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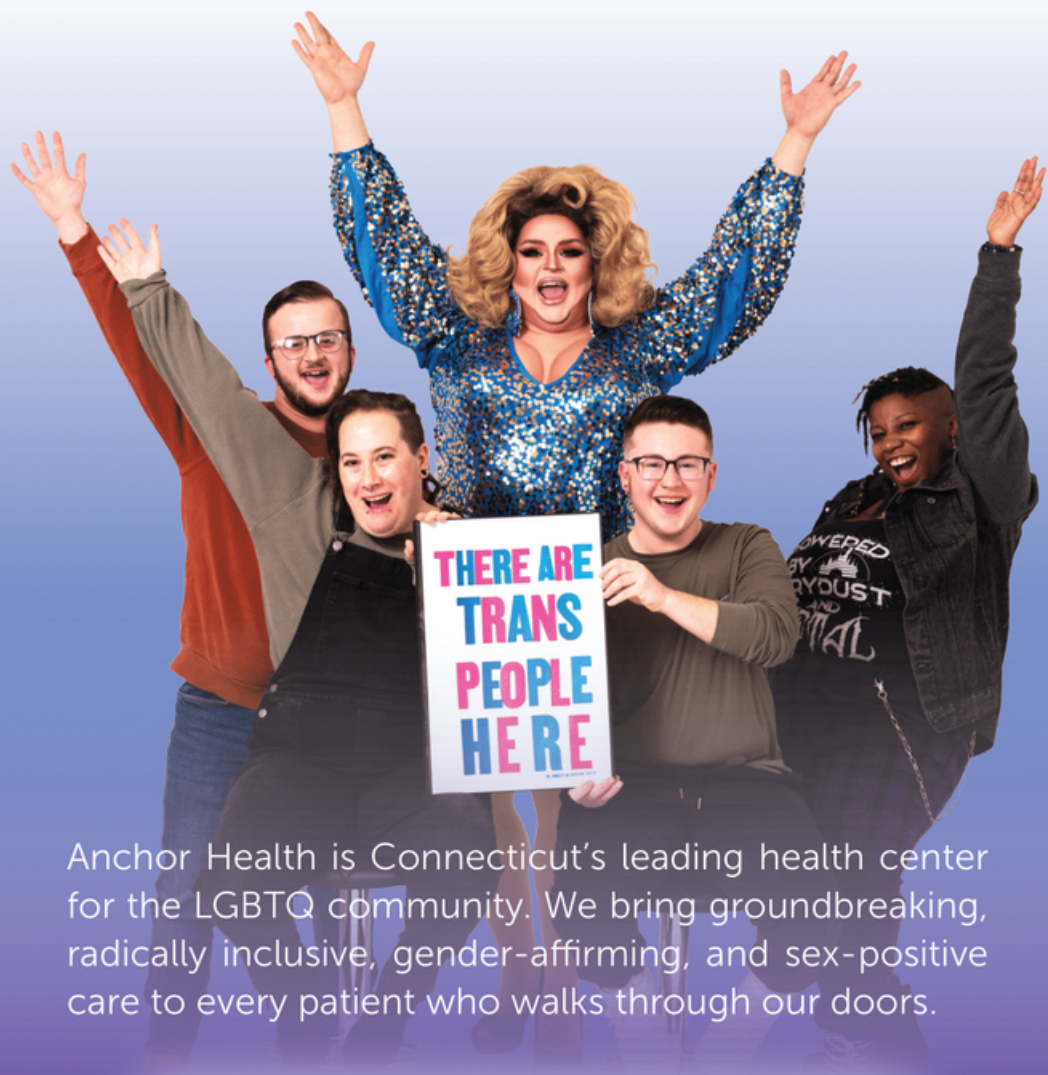
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# Welcome to the 19th Annual Dorothy Awards

**Can you believe that it has been two years since we have been able to share space like this?** Our last big in-person gathering as a community was the 17th Annual Dorothy Awards, just days before the initial COVID-19 lockdown. Two years later (almost to the day), we gather to celebrate, laugh, cry, and be joyous together again.

**Thank you all for joining us tonight as we return to Oz for the 19th Annual Dorothy Awards** and we honor **Kamora Le'Ella Herrington, Dr. AJ Eckert, John and Luis Pepe, Jaime Myers-McPhail, and Dave Cruz-Bustamante**. To our honorees, each of you have touched me personally, changed the way I do the work, and made me better for it. I'd like to extend a personal congratulations and thank you to each of you for all you do to impact, uplift, and change our community for the better.

The New Haven Pride Center is in such a different place than it was the last time we gathered for a Dorothy Awards Ceremony. The past two years have molded us, re-focused us, and forced us to reconcile the meaning behind the work that we do. I am humbled to work beside our honorees, our colleagues, our partners, our community, and the entire staff and board of the New Haven Pride Center every day as we collectively ensure that every LGBTQ+ person in our state feels connected, supported, and loved.

