

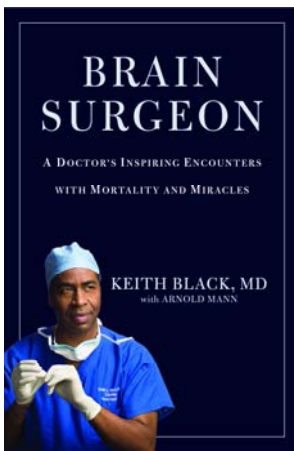


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NEWS RELEASE

KEITH BLACK NAMED RECIPIENT OF 2010 BET HONORS AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND NOMINATED FOR 41ST NAACP IMAGE AWARD

*BET Honors Airdate: Feb. 1, 2010 @ 9 p.m. EST (Tape delayed on the West Coast)
NAACP Image Awards Airdate: Feb. 26, 2010 @ 8 p.m. EST (Live on the East Coast)*



LOS ANGELES (Jan. 25, 2010) – Keith L. Black, M.D., has been named the recipient of the 2010 BET Honors Award in Public Service. In addition, he has been nominated for an NAACP Image Award in the Outstanding Literary Work/Non-fiction category for his book, ["BRAIN SURGEON: A Doctor's Inspiring Encounters with Mortality and Miracles."](#)

The BET Honors awards show will be broadcast on BET on Monday, Feb. 1, at 9 p.m. EST (taped delayed on the West Coast). NAACP Image Awards recipients will be announced at the 41st NAACP Image Awards show which will air on FOX on Friday, Feb., 26, at 8 p.m. EST (live on the East Coast).

Dr. Black is chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he also serves as the Ruth and Lawrence Harvey Chair in Neuroscience, director of the Maxine Dunitz Neurosurgical Institute, and director of the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., Brain Tumor Center. He published his first scientific paper at age 17, earning a Westinghouse Science Award. He completed an accelerated college program at the University of Michigan and earned both his undergraduate and medical degrees in six years. Before joining Cedars-Sinai, Dr. Black served on the UCLA faculty for 10 years where he was a professor of neurosurgery, held the Ruth and Raymond Stotter chair in the Department of Surgery, and was head of the UCLA Comprehensive Brain Tumor Program.

Through his tireless research and careful risk-taking, he has revolutionized neurosurgery as even the most practiced know it. In his book, Dr. Black extends an invitation into the world he knows best, explaining thoughtful concepts in a detailed yet approachable manner.

BRAIN SURGEON also recounts the personal journey of Dr. Black from his childhood as a young African-American boy growing up in the civil rights era South, to his early fascination with medicine and the brain, to his rise to the top ranks of the elite world of neurosurgery.

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