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**ANNUAL DR. AUDREY EVANS
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT**



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May 23, 2023

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Our Evening

Reception

5:30 - 7:00 PM

- Enjoy appetizers and dinner, curated by Di Bruno Bros. and Moor Brothers wine
- See our students bring to life Black heroes past and present
- Enjoy the camaraderie of our diverse St. James community

Program

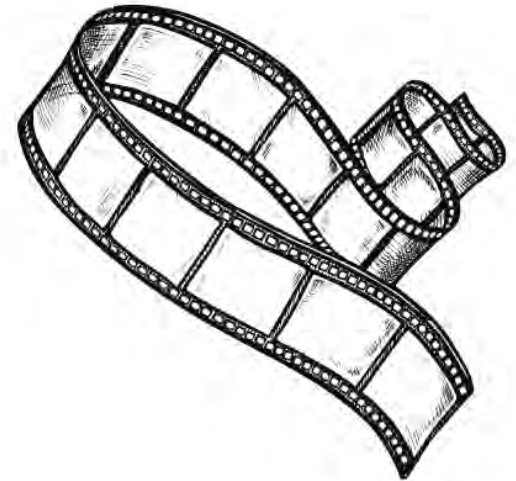
7:00 - 8:00 PM

- Celebrate our mission + Graduate Support program
- Preview a student film production
- Honoree recognition and remarks

Dessert

8:00 PM

- End the evening on a sweet note
- Silent auction closes at 8:30 PM



2023 Honoree: André Robert Lee

André has committed his career to “building an army of change agents,” primarily through films he creates as a director or producer. Related work includes teaching filmmaking and writing, serving on boards, leading civil rights tours, speaking, and facilitating programs on diversity and inclusion.

He is founder and president of Many Things Productions and has worked with the New York City Public Schools, Ford Foundation, Miramax Films, Urbanworld, Film Movement, Diana Ross, BET, Universal, PBS, HBO, Paramount TV, Sundance, Picturehouse, and Dreamworks, among others.

His films, documentaries, and shorts include *The Prep School Negro*, *I’m Not Racist...Am I?*, *Virtually Free*, and most recently *Firsthand: Realizing Your Full Potential Through Stem*, *Meet Me Where I Am*, and *The Road to Justice*.

A Philadelphia native, André graduated from Germantown Friends School, earned a BA in history from Connecticut College, and holds an MA in teaching from Tufts University.



In Memory Of Dr. Audrey Evans (1925-2022)

Throughout her life and impressive career, Dr. Audrey Evans has been a force to be reckoned with. Her groundbreaking work treating childhood cancer drastically improved survival rates. She fearlessly broke barriers in the male-dominated medical field. In her spare time, she co-founded not one, but two non-profit organizations. Today, at age 97, Dr. Evans continues to inspire and impact the lives of many. Born in York, England in 1925, Dr. Evans knew by the age of 5 she wanted to be a doctor. After training at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland, she moved to the United States in 1957. At the recommendation of Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, she became the Head of Pediatric Oncology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where she developed the Evans Staging System for treating neuroblastoma.

At CHOP, Dr. Evans was known not only for her intelligence, but also for her compassion, enthusiasm, and willingness to try unorthodox methods (like encouraging a child to bring her pet rabbit with her to chemotherapy). In 1974, she worked with Philadelphia Eagles General Manager Jim Murray to open the first Ronald McDonald House, a nurturing home-away-from-home for patients and their families. After retiring from medicine in 2009, Dr. Evans joined forces with The Rev. Sean E. Mullen, rector of Saint Mark's Church (Locust Street), to open St. James School. Guided by the same vision she had for Ronald McDonald House, she advocated for a "total care" approach — attending to a student's academic gifts and needs, as well as her social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and creative gifts. At the age of 80, Dr. Evans married a colleague, the late radiation oncologist Dr. Giulio D'Angio.

The tradition of holding a St. James Scholarship Benefit each spring began in 2015 as a celebration of Dr. Evans' 90th birthday. After raising \$250,000 and attracting 200+ of her friends to learn more about St. James School, she declared, "Let's do it again next year!"

Every dollar raised supports student scholarships and ensures St. James School can remain tuition-free.

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“As I look back at my time at St. James School, I now see how important scholarships are. Students only know what they see and what they experience. But St. James showed me a whole world outside of North Philadelphia that I didn’t know existed. I am in college now because of St. James School.”

John Macon (Class of 2017)

Holy Family University Class of 2025



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