

# Human Rights Celebration

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**  
Hilton East Brunswick & Towers  
Rt. 18, off N.J. Turnpike Exit 9  
East Brunswick

## Keynote: Patrice Gaines, award-winning journalist

Patrice Gaines has proven that you cannot judge a book by its cover. A former heroin user who spent time in prison, she fell into several abusive relationships before beginning her long, contemplative journey to change.

Gaines received her journalism training through the Summer Program for Minority Journalists and began her career with the *Miami News*. Then she moved to the *Washington Post* for 16 years where she earned a Salute to Excellence Award from the National Association of Black Journalists. She was a guest on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" in a segment about overcoming drug addiction and has also appeared on NBC's "Dateline" and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."

*Laughing in the Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color—A Journey from Prison to Power* is the title of Gaines' autobiography. In the book, and her motivational speeches, Gaines details the changes she made to turn away from low self-esteem, abusive men, and drugs to become a confident journalist, author, and speaker.



## Entertainment: Victor Wooten

Wooten's performances both as a solo artist and as a member of Bèla Fleck and the Flecktones make him one of the most celebrated electric bassists of all time. His third solo album was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1999; that same year he won his second Nashville Music Award for Bassist of the Year. Wooten has also been named *Bass Player Magazine's* Bass Player of the Year three times. When not performing, Wooten maintains a busy schedule of bass workshops, clinics, and master classes.

Registration, reception,  
& exhibits 2-4 p.m.  
Program 4 p.m.  
Dinner 5 p.m.

### PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED BY DECEMBER 1.

**No tickets will be sold at the door.**

**Seating will be assigned.**

**No refunds will be issued after December 1.**

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For accommodations Saturday night, contact the Brunswick Hilton directly at (732) 828-2000. Indicate that you are attending the NJEA celebration when making arrangements to obtain the special rate of \$99 plus tax, single or double occupancy.

### CLIP AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:

NJEA Human Rights Celebration  
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Enclose a check for \$50, payable to "NJEA."  
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