

# 'An Evening of Stars' lineup set

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Fairfax, Va. — The United Negro College Fund (The College Fund/UNCF) has named Louis Gossett Jr., Alfre Woodard and Debbie Allen to serve as co-hosts along with lead co-host Lou Rawls, for their newly formatted annual television broadcast "An Evening of Stars - A Celebration of Educational Excellence" scheduled to air on January 10, 1998.

To highlight the essential work UNCF does in providing minority scholarships to its member institutions, they are introducing a new four-hour format to feature extended concert performances by some of the music industry's top artists including: Toni Braxton, Vanessa L. Williams, Kenny Lattimore, Teena Marie, Luther Vandross, Sinbad, CeCe Winans, The Dells, Jerry Butler, AZ Yet, Mark Curry, The O'Jays, Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, The Chi-Lites, Kool and the Gang featuring James Taylor.

"The United Negro College Fund is singularly focused on helping deserving and talented students obtain a college education. We are excited about the new format as it will strengthen our capacity to convey our message

to a broader audience and ultimately generate the need to increase and improve access to higher education for financially disadvantaged young men and women," said William H. Gray, III, President and CEO, United Negro College Fund.

The nationally syndicated television special will focus on the compelling success stories of UNCF students and inspiring messages about our nation's historically black colleges and universities. The new format will include live performances, profiles on students, colleges and alumni illustrating UNCF's mission.

"An Evening of Stars — A Celebration of Educational Excellence" is directed and produced by Louis J. Horvitz and his Los Angeles-based team. Horvitz has directed the "Academy Awards," "The Emmy Awards," "The People's Choice Awards" and the "Kennedy Center Honors." An Emmy award winner with more than 20 years of television production experience, Horvitz was engaged by UNCF to create the entirely new format for this year's program.

UNCF has contributed to the strengthening of America's future by assisting thousands of



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(Picture left to right) Louis Gossett, Jr., Alfre Woodard and Debbie Allen join Lou Rawls as co-hosts of the United Negro College Fund's newly formatted television special, "An Evening of Stars — A Celebration of Educational Excellence."

bright, talented and deserving students in obtaining a college education. Since its founding more than 50 years ago, UNCF has raised more than \$1.3 billion making it possible for over 300,000 students to graduate from UNCF schools. UNCF uses national and local initiatives

to support its mission of enhancing the quality of education by raising operating funds for member colleges and universities, providing financial assistance to deserving students and supplying technical assistance to member institutions.

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# Coveting external power fruitless, true power is found within

By Junious Ricardo Stanton  
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Exactly what is power? Why are so many people searching for it and going to such great lengths to acquire it?

The New Webster's Comprehensive Dictionary of the English Language defines power as the ability to do or act; the capacity of doing or effecting something, a particular faculty of body or mind, the possession of control or command over others; dominion, authority, any

mechanical energy or force available for application to work.

Most people contemplate power solely in external terms, the control or command over others, authority and dominion. Their concern is strictly oriented outside themselves. However, let us examine power from the standpoint of the other definitions; the ability to do, act, a particular faculty of body or mind and energy or force available for application to work. In this regard all of us are human dynamos endowed with

tremendous energy and power. We all have the ability to do and act in some fashion or another. All of us, no matter how handicapped, physically or mentally deficient we may be perceived to be, have the use of at least one faculty of mind or body. The mere fact that we are alive and possess the energy to move about, to think and analyze demonstrates the existence of a power that is at the very core of our being. It is the *God Force* itself. This resident power animates us, allows us to think, imagine, plan and execute

the things we visualize and design. The vast majority of us take this power for granted. We are unaware of the delicate relationship between our mind, our bodies and our environment. Even those who are cognizant of their abilities utilize only a minute fraction of what is available to us at any given moment!

Most of us covet external power, the kind that influences or controls others. We daydream of being able to influence and boss others. We  
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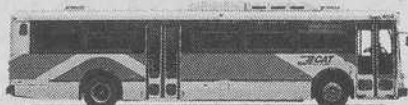
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