

NSA Honors Lenora Billings-Harris with Cavett Award

## **The National Speakers Association Honors Lenora Billings-Harris, CSP, with the 2016 Cavett Award**

The National Speakers Association (NSA), the premier organization for professional speakers, presented Lenora Billings-Harris, CSP with the 2016 Cavett Award at the 2016 Influence conference in Phoenix AZ.



The Cavett Award is the highest honor NSA bestows on its members. It is presented annually to one professional speaker whose accomplishments over the years have reflected outstanding credit, respect, honor and admiration on NSA and the speaking profession. The award is named after NSA's late founder, Cavett Robert, CSP, CPAE, whose illustrious career helped guide and inspire many NSA members.

"Lenora Billings-Harris, CSP taught NSA, *Ubuntu*: 'I am because you are; You are because I am.' I don't know if Cavett Robert ever heard of this (Zulu) proverb, but it is the essence of his vision for the association he founded," said Chris Clarke-Epstein, CSP, 2014 Cavett Award winner. "For the over 28 years of active involvement with NSA, Lenora has embodied the Spirit of Cavett in her many national and global leadership positions, her local chapter support activities, and most importantly, her meaningful individual member interactions. I can think of no one more deserving of the 2016 Cavett Award than Lenora."

Billings-Harris is a recognized authority. She is an internationally sought after speaker and author having presented in 36 countries. She was named by Diversity Woman Magazine as one of the twenty top influential diversity leaders in the US. She is featured as a diversity thought leader in [The Legacy Project](#). Billings-Harris co-authored [TRAILBLAZERS: How Top Business Leaders are Accelerating Results through Inclusion and Diversity](#), and is the author of [The Diversity Advantage: A Guide to Making Diversity Work](#), 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. She serves on the adjunct faculty of the business schools of Averett University and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Billings-Harris is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP); the 2006-2007 president of the National Speakers Association; and the 2014-2015 president of the Global Speakers Federation.

"I was fortunate to have known Cavett Robert, so I am deeply humbled and driven to continue to advance his legacy of serving others and 'making the pie bigger,' as he often said," says Billings-Harris.

Before launching her diversity consultancy in business in 1986, she held management positions within two Fortune 100 companies, and managed executive development seminars for the Graduate School of Business, University of Michigan.

Billings-Harris currently resides in Greensboro NC with her husband Charles and two cats, TiTi and Kojak.

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