

ICDHR Past King Dinner Speakers

Year	Speaker	Title/Organization
1973	Richard Hatcher	First Black Mayor for Gary
1974	Jesse Jackson	President, Operation PUSH
1975	Julian Bond	First Black to run for U.S. President, and Former Chair of the NAACP
1976	Maynard Jackson	Mayor of Atlanta
1977	Mohammed Ali	U.S. Heavyweight Boxing Champion
	John Conyers	U.S. Congressman
1978	Walter Fauntroy	Washington, D.C. Congressional Delegate
1979	Perren Mitchell	U.S. Congressman
1980	Mickey Leleand	U.S. Congressman
1981	Reverend Arthur Langford	Atlanta Councilman
1982	Benjamin Hooks	Executive Director, NAACP
1983	Joseph Lowery	President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
1984	Ronald Reagan via satellite	President, USA
1985	Willie Brown	Speaker of the House, California General Assembly
1986	Reverend Leon Sullivan	President, Organization of Industrial Center
1987	Dr. Alvin Pousaint	Physician and Consultant to the Crosby Show
1988	Cecil Partee	Treasurer, City of Chicago
1989	Reverend Jesse Jackson	President, Rainbow Coalition
1990	Tony Brown	Television Personality
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1992	Andrew Young	Ambassador to the United Nations
1993	Roland Burris	Illinois State Comptroller
1994	Maynard Jackson	Former Mayor of Atlanta, GA
1995	Emmanuel Cleaver	Mayor, Kansas City, Missouri
1996	Susan Taylor	President, Essence Magazine
1997	Willie Brown	Mayor, San Francisco
1998	Togo West	Secretary of the Army
1999	Martin Luther King III	President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and son of Martin Luther King Jr.
2000	Danny Glover	Actor and Community Activist
2001	Tony Brown	Television Personality and Radio Show Host, and President of Tony Brown Production
2002	Marc Morial	Mayor, New Orleans
2003	Mary Mitchell	Columnist and Member, Editorial Board, Chicago Sun-Times
2004	Kweisi Mfume	President, NAACP
2005	Dusty Baker	Manager, Chicago Cubs
	Lovie Smith	Head Coach, Chicago Bears
	Ozzie Guillen	Manager, Chicago White Sox
2006	John Bryant	Founder, Chairman & CEO, Operation HOPE
2007	Dr. B. Joseph White	President, University of Illinois
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2009	John Burgess	Managing Director, International Profit Associates
2010	Ken Williams (Honoree)	Senior Vice President and General Manager, Chicago White Sox
2011	David D. Hiller	President and CEO, The McCormick Foundation
2012	Dr. Michael J. Hogan	President, University of Illinois
2013	Candi Castleberry-Singleton	Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer, University of Pittsburg Medical Center
2014	Karen Atwood	President, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois
2015	John W. Fountain	Professor, Roosevelt University and Columnist, Chicago Sun-Times
2016	Attorney Lori Lightfoot	President, Chicago Police Board
2017	LaShawn Ford	Representative, Illinois General Assembly
2018	The Honorable Randall Woodfin	Mayor, City of Birmingham, Alabama
2019	The Honorable Kwame Raoul	Attorney General State of Illinois
2020	Postponed due to COVID-19	
2021	Blind Boys of Alabama	Grammy Award Winning Musical Artists
2022	Dr. Georges Benjamin	Executive Director, American Public Health Association

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