

Celebrating 30 Years
HONORED CITIZEN



2023

Hermann Colas Jr.

Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

5:30pm Reception

7:00pm Dinner

Oregon Convention Center

Oregon Ballroom

Registration opens July 1

Every fall, over 600 leaders in the architecture, engineering and construction fields gather for the biggest industry fundraiser and dinner of the year. This year, join us on October 10th to mingle with friends and colleagues to celebrate Hermann for his contributions to the designed and built environment.

Hermann Colas Jr. is a proud Haitian, American, and Veteran who served during the Vietnam War, became a distinguished scholar, civic and business leader dedicating his life's work to strengthening communities.

Hermann's story began in 1948 in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, where he learned how to lead as the eldest son of eight siblings. His love for his family and the family home inspired his career path and mission, eventually leading to the founding of Colas Construction (COLAS), a general contracting firm headquartered in Portland, now owned and operated by the second generation.

Following his six-year service in the U.S. Army, Hermann graduated from Portland State University with distinguished honors, and as a double major in computer science and mathematics. He served over 20 years as a business executive, leading teams at US WEST.

In 1997, Hermann pursued his longtime goal of starting a family business. He founded Colas Construction with a vision to address the underinvestment in housing for communities of color residing in North and Northeast Portland.

Today, his impact on countless families remains clear with an impressive portfolio of housing, tenant improvements, and renovations. COLAS is nationally and locally recognized for delivering excellence in construction for a diverse scope of housing, education, civic, and healthcare projects.

Don't miss this special gathering to celebrate Hermann Colas Jr. and 30 years of the Honored Citizen Award!