

NATIONAL BLACK MBA Association's

National Golf & Spa Classic Outstanding Success

Phoenix, Arizona (April 26, 2004) The National Black MBA Association members from 39 chapters across the country, as well as other national professional minority organizations participated in the NMBBAA Golf and Spa Classic held at the luxurious Phoenix, Arizona, Point Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, April 23, 2004 through April 25, 2004.

Participants had the opportunity to relax and mingle with celebrity guest Malik Yoba of *New York Undercover* and Founder of the Malik Yoba National Theater Company as well as having the chance to trade stokes with former NFL player and three time Superbowl player Carlton Bailey (Buffalo Bills, NY Giants, Carolina Panthers), former star of the San Diego Chargers, Mike Hamilton attended as well as former NFL players Brain Jones (LA Raiders, Indianapolis Colts, New Orleans Saints), Thomas Lewis (NY Giants, Chicago Bears), Kenyon Rasheed (NY Giants, NY Jets), Lance Scott (New England Patriots, NY Giants, Arizona Cardinals), Mike Sherrod (Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco 49ers, NY Giants), and Lance Smith (St. Louis Cardinal, NY Giants).

The event offered networking and business opportunities with prominent business executives and major corporations. The presenting sponsor Hilton Hotel Corporation hosted the event at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort. Additional sponsors included American Airlines, Citigroup, Bank One, Coors, Mercedes-Benz and The Phoenix Motor Company, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, Phoenix Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Freeman Decorating, Coca-Cola, and DaimlerChrysler. Barbara L. Thomas, President and CEO of the NMBBAA stated, "We are so appreciative of the warm welcome we received from Point Hilton and thankful to our corporate sponsors for their continued support of our efforts. This weekend was extremely successful and we look forward to next year."

The event drew over one hundred highly regarded African-American business people to Phoenix for this very special golf and spa weekend. A reception on Friday evening offered opportunity for attendees to exchange business ideas, network and brainstorm with colleagues and executives. The association also offered a golf clinic for young and old with special breakout sessions for all ages.

The NMBBAA will use the funds raised from this event to support their Leaders of Tomorrow Program and their annual summer camp. For over a decade, this successful program has provided a positive influence to high school students with a grade point average between C- and C+, who have exhibited leadership potential, but require additional motivational factors in their lives to achieve excellence. Local mentoring opportunities are available through the [NMBBAA's chapters](#), which include tutoring, leading workshops; chaperoning students on college tours and to the [NMBBAA Annual Conference](#), and administering scholarship programs for college bound students.



About National Black MBA Association

Established in 1970, the National Black MBA Association, Inc. (NMBBAA) is a non-profit organization of minority MBAs, business professionals, entrepreneurs and MBA students. The National Black MBA Association is headquartered in Chicago and encompasses 39 chapters stateside and a presence in the United Kingdom, representing more than 95,000 MBA graduates worldwide. The organization operates around three cornerstones - Education, Employment, and Leadership.