

***15th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser Honorees***  
**Founder's Honor**



Reworld, is a Camden, New Jersey–based business. Their mission is to build a smarter, more sustainable waste solutions company that formerly operated under the name Covanta based in Moorestown NJ. They provide services like waste to energy conversion, metal recycling, hazardous waste treatment and other sustainable waste management solutions for business and municipalities. The company aims to turn waste into resources such as electricity, recycled materials or engineered fuels, rather than simply disposing of it. Reworld operates facilities that burn wastes to produce electricity which powers home as business the company recovers metals from the waste stream for recycling and transforms waste into fuels for industrial uses.

“Reworld may sound simple, but we know what it takes to make a difference on a global scale. It takes the determination to protect people and communities, no matter what. It takes a willingness to learn through experience, and commit to doing better. It takes dedication to partnership and service. And it takes vision, always seeing the potential for a better future. Together, let’s reimagine what’s possible.” - Reworld



“1st Colonial” most commonly refers to 1st Colonial Community Bank, a community-oriented bank with branches in Southern New Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania. It is the main operating entity of [1st Colonial Bancorp. Inc.](#), which is its parent company. The bank was founded in 2000 and provides a range of personal and business financial services. 1st Colonial bank has a shared commitment to both the economic and societal well being of the community it serves.

“When our community prospers and flourishes, our bank prospers and flourishes. It's just that simple. That's why we are committed to supporting an array of local non-profit organizations that seek to give back to our friends and neighbors including community events, arts, culture, education and more. Giving back to the community is a natural extension of who we are. We are more than just your local bank, we're your neighbor.” - 1st colonial Community Bank

## Honorees



*Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago*

Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago is a Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor in the Graduate Department of Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers University–Camden, where she also directs the Community Leadership Center and serves as Board Chair of the LEAP Academy University Charter School. A visionary educator and social entrepreneur, she has over 25 years of experience leading innovative programs that unite government, business, non-profits, and philanthropy to advance education and community development. Dr. Santiago is an award-winning scholar, Fulbright Specialist, and nationally recognized expert in school leadership, diversity management, and organizational development. Her honors include the Cabrini Ivy Young Willis & Martha Willis Dale Award, the Power of Woman Award, and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Cabrini University.

Through her pioneering work with LEAP Academy, Dr. Santiago created a national model for urban education, serving over 2,000 students from infancy through college with a 100% graduation and college placement rate. Her “cradle-to-college” pipeline integrates innovation, STEAM education, and family engagement to empower underserved communities and break cycles of poverty. A prolific author and thought leader, she has written *The Miracle on Cooper Street*, *Breaking Ground and Barriers*, and *Organizing Puerto Rican Migrant Farmworkers*, and is a frequent commentator for major media outlets on education and public policy.



*Tasha Smith*

Tasha Smith from Camden New Jersey is an acclaimed actress, director, and producer whose dynamic career spans some of Hollywood's most celebrated films and television series. She first gained critical acclaim in HBO's Emmy-winning *The Corner* and later became a fan favorite as Angela in Tyler Perry's *Why Did I Get Married* films. On television, Smith led Perry's *For Better or Worse* for six seasons and brought unforgettable energy to hit shows like *Empire* and Netflix's *Survival of the Thickest*. Her film credits include *Bad Boys: Ride or Die*, Lee Daniels' *The Deliverance*, the Sundance-lauded *Twinless*, and *Desire: A Temptations Story*, which she also executive produced.

Behind the camera, Smith has become one of television's most sought-after directors, helming acclaimed episodes of *BMF* (including the pilot), *P-Valley*, *Harlem*, *Bel-Air*, and *Mayor of Kingstown*. Her feature debut, *When Love Kills*, earned an NAACP Image Award nomination and cemented her reputation as a filmmaker with heart and vision. Beyond her screen work, Smith continues to shape the next generation of talent through her Tasha Smith Actors Workshop (TSAW), where she mentors aspiring artists with honesty, passion, and purpose.



*Dr. Samantha Collazo*

Dr. Samantha Collazo, a proud Camden, New Jersey native and daughter of Puerto Rican parents, is an accomplished Obstetrician-Gynecologist dedicated to compassionate, inclusive care. A graduate of Dr. Charles E. Brimm Medical Arts High School and Rutgers University–New Brunswick, she discovered her passion for medicine during her undergraduate studies. Dr. Collazo earned her medical degree from Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, where she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society for her exemplary patient care. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Atlantic Health's Morristown Medical Center, developing expertise in comprehensive women's health.

Now in her third year as an attending physician with Virtua OBGYN Group, Dr. Collazo serves patients across South Jersey with a focus on robotic gynecologic surgery, menopause management, and LGBTQ+ health. Deeply rooted in her Camden upbringing, she remains committed to empowering women, mentoring future physicians, and improving access to quality healthcare in underserved communities.



*Dr. Susana Collazo*

Dr. Susana Collazo, MD, a Camden, New Jersey native and proud daughter of Puerto Rican parents, is a double board-certified pediatric emergency medicine physician at Cooper University Hospital and Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden, NJ, where she also serves as Assistant Director of Mentorship. She graduated from Brimm Medical Arts High School in 2009, earned a Bachelor's in Exercise Science from Rutgers University, and became the first Camden city resident to graduate from Cooper Medical School alongside her twin sister, Samantha.

Dr. Collazo completed her pediatric residency at Atlantic Health's Goryeb Children's Hospital and a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at UConn's Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Passionate about mentoring and supporting at-risk youth, she is dedicated to guiding Camden's next generation while providing expert care in pediatric emergencies. Deeply committed to her community, Dr. Collazo combines clinical excellence with advocacy and mentorship, ensuring that children and families in her hometown receive both compassionate care and inspiration.