# Goldman Sachs, Robin Hood Foundation & Guardian Life Support The Knowledge House 2021 Season

Bronx Based Nonprofit Turns 7 Years Old And Launches 2021 Fellowship Campaign & Speaker Series



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Bronx, NY --- The Knowledge House launches its 2021 Fellowship campaign and speaker series with the goal to raise \$1.2 million dollars to support 200 up-and-coming technologists. The funds will supply fellows with a year of study and mentoring access to high-level technology professionals.

Goldman Sachs, Robin Hood Foundation, The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (Guardian Life), and other partners have committed to both professional mentoring and fiscal support to reach this ground-breaking goal assisting The Knowledge House in its mission to create a pipeline of talented and capable workers equipped with the technology and skills that provide economic

opportunity, living wages, and career mobility.

The 2021 Fellowship Campaign and Event Series will directly fund 200 new students to receive: support services including cash assistance, laptops, and internet access. With a \$5,000 sponsorship for each fellow, they can persist through our 12-month program and on to graduation while supporting themselves and their families through the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year The Knowledge House raised more than half a million dollars through campaign efforts directly contributing to 90% placement for innovation fellows served in 2020. One success story includes Quiana Berry who secured an internship, then a full-time product manager role at Red Hat.

"Our sponsor organizations play a key role in giving us the tools and support we need to succeed in our training and enter the technology ecosystem from a place of stability and strength. We appreciate them backing up their commitment to workforce diversity with action." -Quiana Berry, Web Development Fellow Graduate, The Knowledge House.

**Guardian Life, a new sponsor of The Knowledge House,** will support our new technology Fellows and begin crafting partnership opportunities that help to bridge the digital divide. "As Guardian Life continues to develop our talent pipeline, it is critical that we find collaboration with community-based partners for unique onramp opportunities into our organization's technology-focused career framework opportunities," – **Daniel Johnson, Chief Technology Officer & Head of Innovation at, Guardian Life.** 

The Knowledge House is hosting an engaging Fellowship Campaign Event Series, with support from Fortune 500 CEOs and leaders of major philanthropic organizations. The speaker series includes:

#### Thursday, October 21st, 6 pm EST

#### **Building a Movement from The Bronx**

The Knowledge House is celebrating its 7th anniversary by honoring Bronx leaders. Honorees include the 2020 Innovation Fellows and **feature Jerelyn Rodriguez**, CEO of The Knowledge House, **and Amaurys Grullon**, Founder of The Bronx Native.

#### Thursday, October 28th, 5:30 pm EST

#### 16 Months Later: How Are Companies Protecting Black Lives?

The Knowledge House will host a thought-provoking virtual panel with corporate and philanthropy

leaders who are leading massive efforts to leverage corporate power for racial justice. **Featured speakers are Richard Buery**, CEO at Robin Hood Foundation; **Maurice Jones**, CEO at OneTen; **and Greg Taylor**, Executive Director at NBA Foundation.

#### Thursday, November 4th, 5:30 pm EST

#### **Black Women Path-blazing in Innovation**

The culminating event is a virtual panel between prominent Black women leaders rising within the innovation sector as DEI experts, engineers, founders, and investors. **Featured speakers are Asahi Pompey,** President of Goldman Sachs Foundation; **Gabrielle Wyatt,** Founder at The Highland Project; and Rachel Williams, Head of Recruitment and Diversity at X, an Alphabet company.

The Knowledge House will also welcome donors of every level to support the campaign by purchasing tickets to the speaker series and/or donating to the Fellowship. Donate today.

#### **About The Knowledge House**

The Knowledge House is committed to taking low-income youth and young adults from unemployment and underemployment to financial independence and stability by providing them with free technical training and professional development services that put them on a direct path to employment in the tech sector. Companies that hire our graduates include Bloomberg LP, McKinsey and Company, DStillery, Citibank, Facebook, and Goldman Sachs.

Since its founding in 2014, The Knowledge House has grown to serve nearly 2,000 young people in New York. In 2021, The Knowledge House expanded its programming to serve young people in Newark, Atlanta, and Los Angeles.

The Knowledge House has received generous funding from NBA Foundation, American Heart Association, Robin Hood Foundation, Microsoft, Capital One, French Montana, Goldman Sachs, New York Community Trust, Summerfield Foundation, and more.

The Knowledge House has been featured in Blavity, Forbes, Crain's New York Business, WABC "Here & Now," WPIX "Morning News," and many other media outlets.

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