

2005 EMERY AWARD HONOREES



IBM, the world's largest information technology company, has a distinctive history of promoting diversity in the workplace and marketplace throughout the last century, before it was required by law or politically correct. A long-time supporter of HMI's work, IBM has pioneered initiatives and programs that foster LGBT inclusion in the workplace, marketplace and the broader community. From its support of LGBT community organizations, to its workplace diversity efforts, to its initiative to increase its number of LGBT-owned suppliers, IBM is at the forefront of companies committed to LGBT equality. Headquartered in Armonk, New York, IBM employs over 300,000 individuals in 75 countries worldwide.



MAYA MARCEL-KEYES is the 20-year old daughter of Alan Keyes, the conservative Republican political commentator who recently lost his bid for a U.S. Senate seat in Illinois. After coming out publicly for the first time at a political rally, Maya was disowned by her family because of her sexual orientation. She is now receiving financial and emotional support from The Point Foundation so that she can attend Brown University. Maya is also a vocal advocate of and role model for other young LGBTQ adults who has said: "I know my situation is not a unique one, and my hope is that queer young people in similar situations can hear my story and know that there are people and organizations that will support them in times of need."



CHRISTOPHER BARLEY, M.D. has been a stalwart supporter of HMI for more than 10 years. As a board member, donor, friend and leader, he has done an enormous amount to further HMI's vital work. He and his partner, JS, have repeatedly opened their home and their hearts to HMI and helped spread the word about the importance of the agency's work and the needs of the amazing young people it serves. A Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Dr. Barley has built a highly respected private practice in NYC and is also a tireless advocate of policy initiatives designed to improve the state of medical care both in the United States and throughout the world. He has also lent his medical expertise to help promote a better understanding of the needs of HIV positive youth.



MELISSA ETHERIDGE is a musician and activist. Born in Leavenworth, Kansas and began playing piano and guitar as a teenager. She then moved to Los Angeles, where her impressive talents were quickly discovered. In 2005, Ms. Etheridge released Greatest Hits—The Road Less Traveled, which included three never-before heard songs. The year before, the single "Breathe," from her eighth studio album, Lucky, reached the top of the charts. This formidable star uses her fame by tirelessly supporting numerous causes. She has worked with The Dr. Susan Love Foundation, the Human Rights Campaign, LA Shanti and several children's and breast cancer organizations, and is an outspoken advocate for various gay and lesbian organizations. In addition to receiving two Grammy Awards, Ms. Etheridge was honored with the ASCAP "Songwriter of the Year" award in 1996.

The only limit of our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith." – Franklin D. Roosevelt

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