

NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY'S KARLTON JOHNSON RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP BY SAVOY MAGAZINE

*Chairman of the NSS Board of Governors
Listed as one of 2021's Most Influential
Black Corporate Directors*

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA, November 30, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Chairman of the National Space Society's Board of Governors, Karlton Johnson, has been included in Savoy magazine's [2021 Most Influential Black Corporate Directors](#). According to the publication, "Savoy magazine, the leading African American business, culture, and lifestyle publication, announced its list of 2021 Most Influential Black Corporate Directors ... this issue features Kenneth Chenault, former Chairman and CEO of American Express, and Kenneth Frazier, Executive Chairman of Merck." The NSS is proud to have the leader of its esteemed Board of Governors on this list for 2021.



Karlton Johnson

"I'm both proud and humbled to be included in this list of gifted executives," Johnson said. "This list is a testament to the enormous talent which can be tapped when organizations make diversity and inclusion a business priority. Highly specialized non-profits such as the National Space Society recognize this and have continued pushing the envelope to bring high quality professionals into prominent leadership roles. I want to personally congratulate all the leaders who were included in Savoy's 2021 list, and I look forward to leveraging the power of diversity for space settlement."

This year's list of the 2021 Most Influential Black Corporate Directors hosts numerous prestigious trailblazers active on boards of leading international corporations and organizations including B. Marc Allen of the Boeing Company, and Oprah Winfrey, CEO of the Oprah Winfrey Network. Also included in list are celebrities and athletes serving on corporate boards, such as Shawn "JAY-Z" Carter (Square), Larry Fitzgerald, Jr. (DICK's Sporting Goods), Shaquille O'Neal (Papa John's International), and Serena Williams (Momentive & Poshmark).



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President*

Michelle Hanlon, President of the National Space Society and herself Asian-American, said, “We who work closely with Karlton are not surprised by this recognition. Karlton is both driven and focused. His magnetic and motivating leadership abilities are crucial at this important juncture in the evolution of humanity into a multi-planetary species. The NSS is fortunate to have him as part of our organization, and all humanity is fortunate to have a thought leader like Karlton who has a vision of a human future in space that does not just embrace, but actively promotes, diversity. This is a core value of the NSS—that

“every human being is allowed the opportunity to travel, live, and/or work in outer space.”

Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer of the DeLaine Strategy Group, a strategic advisory practice providing counsel to C-Suite leaders in the public, private, non-profit, and government sectors. Prior to corporate life, Johnson served over 26 years as a highly decorated combat veteran with the United States Air Force leading joint combat missions in hostile fire zones to build cyberspace capabilities across the globe. He served with distinction as the Senior US military executive/CIO and lead cyberspace expert adviser to the 4-star Commander at United States Forces-Korea, Seoul, Republic of Korea, providing strategic oversight for all U.S. communications there and supporting 28,000 military personnel.

As Chairman for the NSS Board of Governors, Johnson is a key member of the senior executive leadership of NSS. He advises and guides the high-achieving team that implements the NSS mission to promote social, economic, technological, and political change in order to expand civilization beyond Earth, to settle space, and to use the resulting resources to build a hopeful and prosperous future for humanity.

The National Space Society was founded in 1987 via a merger of the National Space Institute, founded to promote citizen support for the American space program, and the L5 Society, based on the work of space settlement pioneer Gerard K. O’Neill. The NSS is the preeminent citizen’s voice on space exploration, development, and settlement. For more information go to space.nss.org.

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