2022 Solas Honorees

Jules Latouche
Haitian Immigrant

Ron O’Hanley
State Street Corporation

Chrystel Murrieta Ruiz
Driving Families Forward Coalition

Lenita Reason
Driving Families Forward Coalition

2022 Solas Awards
Luncheon
Invitation & Sponsorship Information

October 6, 2022
12:00-2:00 pm

The State Room
60 State Street

Creating pathways to new beginnings.
Dear Friend,

We are pleased to announce that the Rian Immigrant Center’s 2022 Solas Awards Luncheon will take place on Thursday, October 6th at The State Room, 60 State Street. We hope you can join us as a sponsor of our 2022 Solas Awards.

Solas is the Irish word for light, and the Solas Award is presented to inspirational individuals and beacons of light, whose values resonate with Rian’s mission to create a society where **ALL are welcomed and valued** and enjoy equal opportunities and protections.

It is our privilege to present State Street’s Chairman and CEO Ron O’Hanley with the 2022 Solas Business Leader Award this year in appreciation of his bold leadership, commitment to inclusion, and his support for refugees, especially at this time of such global unrest. Rian recognizes State Street and Ron O’Hanley in advocating for all immigrants and refugees against any and all forms of violence and justice.

Rian is honored to present the 2022 Solas Community Leader Award to Lenita Reason, Executive Director of the Brazilian Worker Center (BWC) and Chrystel Murrieta Ruiz, Political Coordinator at SEIU Local 32BJ – New England District 615, Co-chairs of the Driving Families Forward Coalition for their unflinching leadership in bringing the Work and Family Mobility Act into law. This Bill enables all qualified Massachusetts residents to apply for a standard state driver’s license, regardless of immigrant status. Rian has been a proud supporter of the Bill for nearly two decades and we celebrate this historic victory. Immigrants will gain greater financial stability by having access to a driver’s license will help many immigrants gain greater financial stability and access to critical resources.

We are also proud to honor Jules Latouche as the 2022 Solas Courage Award Honoree. Jules, an immigrant from Haiti, has shown immense courage and resilience in overcoming systemic barriers while advocating for her medically-complex toddler. Today, she supports other immigrant parents facing similar
institutional obstacles to accessing life-saving care for their children. We are so fortunate to work with immigrants like Jules who inspire us and our work every day.

The world’s attention is focused on the ongoing war in Ukraine, and the enormous refugee crisis that it has spurred, and Rian has begun to assist Ukrainian refugees while also assisting refugees from ongoing humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Haiti, and Central America. Day in and day out, our immigration attorneys, social workers, and educators are providing critical support services to newcomers from around the globe. Immigrant families arrive daily to find a pathway to a new beginning and those who are already here, seek to reunite with family members who remain in countries experiencing tremendous unrest.

As Boston’s Welcome Center, we seek to provide radical hospitality to welcome and support newcomers as they rebuild their lives. **Rian specializes in assisting and advocating for refugees beyond their initial resettlement periods, by providing crucial ongoing services to reunite family members processing through consulates abroad, overcoming roadblocks with government agencies, fostering civic participation and helping ensure refugees are on the pathway to citizenship.** We are so grateful for your partnership and for sharing this responsibility with us. With your support, this year:

- Our attorneys and paralegals will provide critical support and direct legal representation to over 2,200 immigrants and refugees who are seeking to gain legal status and be reunited with their families.
- Our social workers will assist more than 350 with the support they need to manage stress and anxiety and help them navigate to access food, housing and other resources.
- Our teachers will educate more than 230 immigrant learners, improve their English, gain computer skills, move forward in their careers, and prepare to become US citizens.
- We will advocate for just immigration policies including obtaining drivers’ licenses for all immigrants regardless of their status, and the Safe Communities Act
- We will continue to focus on racial equity, inclusion, and diversity.

