foundation** is to serve as strong, male mentors and leaders to area youth while encouraging academic achievement, community involvement and economic empowerment," said Paul Riser, President of Legacy Associates Foundation. "We are extremely proud of our accomplishments and the lives that we have touched thus far."

Governor Jennifer Granholm, the keynote speaker, is the 47th Governor of the state of Michigan and the first female to hold the position in the state's 166-year history. Her career is underscored by an unwavering commitment to public service. Governor Granholm received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and French from the University of California-Berkeley where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with the highest honors. She then attended Harvard Law School where she was Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review, and once again graduated with honors. Her enthusiasm and passion for serving her community, her novel approach to governing, and her commitment to policies beneficial to the citizens of her community, in fact prompted her election as Governor in November 2002. As Michigan's Chief Executive Officer, Granholm will work to execute her blueprint for honoring the values of Michigan families and educating our youth.

Legacy Associates Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by 14 members, is an organization whose mission is to exemplify and retain scholastic leadership, community involvement, and economic empowerment on a local, national and global front. The current membership is comprised of 20 young, African-American men who essentially grew up together as brothers. As they embarked upon higher education opportunities and professional careers, they began to realize the power of their bond and the importance of networking. In January of 1997, they established what is now **Legacy Associates Foundation**. L.A.F. strives to improve the quality of life throughout their communities via promotion of and involvement in philanthropic activities. This force of leadership is integral in preparing individuals, particularly minority youth, to face the many social and economic obstacles that confront them in the 21st century.

NOTE: Dinner tickets and/or ads may be purchased by calling 313.438.0819 or 313.399.7565