On October 17th, the Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hosted the first ever Unsung Inclusion Hero Awards program. The lively evening featured a reception for nominees and awardees as well as a show-stopping performance by powerhouse rhythm and blues artist Tulani. The awards program emphasized the many contributions those who are often ‘behind the scenes’ but are integral to the success of the enterprise. The Department would like to recognize the 2019 recipients of the Unsung Inclusion Hero Awards:

**Congratulations to the 2019 Unsung Inclusion Hero Awardees!**

Laura Cohen, Staff  
Mary Deas, Service  
Sydnei L. Fleming, Youth  
Ciera Jones, LMSW Student  
Kesha McNeil, Community  
Derrick Richardson, Business
We would also like to recognize the award nominees and our diverse vendors/partners:

Nominees

- Chase Glenn, Community
- Tina Ladson, Business/Industry
- James Pinckney Jr., Community
- Tracie Louise Porter, Staff
- Jeff Pritcher, Staff
- Renee Rountree, Staff

Vendors and Partners

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