**Please consider becoming a Solas Sponsor and help Rian welcome immigrants, refugees, and their families from over 126 countries and empower them along the path to new beginnings.**

I can be reached at 617-710-4668 or by email at rmillar@riancenter.org to discuss sponsoring our 2022 Solas Awards Celebration. On behalf of the Rian community, I thank you for supporting our vision of a society where all are welcomed and valued, and have access to equitable opportunities and protections.

With sincere gratitude,

Ronnie Millar
Executive Director
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & BENEFITS

PRESENTING SPONSOR | $100,000
Video included in the program
Recognition from emcee during event
Prominent visibility during event and in media
Name and logo on Rian website
Other benefits to be discussed
Option of eight reserved tickets at the gala

LEADER | $75,000
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WELCOMING | $50,000
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Option of six reserved tickets at the gala

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Visibility during event
Name on Rian website
Name and logo included in event promotion
Option of six reserved tickets at the gala

OPPORTUNITY | $10,000
Visibility during event
Name on Rian website
Name and logo included in event promotion
Option of four reserved tickets at the gala

ADVOCATE | $5,000
Visibility during event
Name on Rian website
Option of four reserved tickets at the gala

PATHWAY | $3,000
Visibility during event
Name on Rian website
Option of four reserved tickets at the gala
PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT TODAY

We would like to sponsor the 2022 Solas Awards Celebration at the following level:

☐ PRESENTING | $100,000  ☐ EMPOWERING | $15,000
☐ LEADER | $75,000  ☐ OPPORTUNITY | $10,000
☐ WELCOMING | $50,000  ☐ ADVOCATE | $5,000
☐ PARTNER | $30,000  ☐ PATHWAY | $3,000

☐ We are unable to participate, but please accept our contribution of $ ________________

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FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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Our Mission:
The Rian Immigrant Center is working towards a society where all are welcomed, valued and have access to equitable opportunities and protections. We empower immigrants, refugees, and international exchange visitors on the path to opportunity, safety, and a better future for all by providing:

- Immigration Legal Services
- Education and Career Advancement Services
- Resource and Support Services
- International Exchange Visitor Visa Services
- Community building opportunities
- Advocacy for just and humane immigration policies

Building on our Irish roots of welcoming others and social justice, as Boston’s Welcome Center for more than 3,800 immigrants from over 126 countries each year we seek to be proactive, responsive and innovative in meeting the needs of the immigrant community in New England.

Rian's Accolades
Rian receives the highest ratings from Charity Navigator (4 Star) and Guidestar (Platinum). We have recently received the Institute of Nonprofit’s ChangeMaker Award, the Kids in Need of Defense’s Community Partner of the Year, the Spirit Award from Irish Network Boston, and were recognized at Lenny Zakim Fund’s 25th anniversary. We also received the national Diversity and Inclusion Award from the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the Community Champion Award from the City of Boston.
Rian's Programs

Immigration Legal Services
Our attorneys provide legal advice and full case representation that help 2,000 low-income and underserved immigrants annually as they gain citizenship, legal status and/or work authorization; and reunite with their families so they can establish productive, stable lives, and move out of poverty.

Education and Career Advancement Services
Our instructors empower immigrants working to build financially stable, productive lives so they may break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their children. Our adult education services empower 100 students each year, and include English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), technology and computer literacy classes, and career advancement support and opportunities.

Resource and Support Services
Our social workers provide therapeutic counseling for mental health needs such as trauma, stress, anxiety and depression; and we offer case management for 300 individuals every year. We offer free health clinics, and workshops designed to reduce stress and unhelpful behaviors.

Learning Exchange Programs
Rian is a U.S. Department of State visa sponsor for the J-1 Intern and IWT visas, which give Irish students and graduates the opportunity to live and work in the U.S. for up to a year. The Rian J-1 team provides support from the beginning of the application process all the way through the end of their visa. Our team assists students and graduates in obtaining these internships; we provide resources for internship searching, guide them through tailoring resumes and cover letters, and make direct connections with employers.