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# Message from the President

Ollie Garrett | CEO and President

### Excerpt from President Ollie Garrett's Gala Speech:

**G**ood Evening. It is so good to be here tonight and see each and every one of you.

It has been three L-O-N-G years since our last gala. At that gala, we celebrated the "Tabor Vision Becoming a Reality." The Tabor Economic HUB was a dream being born through years of advocacy; planting seeds; hard work and sacrifice. It was a seed planted many seasons ago, with a promise of the harvest to come.

I am grateful to our partners that believed in sowing seeds for business, education and the Black Business Equity Fund. Thank you!

We were challenged. The HUB opened in January, 2020 and the first case of Covid was reported in February, 2020. By March, the world came to a standstill.

In this time of uncertainty, we were like a tree planted by the water. We received nourishment and strength from you. 2022 is here and we are "Prospering Where We Are Planted!"



Covid-19 tried to bury us but we stood still and firm. What Covid-19 didn't know was that we were planted in good soil. Even with the shutdown; reopening; Covid spacing, masks and sanitizers; the HUB stayed open AND flourished.

- 9,000 visitors in just two years!!!
- \$57,000 in scholarships.
- \$600,000 in grants to 27 black-owned businesses

In my childhood I planted seeds and pulled weeds with my Aunt in Mississippi. I know that the harvest is determined by seeds you sow, and I know what it means to be PLANTED IN GOOD SOIL & TO PULL THOSE DARN WEEDS.

The legacy of Langston Tabor is prospering because of seeds you helped plant. You watered them and tended to the soil. We knew that we were fighting for the survival of our businesses, our children and our community. Your support helped Tabor nurture the seeds and continue the work that allowed the HUB; aided students and businesses in our community flourish.

This is good work. Important work. Whole community work. We remain focused on our vision; thriving in our purpose; anchored in integrity; and prospering where we are planted!

Thank you for trusting me, thank you for Trusting Tabor 100 to flourish so that the fruits of our labor can ripen.

I leave you with this question tonight.....What Seeds are You Planting Today?

**"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we don't give up."**

– Galations 6:9



## Tabor 100 Visitor Report (Door Swings)

Total Visitors October 2022 – 394  
Visitors 2022 YTD – 3,661

Visitors are stopping by to attend outreach events, meetings, get vaccinations, receive technical assistance, and so much more.

## New Members – OCTOBER

**Rhonda Kay Tilford**  
Pacific Northwest Black  
Business Coalition

**Lara Kammereck**  
Carollo Engineers

**Christopher Hill**  
Achava Cleaning

**Derron Calvin**  
Life Development And  
Training Center

**Paul Patu**  
Build 360 Construction LLC

**Amesha Jewell**

**Grace C Fracis-Simon**  
Earn it keep it Tax Services

**Green River Community  
College**

**LaShawn Willimams**  
Kashmeer Vintage

**Chisula Chambers**  
Nurse Staffing Solutions PLLC

**Kristine A Costello**  
Costello Law Firm

**Andre Arnold**  
IT Community Connections

**Dr. Francis Ababio Gadigbe**  
Trinity Counseling Centre

**Gatkuoth “Peter” Kuel**

**Rey N Martinez Jr.**  
Ariel Solution. LLC

## SAVE *the* DATE

**2 November** Co-working space with  
PWOCN

5:30 pm Minimum wage, paid sick and  
safe time

**7 November** How to Do Business With  
the City of Seattle | Zoom  
Webinar

**9 November** Minimum wage, paid sick and  
safe time

**16 November** Minimum wage, paid sick and  
safe time

6:00 pm NEW Members Orientation

**21 November** How to Do Business With the  
City of Seattle | Zoom  
Webinar

**23 November** Minimum wage, paid  
sick and safe time

**30 November** Compliance Saves Money |  
Zoom Webinar

# Tabor 100 Welcomes Aleyda Martinez

by A. A. Anderson

Tabor 100 is growing and we are happy to welcome Aleyda Martinez to our staff & team!

