QEM’s PRESIDENT AND CEO RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS EDUCATION AWARD FROM OPERATION PUSH

(CHICAGO, IL) When PUSH for Excellence (PUSH Excel) held its 29th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on January 21st, QEM’s president and CEO was among those who received top honors. Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D. was presented with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Game Changer Award. Held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, this special award recognizes people who have an immediate and measurable impact on their communities – people who are change agents in the tradition of Dr. King.

The organization’s theme this year was “An Enduring Legacy of Service and Educational Excellence.” “It is an incredible honor to be among the recipients of this award,” said Dr. Toldson. “At QEM, we strive every day to introduce ideas and practices that will increase the knowledge and skills of our core constituency. The desired outcome is to impart skills that they can use to deliver a quality educational product at our core institutions,” he concluded. Dr. Toldson was recognized for the impact of his work on educational inequality and literature, and his strides towards social justice.

Over the past ten years, PUSH Excel has supported more than 1,000 students in institutions of higher learning with scholarships in excess of $4 million. Last year, the organization provided support to students who are enrolled in 99 colleges and universities. The program is designed to provide resources for students to prepare for college such as: test preparation, essay writing,
exposure to Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), financial/digital literacy, and leadership development.

(PHOTO) Dr. Ivory Toldson accepts award from Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. PUSH Founder and President Emeritus, and Dr. Julianne Malveaux, PUSH President

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