**Tonight we stand together.** This unity is vital as we emerge from the second health crisis our community has had to face in the past four decades. We must continue to stand together and celebrate each other as we collectively combat oppression against our community and the self-oppression we impose on each other. We must stand together and say no to biphobia, transphobia, sexism, racism, ableism, xenophobia and all of the other oppressive behaviours that affect our community.

**We are all Friends of Dorothy, no matter who we are, how we identify, or where we come from.** Thank you for joining us tonight.



Patrick J Dunn  
*Executive Director*

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# Awards Ceremony Schedule

*Awards Ceremony will begin at 7:30p*

Before the Awards Ceremony enjoy the music stylings of  
**Carrie Ashton** and **Marc Esposito** in the lobby.

Opening Number : A Journey to Oz

Welcome

Performance : **Roxxy Andrews**

Rising Star Award : **Dave Cruz-Bustamante**

Performance : **Miss Frank**

Performance : **Chez Legends & Headliners**

Dorothy Award : **John and Luis Pepe**

Performance : **Tiana Maxim Rose**

Performance : **Loosey LaDuca** with **Kiki Lucia**

Dorothy Award : Jaime Myers-McPhail

Performance : Natalia Fierce

Special Presentation by the  
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Performance : **The Kings of Connecticut**

Dorothy Award : **Kamora Le'Ella Herrington**

Performance : **Kiki Lucia**

Dorothy Award : **Dr. AJ Eckert**

Performance : **Barbra Joan Streetsand**

Performance : **Roxxy Andrews**

Closing Remarks

# Kamora Le'Ella Herrington

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## Founder of Kamora's Cultural Corner



Kamora Le'Ella Herrington (she/her) is a mother first, in all of the ways that a mother is. She is the founder and visionary of Kamora's Cultural Corner, a Black Queer Afrocentric organization dedicated to creating brave spaces, and is active in the field of cultural humility. Through the years she has worked with numerous organizations and groups committed to marginalized communities and has a proven track record of "creating spaces where families are free to love their children."

Kamora is a member of the National Black Justice Coalition's (NBJC) Leadership Advisory Council, a founding member of CT Black Women, and a current board member of Pride in the Hills.

**"I've lived a life that has placed me in positions where I could either uphold the status quo or share truths that may not be pleasant, but are necessary. We are the ones we've been waiting for - humans willing to step in when necessary and step out when it's time."**

# Dr. AJ Eckert

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## Medical Director at Anchor Health



AJ Eckert, DO (they/them/he/him) is Connecticut's first out nonbinary trans doctor and serves as the Medical Director of Anchor Health's Gender & Life-Affirming Medicine (GLAM) Program. Dr. Eckert has over 15 years' experience in LGBTQ health care, with 8 years as a provider of primary care and gender-affirming services.

After Dr. Eckert completed their education at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine and residency at NEOMEN/Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Program, they decided to specialize in LGBTQ health. Dr. Eckert is board certified in Family Medicine. He is an assistant clinical professor of family medicine at Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University.

Outside of their clinical work with patients, Dr. Eckert is active in education and advocacy. In 2021, Science-Based Medicine published four of Dr. Eckert's articles, and the Journal of Medical Ethics asked him to be a reviewer. The upcoming 2nd edition of *The Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professionals* features a quote from Dr. Eckert. They were on the 2021 Abstract Review Committee for the United States Professional Association for Transgender Health, or USPATH. Dr. Eckert's expertise in his field has led him to be quoted in *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, among others. Additionally, they have piloted a 4th-year medical student rotation at Anchor Health.

*Read the rest of Dr. Eckert's bio at [dorothyawards.org/](https://dorothyawards.org/).*

# John and Luis Pepe

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## Owners of the Chez Est



John and Luis Pepe (he/him and he/him) are the proud owners of The Chez Est in Hartford, central Connecticut's premier LGBTQ+ bar, restaurant, and cabaret space. They purchased The Chez in October of 2017 and have transformed the space into a cherished second home for the local community. Prior to owning the Chez, John worked in big box retail for 10 years; he started working at The Chez in 2003, first as a DJ and then as a bartender. Luis currently works as a Surgical Assistant at Clear Choice Dental and is in school to become a Respiratory Therapist. In recent years, Luis has also continued to perfect the art of drag and regularly creates beautiful gowns, hair, and makeup. John and Luis have been married since July of 2016, and they live in Wethersfield, Connecticut with their two children Orin and Luciano.

They enjoy spending time and making memories with their children and beloved chosen family.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, John and Luis launched a series of beautiful renovations at The Chez, including the addition of a professional grade kitchen and a brand new food and drink menu that allowed them to bring the community together again. The Chez hosts many of Connecticut's greatest drag shows and events. John and Luis are avid supporters of the Connecticut drag community and have raised many up-and-coming drag artists through the annual Chez Legends drag competition.