Aleyda has a strong background in Office administration and has worked in many different settings: real estate, law firm, alongside developers and investors. Let's just say she's worn many hats, big fancy hats!

We brought her on board to learn more about Tabor and the grant writing process and help our technical assistance program.

She's a natural and has already rolled up her sleeves to tackle a lot of our grants and oversee them.

Having her on the team is a welcome addition, one that is much needed. She has already adapted to her new surroundings. Aleyda loves helping people and has



found that her beliefs and Tabor's mission is in alignment so it's a natural fit.

When she's not here at the HUB she is helping family and friends purchase new homes, first homes and land to build their dream homes! And when she's not doing that, she's spending time with her family, collecting miniatures, organizing and reorganizing and drinking fancy Starbucks drinks.

You'd be hard-pressed to find her wandering the HUB, we keep her

pretty busy, but if you would like to welcome her or have any questions, please reach out her;

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We are thankful to have the ability to bring on such talented staff to help Tabor 100 grow!

DOES YOUR BUSINESS NEED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE?

Tabor

ARE YOU ABLE TO BE A CONSULTANT TO TABOR 100 MEMBERS?

PLEASE CONTACT AYBEE.ANDERSON@TABOR100.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

# Tabor 100 Gala

## Lifetime Achievement and Tabor Hall of Fame Award Recipients



### Norm Rice Lifetime Achievement Award

Truly deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award – former mayor Norm Rice was instrumental in launching the careers of many Black leaders in this community in both the public and private sectors. Our first Black Mayor receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from our second Black Mayor!



### Dave Tyner Tabor 100 Hall of Fame

Yes, he founded Tabor 100, and, as he stated, finds it hard to believe the organization has grown like it has. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dave Tyner, whose commitment to the ideals of his best friend, Langston Tabor, led him to dedicate this organization to continuing his legacy.

# Tabor 100 2022 Crystal Eagle Awards



Excellence in Equity & Inclusion | Shana Barehand, Business Diversity Manager, DES



Excellence in Public Service | Girmay Zahiray, King County Council Member



Surprise Crystal Eagle | Aundrea Jackson, Tabor 100 Board Member, Treasurer



Tabor 100 lady of Valor | Sen. Patty Murray, accepted by Shayna Diatch



Surprise Crystal Eagle | Javier Valdez, WA State Representative



Community Service Award | Yolonda Brooks, Community Engagement, WSDOT



Business Development | Cornerstone General Contractors, Dave Flynn



Tabor 100 2022 Vanguard Award | Rick Dimmer, Founder & Executive Director R3 Community Services

# “Prospering Where We Are Planted”

## Scenes from the Tabor 100 2022 Gala



Tabor Gala | Scholarship Awardees



Tabor Gala | Dessert Dash



Membership Meetings



# Feel the Power, Join Tabor!

**Tabor 100** is an association of entrepreneurs and business advocates who are committed to economic power, educational excellence, and social equity for African Americans and the community at large.

## Don't Miss an Issue

Be sure to add our email address; [communications@tabor100.org](mailto:communications@tabor100.org) to your address book, so important news from Tabor doesn't end up in your spam folder.

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# Access to Equal Opportunity

The Port of Seattle is committed to building a strong, inclusive economy. With the Diversity in Contracting Resolution, we're making sure that includes businesses like yours.

Our goal is to triple the number of women and minority-owned businesses that contract with the Port by 2024 and remove barriers to expand the development of other disadvantaged business enterprises.

## **GROW YOUR BUSINESS AND SKILLS WITH THE PORT:**

### **1. Bid on open contacts**

Register your business in our database, and search and apply for contracts through a clear and fair process on <http://bit.ly/Facts19>.

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Excited for opportunities but not sure where to start? We're here to support you. Join quarterly workshops to learn how to do business with the Port, get certified as a vendor, and network with representatives.

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