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## UT College of Communication and Information "Experience Diversity Banquet"

BEARDEN BANQUET HALL

5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

February 23, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Hosted By:

CCI Diversity Student Leaders Society



# Program

-- Welcome --  
Justin Crawford & Chelsea Trott  
-- Bag Pipes: Kelly Shipe --  
-- Opening Performances --  
"Rise Up" featuring VOLT A Capella Team and DSLS  
-- Dinner Blessings: Chelsea Trott --  
-- Dinner --  
Dinner Music: DJ A-Wall  
-- Performances --  
Marlinda Chism: "I Believe"  
Knoxville Women Dabke Ensemble  
African Drum Team  
-- CCI Diversity Award Presentation to Cylk Cozart --  
Dr. Mike Wirth  
-- Keynote: Cylk Cozart --  
-- Live Auction --  
Alice R. Bowling Wirth, DSLS Director  
-- Closing Remarks --

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UT School of Communication Studies  
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2016  
Lelan Statom  
2015  
Dr. Tom Kim  
2014  
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2013  
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Bristol Motor Speedway	Smokies Baseball
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Dollywood	The Juice Box
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Meadowsweet Massage and Wellness	Linen Chair Cover Rentals
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# Experience Diversity Banquet

## February 23, 2018

### Menu

Honey Pecan Chicken  
Smoked Pork Tenderloin  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Steamed Vegetables  
Fresh Green Salad  
Rolls

### Dessert

Brownies  
Pecan Pie  
Red Velvet Cake

### Beverages

Tea, Coffee & Wine

# 2018 CCI Diversity Award Recipient

Our 2018 Experience Diversity Banquet CCI Diversity Award recipient and Keynoter is noted actor and humanitarian Cylk Cozart. With 30 films and more than 20 television shows to his credit, over 75 million viewers in the United States alone have seen Cylk Cozart's work. Cozart's wide range of talents as an actor, producer, director, writer, singer, model and songwriter have made him a sought after artist in Hollywood and beyond. Cozart has an impressive list of film credits to his name including: *Conspiracy Theory* (1997) and *White Men Can't Jump* (1992).



His compassion, understanding and capacity to give are exemplified by his devotion to utilizing his celebrity status to advocate and support numerous charities and humanitarian events including: the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the National Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and many others. He is the co-founder of [Cure4Hunger.org](http://Cure4Hunger.org) and serves as its CEO & Co-Chairman. Cozart has been the recipient of many awards including the National Urban League's Whitney M. Young Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award and the David R. Richardson Jr. National Nation Builder Award.