*Read the rest of John and Luis's bio at [dorothyawards.org](http://dorothyawards.org).*

# Jaime Myers-McPhail

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## Lead Organizer at New Haven Rising



Jaime Myers-McPhail (they/them) is a staff organizer with New Haven Rising, a grassroots organization fighting for racial and economic justice. While struggling to survive and longing for some way to fight back, they stumbled on a scrappy group that was figuring out how to shift power and resources and empower people to have a voice in the decisions that impact their lives. In 2010, Jaime started knocking on doors with the Community Voter Project and learned to build consensus with neighbors and wage campaigns. After several years of volunteering, recruiting, and training others, Jaime joined the NHR staff. Jaime has also worked on labor campaigns, including a bottom-up unionization drive in Colorado supporting immigrant airline catering workers at United Airlines.

Jaime believes that anti-capitalist collective liberation work requires prioritizing redlined communities, centering black leadership, and breaking down barriers to individual and collective action. The basis of worker and community solidarity is the relationships forged in struggle and mutual self-interest across lines of difference. When we step outside of bourgeois social norms and push one another to overcome the things that hold us back, we can re-humanize ourselves and one another and win back our power and our wealth.

# Dave Cruz-Bustamante

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## LGBTQ+ Youth Organizer



Dave Cruz-Bustamante (he/him/they/them) is a queer, socialist, working-class organizer and high schooler in New Haven, Connecticut. They are a proud child of immigrants and a descendant of Ecuadorian workers, farmers, and professionals. They work at CityWide Youth Coalition as a community outreach coordinator and political education fellow. They plan community events, critical discussions, and provide a space for folks to express and discover themselves and the world around them in an anti-racist, liberatory way.

They commit themselves to truth, abolition, reflection, and love for their community in their efforts to transform our world, because a better world is necessary. By themselves, they make no difference in the world. They merely help in facilitating the power, imagination, beauty, and passion of the collective.

# Entertainment

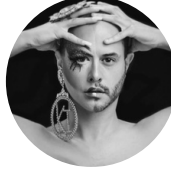
*In Order of Appearance*



**Carrie  
Ashton**



**Marc  
Esposito**



**Kiki Lucia**



**Roxxy  
Andrews**



**Bubblicious**



**Laiylah A.W.  
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**Midnight**



**Mia E Z'Lay**



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Smalls**



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Fiercé**



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Rose**



**Miss Frank**



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Dr. Gary Blick  
Rep. Raven Matherne  
Sy Fraiser, Sun Queen,  
Dawnise Traore, &  
ala ochumare

## 2020

Suzanne Kachmar  
Ricky Mestre  
Nadine Ruff, MSW  
Gretchen Raffa  
OutCT  
Joe Grabarz

## 2019

IV Staklo  
Juancarlos Soto  
Bernard Lanche &  
David Kleman  
Yale Cabaret

## 2018

Dr. A.C. Demidont  
State Sen Beth Bye  
State Rep Jeff Currey  
Sonia Salazar  
GLSEN Connecticut

## 2017

Dandy Lions  
Paul Kuehn & George Appleby  
Triangle Community Center

## 2016

Fleurette King  
Selma Miriam  
Dolores Dégagé Hopkins &  
Sassie Saltimboca\*  
CT Trans Advocacy Coalition

## 2015

Anne Beon  
Frank DeMayo  
Trevor Reynolds & Michael  
Morgan  
True Colors\*

## 2014

Betty Gallo  
Joe Mannetti  
Christine O'Leary  
APNH: A Place to Nourish Your  
Health (formerly AIDS Project  
New Haven)

## 2013

Irwin Krieger  
Carolyn & Leslie Gabel-Brett  
Sweetheart Invitational

## 2012

Mayor Pedro Segarra  
Diana Richter  
Robin Banks  
Out Film CT

## 2011

Rev. Marilyn Bowens  
Tony Ferraiolo  
Robb Bartolomeo  
Northeast Ursamen

## 2010

Micheal Morand  
Dena Castricone  
Leif Mitchell  
Imperial Sovereign Court of All  
Connecticut

## 2009

Rev. John MacIver Gage  
Fran Rzeznek & Zinka Benton  
Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus

## 2008

Vincent Farricelli &  
Robert Modena  
Patricia Nicolari  
Another Octave

## 2007

Linda Estabrook  
Curtis Miller &  
Peter Goodman  
Jerimarie Liesegang\*

## 2006

David Knapp  
Anne Stanback  
Maureen Murphy  
Michael Lawlor

## 2005

Bobbi Blake &  
Cyd Slotorhoff  
John Anderson  
Robin Passariello McHaelan

## 2004

Ellen Gabrielle\*  
Joseph Goodwin &  
George Coyle  
Stephanie Philips

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## Past Rising Star Honorees

Jahnice Cajigas  
Mel Corder  
Roslyn Cecilia Sotero  
Dominic Warshaw  
Rose Wong\*  
Seth Wallace

\* Indicates past honorees who are no longer with us.

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Case Management



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