

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS NETWORK NAMES DONNA JAMES**  
**THE 2010 LETTIE PATE WHITEHEAD EVANS AWARD RECIPIENT**



**ATLANTA, OCTOBER 21, 2010** – The Board of Directors Network (BDN) announced today that it has named Donna A. James as the 2010 Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award recipient. James, who currently serves on the boards of directors of Coca-Cola Enterprises, CNO Financial, Limited Brands, and Time Warner Cable, was presented with the award last night at BDN’s Annual Study Dinner at the Hotel Palomar in Atlanta, Ga.

Now in its eighth year, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award, sponsored by KPMG LLP, recognizes women who have made outstanding corporate contributions at the board level, in their communities, and in helping other women achieve their full potential in the business world.

“Donna James is a phenomenal example of the qualities and career achievements that describe a recipient of the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans award”, says Ann-Marie McGaughey, BDN President. “She is an outstanding board member, role model and mentor, who works tirelessly to help other women succeed in both life and business.”

The award is presented in honor of Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans, one of the first women to serve as a director of a major American corporation. She was appointed to the board of directors of The Coca-Cola Company in 1934 and held this position for nearly 20 years.

James is currently managing director of Lardon & Associates, a business and executive advisory firm that she founded in April 2006. Prior to establishing Lardon & Associates, she served as President of Nationwide Strategic Investments, a division of

Nationwide Insurance, where she was responsible for developing new business opportunities for six domestic and global affiliates in five different financial services markets.

Earlier this month, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to chair the National Women's Business Council. She is the founder and chair of the Center for Healthy Families, a non-profit organization focused on transforming the lives of pregnant and parenting teens and their children. James also serves as executive director for the African-American Leadership Academy, a non-profit group that guides emerging leaders in the community; is a founding member of Women at the Table, a group dedicated to enabling and facilitating board memberships for women; and co-chaired the board of the Women's Fund of Central Ohio, a foundation focused on providing funding to organizations that help women develop leadership skills.

In addition, James has been recognized by several organizations for her career achievements. Most recently, she was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame in 2008 and the National Historically Black Colleges and University Hall of Fame in 2007. She was also chosen as one of Black Enterprises Magazine's Top 75 Corporate Executives in 2005.

#### ABOUT BDN

The Board of Directors Network, Inc. (BDN) is a nonprofit research and advisory organization that seeks to increase the number of women on corporate boards and in executive leadership. BDN works collaboratively and confidentially with corporations and other key influencers of the director selection process to identify women for their boards of directors. For more information, please call BDN at 770-489-6689. <http://www.boarddirectorsnetwork.org>.

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