

Klean Energy Kulture Announces Billboard Music Producer Corey Dennard 'Mr. Hanky' as President & CEO

Billboard Music Producer and Co-Founder to Lead Organization's Next Chapter Connecting Music, Culture, Clean Energy, and Community Power

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, September 28, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- [Klean Energy Kulture](https://www.einpresswire.com/) (KEK), a nonprofit organization working at the intersection of clean energy, culture, community and economic opportunity, today announced the appointment of Corey Dennard, known professionally as “Mr. Hanky,” as President & CEO. A highly respected Billboard-recognized music producer and co-founder of Klean Energy Kulture, Dennard brings decades of experience in music, entertainment, and cultural engagement to his leadership role. As President & CEO, Dennard will guide Klean Energy Kulture as it expands its work to make clean energy, environmental sustainability, and economic opportunity more accessible and relevant to Black and Brown communities in the South.

“Klean Energy Kulture was created from a belief that culture has the power to inspire people, shape conversations and create change,” said Corey Dennard ‘Mr. Hanky,’ President & CEO of Klean Energy Kulture. “We have an opportunity to use the power of music, media, creativity, and storytelling to change the way people think about



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From Music to Community Power

Dennard’s leadership reflects Klean Energy Kulture’s belief that the clean energy movement must extend beyond traditional environmental conversations and connect with the culture, creativity, and lived experiences of the

communities most impacted by rising energy costs, environmental challenges, and economic inequality. Through its programming, KEK seeks to convene artists, cultural leaders, environmental advocates, educators, and community members to create new pathways for engagement and action. The work of Klean Energy Kulture is possible through the generous support of our partners, The Hive Fund for Gender and Climate Justice and Communities First Fund.

Under Dennard’s leadership, the organization will continue advancing initiatives focused on workforce development, youth engagement, clean energy education, technology, storytelling, and community power building efforts while deepening community partnerships.

The organization is expanding its investment in programming via multimedia lab(s) and art activations on the campuses of [EJ Wright School](#), located in South Fulton, GA and at the [Trenches Global Impact Center](#) located at 1230 Hightower Rd NW Atlanta, GA 30318. “We are excited to see how these labs will expand opportunities for young people to develop skills in podcasting, digital media, storytelling, and content production while connecting those skills to environmental and clean energy issues,” said Rashod Stanley Present and CEO of Trenches Global.

“As co-founder of Klean Energy Kulture, Corey is the perfect person to lead the organization into its next chapter of growth because he understands the significance and power of music to shape and influence culture, particularly in an era that is substituting creativity and talent for efficiency using AI. With a music catalog that currently streams over 2 billion annually, he will elevate the field by making clean energy conversation accessible, relevant and engaging to younger constituents,” said Christina Hamilton, Board Chair.

Building the Next Generation of Clean Energy Leaders

Klean Energy Kulture is also strengthening its commitment to apprenticeship and workforce development programs that provide young people and community members with opportunities to gain technical skills, hands-on experience, and pathways into the growing clean energy economy. The organization envisions a future where Black and Brown communities are not simply participants in the clean energy transition, but leaders, creators, entrepreneurs, workers and owners shaping the future of energy in their communities.

The leadership announcement comes as Klean Energy Kulture prepares for a series of upcoming community and cultural activations, including a September 30 event in partnership with Climate Power and the Black Male Initiative, the launch of its multimedia labs and upcoming partnership with EJ Wright School and Trenches Impact Center. These activations against the backdrop of Atlanta's inaugural Climate Week are signaling that we are ready for culture to drive conversations about climate and clean energy choices.

About Corey Dennard "Mr. Hanky"

Corey Dennard, professionally known as "Mr. Hanky," is a Billboard music producer, entrepreneur, creative leader and co-founder of Klean Energy Kulture. His career in music and entertainment has provided him with extensive experience working at the intersection of creativity, culture and media. As President & CEO of Klean Energy Kulture, Dennard is focused on leveraging the power of culture and creative expression to advance clean energy awareness, workforce development, and community economic opportunity.

About Klean Energy Kulture

Klean Energy Kulture (KEK) is a 501 c 3 designated nonprofit organization that convenes the next generation of arts, culture, and environmental leaders through targeted programs and activations designed to amplify clean energy lifestyles and opportunities for Black and Brown communities who have historically been left out of conversations about resilience and sustainability.

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