



VIP Speaker Bios

Sheila Crump Johnson (*United States*), *Founder, Crump-Johnson Foundation*

Dr. Sheila C. Johnson is Executive Vice President for Corporate Affairs & Co-Founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET) and was the creator of BET URBAN NATION H.I.P.H.O.P.—focusing on Hope, Integrity, Power, Helping Our People. She joined Lincoln Holdings as a partner in 2005 and serves as President, Managing Partner and Governor of the Women's National Basketball Association's Washington Mystics.

Reinvesting wealth in the community over the years, Dr. Johnson has given generously to nonprofit organizations such as the United Negro College Fund, Howard University and the Levine School of Music in Washington, DC. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation and the Carnegie Hall Board of Trustees. Dr. Johnson funded the creation of the Crump-Johnson Institute at Morrisville State College in New York. The Crump-Johnson Institute will provide support for diversity and character-building initiatives for students and the college community by creating fellowships, offering scholarships and providing leadership programming.

Dr. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts in music from the University of Illinois. She has taught music and authored a textbook. She is the recipient of the Morrisville State College Honorary Doctorate.