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Celebrating the Launch of The Dee Foundation and Honoring a Lasting Legacy





HONORING THE LEGACY OF MERRI DEE

Media personality Dr. LaDonna Raeh recently interviewed Dr. Julian Wright, CEO & President of The Dee Foundation and grandson of Merri Dee, along with Dr. Attorney Richard H. Dee-Wright, Merri Dee's son and Board Member. Together, they shared heartfelt memories, her lasting impact, and the mission to continue her legacy through education, mentorship, scholarships, and community service.



**THE DEE FOUNDATION
AWARDS CEREMONY**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
In Honor of Merri Dee's Birthday
Join us as we honor outstanding leaders and changemakers who exemplify the values and legacy of Merri Dee.

Chicago, Illinois Jul 23, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The legacy of legendary Chicago broadcaster, humanitarian, and community advocate Merri Dee continues through a special television interview with Radio & Tv personality Dr. LaDonna Raeh, featuring Dr. Julian Wright, CEO & President of The Dee Foundation and grandson of Merri Dee, alongside Dr. Attorney Richard H. Dee-Wright, son of Merri Dee and Board Member of The Dee Foundation.

The interview celebrated the official launch of The Dee Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to preserve and continue Merri Dee's lifelong commitment to education, mentorship, community service, and empowering future generations.

During the interview, Dr. Julian Wright shared why he founded The Dee Foundation, explaining that he felt called to continue his grandmother's extraordinary legacy of compassion, leadership, and public service. He reflected on Merri Dee as a loving grandmother whose encouragement, generosity, and dedication to helping others continue to inspire the mission of the foundation today.

Dr. Attorney Richard H. Dee-Wright offered heartfelt memories of Merri Dee as a devoted mother, sharing how her faith, resilience, and unwavering commitment to serving others shaped both her family and countless lives throughout Chicago. He expressed his pride in seeing his son, Dr. Julian Wright, lead The Dee Foundation and carry the family's legacy into a new generation.

The interview also highlighted Merri Dee's distinguished broadcasting career and decades of community advocacy, reminding viewers that her influence extended far beyond television. Her passion

for uplifting others continues through The Dee Foundation's work in scholarships, mentorship, educational initiatives, leadership development, and community outreach.

A major focus of the interview was the foundation's upcoming signature event, The Dee Foundation Awards Ceremony, taking place on Friday, October 30, in celebration of what would have been Merri Dee's birthday. The special evening will honor distinguished leaders, educators, broadcasters, public servants, faith leaders, and community changemakers whose lives and service reflect the values Merri Dee championed throughout her remarkable career.

The awards ceremony will not only celebrate excellence but also serve as a tribute to Merri Dee's enduring impact on Chicago and beyond. Guests can expect an inspiring evening recognizing outstanding achievements while raising awareness and support for The Dee Foundation's mission of serving communities through education, mentorship, and service.

"We wanted to celebrate my grandmother's birthday in a way that reflects how she lived her life—by honoring people who are making a difference," said Dr. Julian Wright, CEO & President of The Dee Foundation. "This awards ceremony is more than an event; it is a continuation of her legacy and a celebration of those who dedicate themselves to serving others."

Dr. Attorney Richard H. Dee-Wright added, "My mother's greatest joy was helping people. Holding this celebration on her birthday is a fitting tribute to her life and ensures her legacy will continue inspiring generations to come."

The Dee Foundation invites the public, community leaders, organizations, and supporters to join in celebrating Merri Dee's extraordinary legacy by attending the October 30 awards ceremony and supporting the foundation's mission.



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