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Nigel Parkinson, Sr. Honored with the Bert King Award for Service at the 50th Annual H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference

Washington, DC - Nigel Parkinson, Sr., President and CEO of Parkinson Construction Company, has been recognized by the Harvard Business School with the prestigious Bert King Award for Service at the 50th Annual H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference. This esteemed award is presented annually to individuals who demonstrate exemplary contributions to the community, reflecting the life and legacy of Bert King, an influential mentor and advocate for empowering others.

The H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference brings together a diverse community for a cross-generational event that fosters the exchange of ideas and experiences. It serves as a platform for honoring pioneers and leaders who exemplify professional excellence and exceptional contributions, keeping their legacies alive and inspiring future generations.

Nigel Parkinson, Sr., a graduate of the Owner/President Management program (OPM 34, 2005), has made an indelible mark on the construction industry and his community. His journey started in Freetown, Sierra Leone, where he immigrated to the United States at the age of 17 with a profound desire to pursue education and make a positive impact.

As the founder of Parkinson Construction Company, Nigel Parkinson, Sr. translated his vision into reality by initiating an employment program for ex-offenders and dedicating resources to numerous organizations focused on education and community building. The company, founded in 1983, has grown under his leadership to become one of the largest African American owned, self-performing construction firms in the Washington metropolitan area.



Throughout his career, Nigel Parkinson, Sr. has consistently demonstrated a commitment to giving back. He has actively supported the Methodist Girls High School in Sierra Leone, the Bush Educational Institution PLC school in Ethiopia, and the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC). Additionally, he has played an integral role in Operation Understanding, an organization that fosters understanding and cooperation between African American and Jewish teenagers, promoting unity and common aspirations.

In addition to landmark projects such as the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Pentagon, and Nationals Park, Parkinson Construction Company has undertaken a wide range of projects, including schools, government buildings, and hotels. Nigel Parkinson, Sr. envisions expanding the firm's reach to projects outside the United States, particularly in Africa, with offices in Ethiopia and Mozambique.

"I'm not motivated by making money. I'm motivated by making a difference," said Nigel Parkinson, Sr., reflecting on his life's purpose. His dedication to touching and helping others continues to be the driving force behind his business success and community involvement.

The Bert King Award for Service, presented by the H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference, recognizes the profound impact Nigel Parkinson, Sr. has made in his community and his unwavering commitment to uplifting others. His dedication to creating opportunities for talented young people and advocating for substantive projects that foster excellence sets an inspiring example for aspiring entrepreneurs and community leaders.



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The 50th Annual H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference celebrates the legacy of Bert King and honors individuals like Nigel Parkinson, Sr., who galvanize the courage to act on their convictions, leaving a lasting positive impact on society.

For more information about the H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference and the Bert King Award for Service, please visit <http://www.aasuconference.com> For more information on Nigel Parkinson, please visit <https://www.parkinsonconstruction.com>.

About the H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference:

The H. Naylor Fitzhugh Conference is an annual cross-generational event that fosters productive exchanges of ideas and experiences. It serves as a platform for honoring pioneers and leaders for their professional excellence and exemplary contributions, inspiring future generations to follow in their footsteps.

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